

New youth programme Gegar U! to help community

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BANGI: A new programme, *Gegar U!* will soon be launched to inspire youths to get involved in community projects.

Yayasan Budi Penyayang Malaysia (Penyayang) will jointly launch the community programme with the Higher Education Ministry, Astro, *The Star* and *Utusan Malaysia*.

Penyayang chairman Nori Abdullah said the programme would involve community service, volunteerism, education, youth aspirations, healthy living, harmonious society and national development.

She said volunteers from local universities and Kelab Penyayang would become members of a committee to identify a community that required infrastructure development.

Developers would also be invited to provide expertise in helping the volunteers complete the infrastructure projects within a stipulated time.

"We hope that with the implementation of the programme, Penyayang and its partners will be able to help the Government ensure the success of Vision 2020 and develop human capital in line with the Prime Minister's aspirations," she said at the launch of the Kelab Penyayang Summit Conference here by Datuk Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi.

Also present were Higher Education Minister Datuk Mustapa Mohamad, his deputy Datuk Noh Omar, *The Star* group chief editor Datuk Wong Sulong, Astro chairman Datuk Badri Masri, *Utusan Malaysia* group chief editor Datuk Mohd Khalid Mohamad and Penyayang chief executive officer Leela Mohd Ali.

On Kelab Penyayang, she said the formation of the clubs at public and private universities was seen as a start for the younger generation to extend help and services to the needy.

She said every club had adopted a welfare home to engage its members in the management of the homes.

Kelab Penyayang was formed following Penyayang's discussions and planning with vice-chancellors from universities and advisors selected among lecturers.