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Young Professionals To Lead Postive Global Change

Young Professionals can help to achieve the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and change the world according to Professor Tony Ridley, a member of the United Nation's Task Force 10 and one of IYPF's patrons.

Speaking at the International Young Professional's Summit (IYPS) 2004 in Brisbane, Professor Ridley said he aimed to help young professionals keep their momentum and passion throughout their lives.

"I dream of young people who, when they reach 60 years of age, are as committed then as are they are today," he said.

He encouraged young professionals to identify their strengths and passions when working towards the MDGs.

"You, we, each individual must decide what their priorities are... Trying to address everything would lead to abject failure," he said.

Another member of the United Nation's Task Force 10, noted young engineer and IYPF Founding President, Dr James Bradfield Moody, reinforced the importance of young people working towards the MDGs.

"Young professionals will be the ones on the ground, working towards implementing these goals," he said.

James is part of the ad-hoc team that has put together an interim report - Youth and the Millennium Development Goals: Challenges and Opportunities for Implementation - which identifies ways youth and young professionals can help bring about the changes needed to see a better world by 2015. IYPF CEO Cameron Neil and new IYPF Director Melanie Ashton are also members of this ad-hoc team.

The IYPS 2004 provided one of the first public forums for young professionals to have input into this interim paper. Delegates - and everyone else - are encouraged to visit www.mdgyouthpaper.org for more information and to provide feedback on the paper.

Young professionals from more than 20 countries joined IYPS 2004 to gain skills, share their ideas and form networks and projects to take back to their communities. Delegates included entrepreneurs, teachers, policy advisors, accountants, and activists.

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What Is IYPF?

Welcome

Welcome to our last newsletter of 2004. It's been a busy year, with most of our efforts going into staging the International Young Professionals Summit 2004.

In this edition we will look at the outcomes of the IYPF Annual General Meeting, and give you a taste of what went on at IYPS 2004.

The next newsletter will come out in February. Thank you for your interest in 2004. With the help of our members, the newsletter will be even more interesting in 2005, as they continue to be forces for positive change in their communities.

Regards,

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IYPF AGM 2004

Board News

I'd like to express my thanks to the membership of IYPF for electing me as a Director of IYPF for the next two years. During my brief time serving as an interim director for IYPF I learnt about the processes, our potential and the current and future challenges we face.

Now, I look forward with great enthusiasm to taking these lessons and working with you all towards creating an IYPF that fills its potential and continues to serve the growing needs of its members.

I had the opportunity to attend the recent IYPF AGM personally and it was amazing to meet all of our new IYPF members - those that attended the IYPS, and also catch up with old friends from IYPS 2001.

Sincere thanks to the dedication and talent of the organising committee; you created an environment of community, friendship, fun, laughter, energy and learning.

We were inspired on many occasions throughout the summit, but there was one quote shared by Michael Doneman from Edgware during his session on values-based entrepreneurship, that I found particularly profound and thought I would share with you: "First, name what it is that you are, then do what you must".

For me understanding what you are, your values and concerns is key to succeeding in anything that you do.

For those of you that couldn't attend, hopefully we'll have a chance to meet some day. Until then we will continue to get to know each other, share experiences and work together to build a global community of young professionals enacting change. We look forward to you learning and contributing through our virtual communities and IYPF newsletters.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.

Best wishes

Melanie Ashton
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IYPF Director Melanie Ashton at IYPS 2004.

New Directors Elected

Congratulations to the three new directors who were elected for a two-year term at the IYPF Annual General Meeting.

Melanie Ashton will continue to work with the IYPF board, which will be joined by Alan Wu and Muhammed Derfish Ilyas.

Thank you to all members who took an interest in the future of IYPF and voted at the Annual General Meeting.

New Directors

Melanie Ashton

Australia

Melanie, 25, has been an IYPF member since attending IYPS 2001. She has worked with numerous Australian and international NGOs in the field of sustainable development, including Australian NGO OzGREEN, with whom she helped to develop the national Youth LEAD program.

Melanie has been heavily involved with the Earth Charter internationally, with the aim of getting the Earth Charter recognised or endorsed by the United Nations. She coordinated the Asia-Pacific delegates of the Youth Caucus at the WSSD in Johannesburg and co-chaired a group of youth experts formulating a youth response to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

She works for GHD Pty Ltd, a Management, Engineering and Environmental consulting firm, as a Project Manager for development projects in Asia and the Pacific. These projects include community development, environmental, communications and institutional strengthening projects sponsored by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and AusAID.

Melanie served as an interim Director of IYPF from July 2004.

"I believe working together we can build IYPF into an even more effective organisation with the capacity to support and facilitate more young people forging positive social and environmental change", she said.

NEW DIRECTORS

Alan Wu *Australia*

Born in Shanghai and now living in Australia, 21-year-old Alan is heavily involved in promoting the full participation of young people in society.

Alan serves as Chairperson of the Australian Youth Affairs Coalition (Australia's non-government youth affairs peak body), and on the Advisory Council of the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, the Youth Steering Committee of the Federation of Ethnic Communities' Councils of Australia and the Fund for Individuals committee of the Foundation for Young Australians.

Alan was a member of the 2004 Australian National Youth Roundtable and attended the 2004 sitting of Oxfam's International Youth Parliament.

After serving as Youth Representative on the Australian Delegation to the 2002 United Nations World Summit on Sustainable Development, he was invited to join the United Nations Environment Programme's (UNEP) Youth Advisory Council.

Alan has special interests in sustainable development, social enterprise and performing arts / media. He has held positions with the LOUD Media Festival of Youth Culture and the Arts, 3Com, the Australian Broadcasting Corporation, and the Queensland Performing Arts Trust.

Alan was the youngest participant at IYPS 2001, and helped to make IYPS 2004 a "sustainable summit".

Muhammad Derfish Ilyas *Pakistan*

Muhammad, 29, said he would use his energy and experience to help make IYPF exceptional.

A member of many organisation including Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, Amnesty International USA, and Greenpeace International, Muhammad has an MA in Political Science. In 2003 he was a Research Fellow in International Human Rights Law with the European Roma Rights Centre and Amnesty International Budapest, Hungary.

Muhammad represented Pakistan in the International Peace Pilgrimage, doing free multicultural peace and human rights workshops in different towns and remote communities within Australia. This event started in Australia in November 2003 and finished in Hiroshima, Japan, in August 2004.

"We young people are the future of this planet so we have responsibility to take the initiative for our coming generations", he said.

Thanks to Outgoing Directors

IYPF members and staff would like to thank the outgoing board members for their contributions to the Foundation.

Lockey White and Rajendra Mulmi have both been with the Board since December 2002, bringing energy and experience to the team.

Rajendra was vice president in 2004 and Lockey has been IYPF President since July. Before this Lockey filled the role of treasurer, creating IYPF's financial management policy.

They have worked with IYPF to consolidate its foundations, overseeing an operational restructure in late 2003 and setting up Board working groups in 2004 to look at membership, governance and financial management.

Thanks must also to Nathan Fabian for his invaluable work as interim director for last six months. Nathan has also worked with IYPF as the Chief Implementations Officer, leading the development of IYPF's Implementation Group that seeks to support IYPF members with ideas to turn them in to effective projects that create positive local change.

IYPF Says Thank-You and Farewell

At the recent AGM, IYPF said thank you and goodbye to one of our most active members, Tamara Price. Tamara has been an integral part of the IYPF team since planning began for the IYPS 2001.

Having served as Communications Director for IYPS 2001, she was one of five founding members and directors of the IYPF.

Since then, Tamara has been a director on numerous occasions, has been the Company Secretary since IYPF began, and has taken on staff roles including Communications Director. In her latest role as Chief Operations Officer, Tamara was the driving force behind IYPS 2004.

Over the next year, Tamara will take on a more low key role as she wraps up IYPS 2004, hands over her immense knowledge to new staff and directors, and maintains her contribution as an active member of the IYPF.

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IYPF Overview: 2003–04

IYPF's third Annual General Meeting was held during IYPS 2004. In addition to electing new directors, IYPF CEO Cameron Neil presented a report on the IYPF's operations from 1 July 2003 to 30 June 2004, including the financial report, as well as outlining some of the IYPF's plans moving forward in to 2005. Highlights from this report are outlined below. The PowerPoint presentation is available for download at www.iypf.org (follow the links to the AGM).

IYPF operational groups went through a major restructure in the last year. This included the creation of a new membership group, to focus on service delivery to members. IYPF membership grew and online forum subscriptions increased.

The planning of IYPS 2004 was a major element of IYPF's work in the past financial year.

The Australian federal government granted funds for IYPF to run a Sustainable Consumption project in conjunction with Griffith University. The Blueprint Project was continued with satisfying results.

What's Ahead:

The major focus in 2004-2005 for IYPF is a review of its operations and the creation of business and strategic plans, determining service models and developing a sustainable funding base. This groundwork aims to put the company in a secure position for the future by 2007.

IYPF brand development will continue, and the www.iypf.org website will be updated and redesigned to make it more user friendly.

The Operations Group will be looking at regional meetings in Africa and Asia, as well as doing the preliminary work for the next IYPS.

The Local Events Team will support the rollout of the Blueprint project by IYPF members in their communities. The IYPF will continue to progress the Sustainable Consumption project, with more workshops and community capacity building activities in Australia and around the globe.

Additionally, IYPF is developing a Community Learning Circle project with Paul Wildman and interested IYPS 2004 delegates, and an Entrepreneurship and Innovation learning project with the Queensland 'Kaos Pilots' will begin in 2005.

Annual Report Available Soon

IYPF's 2003/2004 Annual Report will soon be available to download from the IYPF website at www.iypf.org.

The report contains details of the Foundation's activities throughout the last financial year, as well as financial reports and targets for coming years.

Please contact iypf@iypf.org if you would like a copy e-mailed to you.

Annual reports for previous years are also available on the website.



Some of the IYPF delegates and staff after the IYPF AGM

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The following pages aim to give readers an overview of the topics discussed at IYPS 2004.

Science and Technology

Science and Technology was the theme for Tuesday, kicking off with a panel discussion with three engineers from the United Kingdom, Professor Tony Ridley, Sarah-Jo Dawson and Lisa Kelvey. The panel discussed how low-tech solutions can often be more effective and sustainable than high-tech solutions, and how technology can be useful in achieving the MDGs.

Cameron Neil suggested that technological innovation has been leading society, instead of social innovation. In response to this, Professor Ridley encouraged delegates to carefully define the problems before tackling the solutions.

“Until you define the problem you cannot really, seriously, take care of the solution... defining the problem is essential to everything we’re about regardless of which profession we come from,” he said.

He believed that it was important to look into using existing knowledge as well as new technology, and said developing countries would be foolish to neglect the basics for ‘new’ and developing technologies.

Sarah-Jo said innovators needed to look at sustainable ways to fix problems, instead of being shortsighted and missing the complex links between environmental and socio-economic issues.

When asked what the barriers were to achieving the MDGs, each panelist had a unique perspective. Sarah-Jo has seen that barriers to achieving change are often ‘perceived barriers’, and said proactive people may have to prove the worth of a solution before others will take it up. She said the major skill needed to effect change was to know how to apply technology.

Lisa talked about the way a workable solution in one country may be completely inappropriate in other countries. She also mentioned that engineers who want to work in innovative fields often have trouble creating sustainable livelihoods for themselves, as they usually get specific assignments rather than career paths to build a life through this work.

Professor Ridley saw a major barrier as being the modesty of many young professionals. He said immodest people were looking for responsibility early in life when they still have enthusiasm, and these people were in a position to make a difference.

Australian engineers Bolle Browosky and Tam Nguyen shared their knowledge and experience of a Young Engineers Australia sponsored project in Cambodia. The project helped young engineers to set up, write and teach a module in biotechnology for the University of Cambodia. Tam said the Cambodian project provided a satisfying balance between being at the forefront of research and directly helping people.

One output from IYPS 2004 will be a paper on the role of young professionals in achieving the MDGs in the areas of the Summit themes - Sustainable Livelihoods and Science & Technology. This paper should be released around April 2005.

Sustainable Livelihoods

Wednesday’s theme was Sustainable Livelihoods, a term which is not exclusively about being able to find employment that is fulfilling and pays the bills.

IYFP members Cheryl Paten and Carmen Villasenor talked about how even small ideas can become big and sustainable success stories.

Carmen spoke about how the Firefly Brigade (www.fireflybrigade.org) started as a small group of friends concerned about the effect of air pollution on the cities of the Philippines. About 16 people die of air pollution in Manilla every day, and 78% of the pollution is caused by vehicles.



The Firefly Brigade promote bicycle transport as it provides individual mobility and door-to-door travel without alienating people from their environment. They do this through the Tour of the Fireflies, a 50km ride through the city streets, which this year had 2,000 participants.

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The group now also distribute safety equipment to less wealthy participants (lights, helmets, safety vests), teach people to ride, participate in world car day and “recycle a bicycle” where they collect bikes to give to poorer people.

Cheryl Paten talked about The Natural Edge project (www.tnep.net), sparked by a conversation at IYPS 2001. She is passionate about sustainability as it impacts on the real life decisions for our generation and the future. Through The Natural Edge, Cheryl has developed this passion into a career. “We aimed to become sustainable human beings as well as working towards a sustainable world,” she said.

The project has identified targets in a “whole of society” approach to sustainability, and Cheryl names the publication of *The Natural Advantage of Nations* as the project’s major achievement.

Greg Mellis of The Smith Family, a non-profit organisation working for social change in Australia, said the key to creating sustainable livelihoods is to look at what people have rather than what they lack.

“Sustainable livelihoods is about working with people’s strengths to help them help themselves,” he said. “It’s easy to focus on the problems and not the solutions.”

Greg encouraged delegates to look at the strengths of an individual or community that needed assistance. He said this strength-based practice promoted positive attitudes about ability, addressed power imbalance and helped people to mobilise their capacity to help themselves. This technique creates a more sustainable change, by empowering people to create their own future.

When Greg spoke to people about sustainable livelihoods, he found that many people defined themselves and others by their work, but he saw sustainable livelihoods as being about how we lived our lives.

In his organisation Greg is encouraged to ask, “How will what you are doing impact society in 50 or 100 years?”. The answer to this question is a good indication of the sustainability of a project or way of life.

Values Based Entrepreneurship

Young entrepreneur Simon Kalinowski helped creator Michael Doneman introduce the Edgware (Creative Entrepreneurship) initiative. This program will be piloted early next year, and offers young entrepreneurs the chance to develop their businesses with the help of successful businesspeople.

Michael explained how he had developed Edgware after many years working in community cultural development, using the arts to address challenges. He saw communities grow and improve their own way of life through developing creative businesses.

He said the key to these projects was that they not only had an entry strategy, but also an exit strategy, creating something that was sustainable once the project had begun.

This inspired him to develop a program to help entrepreneurs fast-track their success, to help them avoid the pit-falls of a new career. He has modelled the initiative on the Kaos Pilots program in Denmark (www.kaospilot.dk) and aims to make it available both in Australia and East Asia.

Simon described his road to success, identifying at an early age a desire to make a difference in the world, and working hard to get there. He identified his skills and worked with them, and with a defined set of values, which he believes makes his business more successful.

“Entrepreneurs have been outside the square so long they’ve forgotten what it’s like inside,” he said, describing the unique qualities that make a successful entrepreneur.

Simon feels that success comes down to leading with integrity and morals, and leaving ego and arrogance behind. He said his company, Mandalay Technologies, create relationships with their clients, and ensure that they do business with companies that have similar values.

Simon said he felt a responsibility to help employees move forward with their lives. He finds employees who share his values and believes that an employer must be clear on what they represent, maintaining a high level of honesty and communication.

Skills Workshops

IYPS 2004 included workshops where delegates could learn key skills to help them further their projects or organisations.

Workshops included Project Management, Fundraising, Taking It Global, Networking, Business Planning, Project Planning, Media and Communication, and Evaluation.

Workshops were run by delegates and IYPF staff, who provided resources and tips on the various topics. Many of the resources shared are on the IYPS 2004 CD taken home by all delegates and that will be posted to all IYPF ordinary members in 2005.

IYPS 2004 - Public Event

Global Change Fiesta: Where Ideas Become Actions

A highlight of the IYPS program was the public event, bringing the diverse range of cultures, interests, and organisations to Brisbane. The Global Change Fiesta incorporated music, stalls, and forums where organisations had a chance to talk about their work.

Visitors from Brisbane got a taste of Fiji in a traditional Kava ceremony led by Orisi Qaranivalu, and Japanese delegates Atsuko Honda and Sayoko Yamamoto charmed the audience with songs and dance. Australian delegates taught the international visitors how to play the traditional game of Backyard Cricket led by Steve Kenny and Ken Radke.

Visitors also had the opportunity to visit Griffith University's Eco Centre and discover the sustainable design elements incorporated into the building.

Thirty-one stallholders shared information on their organisations - these included Australian and International humanitarian and sustainable design organisations. Summit delegates represented some of these organisations and countries on the night.

The organising team of Kate Plant, Valentina Lozano, Fiona Berry, Erin Wilson, and Zoe Fitzgerald declared the night a success, with many sponsors, attendees, and stallholders asking if it would become an annual event. We will just have to wait and see.

The Global Change Fiesta was supported by:



MECU Intelligent Banking
www.mecu.com.au



Arup Sustainability
www.arup.com/sustainability



Atsuko Honda teaches the audience a traditional Japanese dance.



Stalls at the Global Change Fiesta.



Orisi Qaranivalu and volunteers demonstrate the Kava ceremony from Fiji.



Some delegates wore their traditional cultural dress to the Global Change Fiesta. Pictured are Sayoko Yamamoto, Dorcas Izua, Sai Awn, Atsuko Honda and Rosie Kyeremateng.

IYPS 2004: LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

State of the Future Launch

www.stateofthefuture.org

IYPS 2004 was the venue for the Australian release of the State of the Future report, a global initiative of 50 future-focussed nations. It also marked the launch of the Australia node of the Millennium Project, which helps to create a better world for coming generations by taking a look at the future.

Futurist Dr Paul Wildman said more than 1,650 people globally had contributed to the 2004 State of the Future document.

“The annual State of the Future document is an important reference tool for governments, business organisations and development agencies – however the collaborative processes behind its compilation are far more powerful. They help to equip policy makers with issues and techniques to plan now for a better tomorrow,” he said.

The Millennium Project, sanctioned by the United Nations University, has provided an opportunity for countries to contribute to ongoing initiatives to improve our thinking about the future of the planet over the last eight years.

Dr Wildman said the move by the Australian Futures Foundation to act as the country’s node for the international futures project was critical.

“Australia’s governments and business organisations are not planning effectively for future generations. It is in the interest of Australians living now, and those yet to be born, for the leaders of our country to adopt a global stance in thinking about the future.

“Much of what futurists say may well sound confronting and controversial, but we have to think about the needs of our unborn generations who don’t get a vote in the here and now. Their views should be respected... we need to hand on to them a positive and constructive democracy,” Dr Wildman said.

Delegates Dreams

On opening night of the IYPS 2004, Cameron Neil, IYPF CEO asked: “What is in our hearts and our heads – what has brought us here?”

“I dream of a world where we spend what we do now on defence budgets, on international aid.”

“I dream of a world of open-minded people.”

“I dream of connecting to someone on the other side of the world and not having any barriers to do so.”

“I dream of a world where you don’t have to talk about social justice and human rights.”

“I dream of a world where people enjoy the journey of life.”

Read the dreams of those who attended IYPS 2001 here: <http://www.iypf.org/Downloads/IYPS-2001-Resolutions.pdf>

IYPS Partnerships

IYPF would like to thank the following for supporting the International Young Professional’s Summit in 2004.

Griffith University
www.gu.edu.au



Commonwealth Youth Program (CYP) – South Pacific Centre
www.thecommonwealth.org/cyp



AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR UNESCO

Australian National Commission for UNESCO
www.dfat.gov.au/intorgs/unesco/

Feedback

To help make the next IYPS even better, delegates were asked to provide feedback on the event. The following are some of the ideas and comments from delegates:

- Future Summit's could provide skills sessions for organisations, not just for individuals.
- Keep the individual project coaching sessions, perhaps even expand depending on demand – they were really useful!
- Do the Global Change Fiesta again!
- Find common issues between organisations that arise during discussions and assign volunteers to investigate these issues further.
- Hold small, regional Summits, promoting good relationships between participants.

FEATURE ARTICLE

Creating a Sustainable Summit

One of IYPF's most recent additions to the Board of Directors, **Alan Wu**, helped make IYPS 2004 a more sustainable event. The following is an edited extract of the information he put together for delegates. For further information the importance of these strategies and what you can do at home to minimise your impact on the environment, see the complete article at www.iyps.org.

Bringing together an international group of people for IYPS 2004 used significant amounts of energy and other resources through travel, meals, paper for notes, and energy for lighting, cooling and computer use. Although the positive social effects will hopefully offset the energy and resource costs of running the Summit, it is our post-Summit actions that determine whether these costs are justified.

There are also ways of directly reducing the ecological costs required to produce the goods and services we consume in convening an event of this nature and assimilate the wastes we generate.

A simple way of doing this is to follow the three Rs: **Reduce** necessary resource consumption and waste (buying items with less packaging, using energy efficient lights or not using lights at all, printing double-sided on paper), **Reuse** items where able (using multi-use rather than disposable items) and **Recycle** waste (many different paper, plastic and metal materials can be recycled).

Strategies for making IYPS 2004 more sustainable looked at use of paper, energy, transport, food and water. Many of these were already in place at Griffith University, which made it a great venue for such a conference.

Paper and Printing: To reduce paper use, as much material as possible was made available electronically. Paper use was also minimised by using double-sided copying, and unwanted brochures were returned or recycled. Griffith University sends toner, printer and fax cartridges to be recycled. These can be turned into recycled plastic park benches, rulers, and other products.

Energy: Energy production is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. In Australia renewable energy production accounted for less than 2% of total production, with coal generated energy containing to dominate.

All facilities at the venue used energy-efficient compact fluorescent lamps that use 75% less electricity and can last ten times longer, saving energy and replacement labour. In many places, these lights were controlled by an integrated system that enables dimming and turns them on and off using motion sensors. The computers have power-efficient features enabled. Lights and equipment was turned off when not in use.

Offices at Griffith University use natural ventilation and separate air conditioners, keeping total energy consumption to a minimum. Only cold water is supplied in the toilets to keep water-heating energy consumption low.

Transport: Perhaps the simplest and most effective thing a person can do to reduce the impact they have on the environment – from air and water quality to land use – is to reduce reliance on motor vehicles. Delegates were encouraged to use Brisbane's public transport system, as Griffith University sits on a major bus route.

Food: The majority of our used land on earth is utilised for growing food. What food we choose to buy influences what farmers decide to grow, where and how it is grown, how it is processed and how far it is transported. All of these things have a significant impact on the environment.

Vegetarian options were available at all IYPS meals and the majority of food wastes from meals were used to feed local livestock through established programs at Griffith. A re-usable travel mug was provided in delegate kits, eliminating the need for disposable Styrofoam or plastic cups throughout the week. Fair trade tea and coffee was served at morning and afternoon tea and was available in the common rooms.

Water: Of all the water in the world, only 3% is fresh. Less than a third of 1% of this is available to humans. As fresh water is one of our most precious commodities, we must conserve it.

Griffith University has waterless urinals and rainwater tanks installed, and time-controlled taps in the toilets. All new buildings and refurbishments must comply with a checklist of sustainable practices of design, including measures that reduce water consumption. Griffith University only plants native greenery that is adapted to the local climate, and needs less water to survive.

BE THE CHANGE: YOUR CONTRIBUTION

Member Projects- Get Involved!

IYPS 2004 generated a lot of passion and excitement for social change amongst delegates. Now is a great opportunity to build on some of those passions, for anyone (Summit delegates and others) who is interested in starting or supporting member projects.

An IYPF member – which includes all IYPS 2004 delegates – can propose a member project by preparing a project proposal and emailing it to alexandrameldrum@iypf.org. Proposal templates are available from www.iypf.org/member-projects.htm and included on the IYPS 2004 CD provided to all IYPS delegates and to be sent to all IYPF members early in 2005.

Submitting a proposal is the first step towards your project becoming "IYPF approved", which gives you access to promotional opportunities through IYPF and the support network of the IYPF Implementation Team. Supporting projects is one of the really great activities that IYPF does! You can read about the services we provide online at www.iypf.org. Please note our services are under review.

One of the things IYPF is keen to do with member projects moving forward – and something that was started at IYPS 2004 – is to connect IYPF members leading projects with other IYPF members and partners who can provide them with advice, coaching and assistance.

If you think that you have useful experience or ideas to assist other young professionals running sustainability and social change projects, you can get involved with the IYPF Implementation Team. Please email me at alexandrameldrum@iypf.org if you are interested.

As part of the IYPF's operational review process, I will soon start email consultations with members with projects or wanting to contribute to supporting projects to get your input and ideas on how the IYPF can best support local and effective projects and action. What an opportunity! This is a low-commitment way to become involved in the IYPF Implementation team, and to find out if you would like to become involved more at a later time.

I look forward to seeing my email buzzing with ideas!

Alexandra Meldrum
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How can I contribute to the IYPF in 2005?

There are any number of ways you can contribute to the organisation and its vision. The Member Projects, Blueprint and Sustainable Consumption activities already outlined are great opportunities. And don't forget to have your input to the Youth and MDGs paper!

If you want to become involved in other ways, short or long-term, some other ideas are listed on the **next page**:

Current IYPF projects

Delegates to IYPS 2004 attended workshops on two of the current IYPF projects – Blueprint and the Sustainable Consumption project. These workshops explored how young professionals could take these projects to their own communities.

The Blueprint project uses case studies of successful young entrepreneurs to provide young people with a model of how to achieve their goals and contribute to their world. It also provides some basic project planning and implementation skills to help young people turn their ideas in to actions.

IYPF members interested in running the Blueprint project in their communities should contact the IYPF via cameronneil@iypf.org.

The Sustainable Consumption project, developed in conjunction with Griffith University, aims to create youth-led local action towards more sustainable consumption.

While the focus in 2005 will be expanding program implementation in Australia as part of the Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, the IYPF is also interested in working with IYPF members in other countries.

Australian members can join the local project working group. All interested people should e-mail the IYPF on cameronneil@iypf.org.

For more information on these and other current IYPF projects, visit www.iypf.org/IYPF-projects.htm.

To find out more about IYPS 2004, go to <http://projects.takingitglobal.org/IYPS2004>.

All Ordinary Members of the IYPF will be sent copies of the IYPS 2004 CD as member benefit. The CD contains information about IYPF, the powerpoint presentations and photographs from IYPS 2004, and agenda papers from IYPS 2001. The CD will not be available to non-members – to become a member, see the link: <http://www.iypf.org/membership.htm>

ABOUT IYPF

How Can I Contribute in 2005?

Join our team:

If you are interested in developing yourself professionally through volunteering your time to assist the IYPF achieve its vision, get in contact with the IYPF's Human Resources Officer, Britt Jacobsen, on brittjacobsen@iypf.org. See our website at www.iypf.org/employment.htm for specific opportunities. The IYPF needs new volunteers in 2005 to carry forward.

Introduce the IYPF to your colleagues:

All IYPF members will receive (or will have already received) a CD from the IYPF. This CD includes a Powerpoint presentation on the IYPF, as well as IYPF membership application forms and information. Use these to talk to others about IYPF and encourage them to become members. These resources are also available online - the Powerpoint in the Downloads section, and the Membership information under Membership www.iypf.org/membership.htm.

Help others become members:

The IYPF maintains a Membership Donations Trust fund to assist young professionals who wish to be IYPF members but who cannot afford the full fees. To donate to this fund and help a fellow young professional join the IYPF, go to www.iypf.org/payments.htm#donations.

Share opportunities and resources:

Join your relevant regional online community and share professional and personal development opportunities and sustainability and social change resources with other young professionals. For a list of regional communities and how to join, see www.iypf.org/IYPF-campaigns.htm. You can also join (or start) topical communities on particular sustainability and social change issues. Existing communities cover globalisation, fresh water, poverty eradication and information and communication technologies.

Contribute to the IYPF Newsletter

To contribute your events, resources, articles and stories relevant to young professionals creating a better world for current and future generations, send your content to nicolerandall@iypf.org

What is the IYPF?

The International Young Professionals Foundation (IYPF) is a not-for-profit public company working in the fields of human rights, poverty eradication, environment, and social capital, within the broad context of sustainability.

It utilises and promotes the resources, skills, and knowledge that Young Professionals can bring to this arena in order to create a better world for current and future generations.

The Foundation intends to be a premier avenue through which Young Professionals from all countries can promote and participate in projects that work towards a sustainable future for the world. We see the term 'young professionals' as inclusive of a wide variety of people, but particularly those who are at the beginning of their careers.

The IYPF is governed by an international board of outstanding young professionals and is growing an impressive list of patrons on its Advisory Council including the President of the World Federation of Engineering Organisations, the Chair of the Commonwealth Engineering Council, the Executive Director of the Youth Employment Summit, and the Director of Friends of the Earth (Hong Kong). The company is staffed by a dynamic volunteer team of talented and dedicated young professionals.

Specifically, the objects of the Foundation outlined in its constitution are:

- To promote and encourage the work done by young professionals in effecting positive global change.
- To facilitate the implementation of projects developed by members to address the issues of concern in the global community, which are consistent with the objects of the company, including the raising of funds where necessary.
- To further the networks formed during the International Young Professionals Summit 2001 and provide an ongoing platform for organisation and convening of future events and Summits and projects.
- To promote recognition of, mobilise and enhance the capacity of Young Professionals internationally to provide leadership and take action on global issues
- To undertake research and advocacy in regards to issues identified by members as vital to the creation of a preferred global future.