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## Welcome

As newly elected President of the IYPF I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

My recent election as IYPF President by the Board of Directors has come as the result of more than two years of volunteer work. I started out as a facilitator of IYPS 2001, moved into the operations area, and then became a board member in 2002.

The board this year is of a very high calibre once more and I look forward to working with the members to lead, support and encourage the organisation to grow into 2004.

The Board of Directors are supported by a team of dedicated volunteer staff, from the CEO to the many Interns that assist the foundation to achieve its goals.

In this, the third year of operation, IYPF will continue to grow, to strengthen, and to work towards some the ultimate aims of the Foundation.

Thank you for joining us in this endeavour in 2004.

Regards,  
Charlie Hargroves  
**IYPF President**

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## 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 groups, but particularly those who are at the beginning of their careers.

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.

## IYPF Representation

### Young and Free at Rotary Conference

IYPF CEO, Cameron Neil, will represent the IYPF at the 46th Rotary District 9820 Conference in Bendigo, Australia, from March 19 to 21.

The conference, with the theme *Young and Free*, will explore Rotary's past and future role in helping young people realise their potential and achieve their own ambitions.

Cameron will speak about "Youth for the Future: Rotary's Investment for the Next Generation".

### Taking It Global

The former IYPF president, James Moody, Cameron Neil CEO, and Tamara Price COO, hosted Nick Moraitis from Taking It Global (TIG) and held informal discussions on collaboration for 2004 and beyond.

TIG is one of IYPF's partner organisations, which links young people from all over the world to organisations and projects. More information on TIG, is available on their website [www.takingitglobal.org](http://www.takingitglobal.org).

### IYPF Projects in Australia

Cameron Neil met with Zoe McKenzie, Advisor to Australian Minister for Education, Science and Training, to discuss IYPF projects and activities around young entrepreneurs and enterprise education (e.g. Blueprint, YES-Australia).

Cameron will have further meetings with members of Zoe's team and the Minister's staff once 2004 plans for Blueprint and YES-Australia are more advanced.

## New Positions on Board of Directors

In their first meeting for 2004, the Board of Directors elected new office bearers. Directors are elected by ordinary members of the IYPF at the Annual General Meeting, and serve a two-year term. The Board of Directors then elects office bearers to play key roles on the Board.

### President Karlson (Charlie) Hargroves

Charlie has been involved in the IYPF since its inception, starting as the Housing and Infrastructure coordinator for the International Young Professionals Summit (IYPS) 2001, and moving on to become Chief Operations Officer.

He has served on the Board of Directors since December 2002, as Vice President. Charlie is also a project team leader for IYPF endorsed Natural Edge Project, with former IYPF President James Moody. He is based in South Australia.

### Vice President Rajendra Mulmi

Rajendra started with IYPF as the Asian Regional Facilitator at IYPS 2001, and was elected to the Board of Directors in 2002.

Based in Nepal, he has been involved in a range of youth focussed organisations including IYPF partners The International Youth Parliament and the Youth Employment Summit. This involvement led Rajendra to start Youth Initiative, a youth-led organisation involved in youth advocacy in Nepal.

### Treasurer Lockey White

Lockey will continue her role as Treasurer on the IYPF Board of Directors. She is President and Co-Founder of Smart Mediar Systems, a business that allows people to buy and sell digital files online. Smart Mediar Systems won the Youth Employment Summit's *Innovation in Youth Employment Award*.

Based in the United States of America, Lockey brings a unique perspective to the Foundation with experience in sustainable development, environmental law and business.

### Company Secretary Tamara Price

Former Director and new Chief Operations Officer, Tamara Price, will temporarily continue as company Secretary. To allow Tamara to focus on her other duties within the foundation, IYPF is seeking an Australian resident to take over the role. A non-elected member can fill this support position in a non-voting capacity.

## Resources

**Network 2005** is a monthly newsletter on sustainable development produced by Stakeholder Forum for Our Common Future [www.stakeholderforum.org](http://www.stakeholderforum.org).

To subscribe, e-mail [join-earthsummit2002@healthdev.net](mailto:join-earthsummit2002@healthdev.net)

**On Line Opinion** - Australia's free Internet journal of social and political opinion is available at [www.onlineopinion.com.au](http://www.onlineopinion.com.au)

**UN Youth Flash** is a free service of the UN Programme on Youth, with articles and information on the youth agenda of the UN and partnering youth organizations around the world. To subscribe send an e-mail to [youth@un.org](mailto:youth@un.org) with "subscribe" as the subject line.

## New Staff Member

**Britt Jacobsen**  
Human Resources Officer  
Australia

Britt is currently employed as a Careers Consultant with SCISCO Career Pathways, working primarily with early school leavers on the Gold Coast, Australia. Working in the youth employment sector has provided Britt with a strong interest in education, employment and other youth issues.

Britt will graduate from Griffith University in 2004 with a Bachelor of Business with majors in Human Resource Management and Workplace Mental Health and Counselling. She has also furthered her knowledge in the counselling field by attending workshops in Depression, Suicide Awareness and Prevention, and Dealing with Clients with At-Risk Behaviours. Britt has attended a number of conferences relating to the youth sector including the 2002 & 2003 Jobs Pathway & Career conference, the 2002 VET Network conference and the 2001 Understanding Youth Pathways conference.

### New Members

[www.iypf.org/membership.htm](http://www.iypf.org/membership.htm)

We would like to welcome our newest members:

Ayomi Meneko, Nigeria  
Dan Langford, Australia  
Daniel Pi, Australia  
Erana Aliklik, Nauru  
Francis Awinda, Kenya  
George Onyango, Kenya  
Joel Vengo M'Bongo, Dem. Rep. of Congo  
Maulik Baxi, India  
Olga Shkuta, Russian Federation  
Olutayo Peter Adiatu, Nigeria  
Quazi M Ahmed, Bangladesh  
Sarah Ison, Australia  
Shafi'l Mohammed, Nigeria  
Temilade Oduwole, Nigeria  
Victor Al-Hakimi, Yemen  
Wabjiku Githinjii, Kenya

## Members and Staff

### Vacancies

The following volunteer positions are currently available with the IYPF. For more information, go to [www.iypf.org/employment.htm](http://www.iypf.org/employment.htm)

#### Membership Officer      Development Officer

The Membership Development Officer is responsible for new member administration, coordinating the Membership Trust Fund, and ensuring the interaction of members with the opportunities the IYPF has to offer them.

#### Membership Officer      Recruitment Officer

The Membership Recruitment Officer is responsible for developing and implementing a strategic membership program, which will focus on bringing new Associate and Ordinary Members to the IYPF.

#### Partnerships Officer

Two positions are available for Partnerships Officers within the IYPF. The Partnerships Officer's role is to develop partnerships with existing organisations and networks that have a similar vision to that of IYPF, and wish to pursue similar goals and objectives.

#### Volunteer bookkeeper

A Canberra-based volunteer is required to assist with IYPF's financial records. The position would require 20 to 30 hours to set up and update for the current financial year. After this it would drop back to about 5 hours per month, once a month, for a minimum of six months.

If you would like to help out, please contact Cameron Neil on [cameronneil@iypf.org](mailto:cameronneil@iypf.org)

## Internships

IYPF is always looking for enthusiastic and committed volunteers to assist with projects and the everyday running of the organisation.

If you are interested in helping out IYPF staff as an Intern, please send a CV and a brief outline of your interest in the internship to Human Resources Officer Chilemwa Nkowane [chilemwankowane@iypf.org](mailto:chilemwankowane@iypf.org) and she will add you to the Intern register.

You may submit your CV for consideration at any time. Selection will be based on experience and results, level of interest and involvement in development areas

For more information, go to [www.iypf.org/Internships.htm](http://www.iypf.org/Internships.htm)

## Membership News

### Online Payment Now Available

To make it easier for members all over the world to pay their membership fees, the International Young Professionals Foundation now has a Paypal account. This means members can now pay their membership fees with their credit card online. Details on how to use this new facility will be included in the membership pack, or on request by contacting [iypf@iypf.org](mailto:iypf@iypf.org)

### Help Subsidise a Member

Some Young Professionals can't afford full membership fees, but donations are always welcome to subsidise those member's fees. If you would like to help out a potential IYPF member, please e-mail [iypf@iypf.org](mailto:iypf@iypf.org) for details on how to donate.

## IYPF Projects

### Young Australians Help Create a Sustainable Future

IYPF is helping to create a sustainable future for young Australians, and you can help.

A study is underway exploring how young people can be leaders and agents of change in their communities in the area of sustainable consumption.

Griffith University and the International Young Professionals Foundation have

collaborated on the Australian National Youth Affairs Research Scheme (NYARS) funded project.

The study investigates how young people can make changes in their own consumption to become catalysts for change in the wider community, helping to lead society in more sustainable lifestyle choices.

The IYPF will run five workshops

around Australia in the coming month to build the capacity of young Australians to be more effective agents of change, and test a range of tools and strategies in the process.

If you are in Australia and have an interest in sustainable consumption and/or research experience, get involved in this project by contacting Cameron Neil on [cameronneil@iypf.org](mailto:cameronneil@iypf.org).

## Member Achievements

### World Wetlands Day

As part of World Wetlands Day 2004, two members of the IYPF India local are network took part in activities with their environmental groups to promote the message of the day. First celebrated internationally in 1997, World Wetlands Day marks the date of the signing of the Convention on Wetlands on 2 February 1971, in the Iranian city of Ramsar on the shores of the Caspian Sea.

Vivek Kulkarni reported on the annual celebration in Mumbai, which involves government, armed forces, industries, and NGOs. This year 150 students from 10 schools involved in the *Programme for Environmental Awareness in Schools* took part in activities under the theme "Wetlands: from mountains to the Seas".

Volunteers laid nature trails, which took the students about two hours to complete. They then saw a slide presentation on Importance of Wetlands, followed by an interactive session where the students had the opportunity to ask environmentalists questions on wetlands. Children were asked to carry messages to their schools and similar programs will occur in these schools to reach more students. Targeting this message to a young audience should have a long-term impact.

Rishi Aggarwal reported that Lokhandwala Complex Environmental Action Group (LCEAG) and Save Andheri Versova Environment Forum spread awareness of the day by putting up four banners on prominent jogging tracks and parks in Lokhandwala and Versova. These informed people about the day and included the website address, [www.ramsar.org](http://www.ramsar.org). One of the banners was displayed in front of mangroves on a jogging track that attracts huge numbers of people from distant places. "In a city where everybody is extremely pressed for time, banners can inspire and energise people," Rishi said.

LCEAG had previously gained considerable credibility by protecting neighbouring mangroves, but had limited public presence in 2003 as most of the work was happening behind the scenes. The banners brought attention back to the group, and local newspapers also ran a photograph and information about the day, which increased the audience. The message reached an estimated 50,000 people.

## Partner Projects

### 2004 Youth Employment Summit

The 2004 Youth Employment Summit (YES), will be held in Veracruz, Mexico, from October 4 to 7. YES 2004 will be an opportunity for leaders to meet the next generation in an inter-generational environment of exchange and learning.

The Institute of Youth, Mexico's government agency responsible for youth, and the US-based YES Campaign will invite 1,000 youth development practitioners, government officials, business leaders, youth leaders and NGOs to Veracruz. Issues on the agenda include renewable energy, entrepreneurship, HIV / AIDS and youth participation in civic affairs.

The YES Campaign, launched in Egypt in 2002, works with government, business and civil groups in many countries to alert leaders to the global crisis in youth employment. It is estimated by the United Nations Fund for Population that one billion youth will enter the labour market by 2012. According to YES, conventional education and investment policies are dangerously insufficient to prepare for the next generation of job seekers.

YES Country Networks operate in more than 60 countries, achieving public policy reform and project implementation. Members of YES Networks will be among country delegations in 2004.

More information is available from the YES Mexico 2004 website [www.yesweb.org/mexico](http://www.yesweb.org/mexico) or by emailing [info@yesweb.org](mailto:info@yesweb.org)

## Opportunities

### Research on Knowledge Systems Competition

A competition will support research on the social equity and public policy challenges of transformative technologies faced by developing countries.

The Research on Knowledge Systems (RoKS) initiative of the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) in partnership with the Rockefeller Foundation is offering grants of a maximum value of CAD\$80,000.

The focus is how social equity and the human condition is being affected by emerging technologies. It also covers the mechanisms and learning processes that assist governments and public stakeholder groups in decision-making processes associated with these new technologies.

The competition is open to researchers and institutions based in the developing world. Priority will be given to proposals addressing new technologies in areas other than ICTs for development.

Concept notes should be submitted by March 26, 2004. For more information and to download an application kit, go to [web.idrc.ca/en/ev-45704-201-1-DO\\_TOPIC.html](http://web.idrc.ca/en/ev-45704-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html)

### Internships In Youth Reproductive Health

An eleven-week internship program in Washington D.C., USA, will give university students from developing countries experience in designing, implementing, and evaluating youth reproductive health and HIV/AIDS programs. Six positions are available from May 24 to August 6, 2004.

The YouthNet program of Family Health International is a global program committed to improving the reproductive health and HIV/AIDS prevention behaviours of young people worldwide. Interns will work in areas such as Health Communications and Education, Policy, Gender and Youth Participation, and Knowledge Management & Electronic Media.

Free accommodation and an expense allowance will be provided. The internship is open to US university students from developing countries who expect to return to their country of origin after their studies are complete.

Applications and enquiries can be sent via email to [youthnetinterns@fhi.org](mailto:youthnetinterns@fhi.org) by March 31, 2004.

### Global Youth Service Day 2004

Get involved in the fifth annual Global Youth Service Day on April 16 to 18. This annual event proves that young people can change the world through community service.

The event is led by Youth Service America with the Global Youth Action Network as its key partner, together with a consortium of 34 International Organizations and more than 150 National Coordinating Committees. Its goals are to mobilize youth and adults to identify and address the needs of their communities through service; recruit the next generation of volunteers; and educate the public about the role of young people as community leaders by highlighting the contributions they make to their communities year-round.

Young Professionals are encouraged to share their unique skills and networks to help make this day a success.

To get involved, fill out the on-line application at [www.gysd.net](http://www.gysd.net).

### Discussion - Youth and the Next Generation of Leaders

This discussion is open to everybody, but particularly seeks young people with ideas on how to reduce poverty. Recommendations made by the participants of the discussion, which was organized by the World Bank Institute, will be shared with top decision-makers at a Bank conference on poverty reduction this May in Shanghai.

[www.worldbank.org/devforum/forum\\_povertyandyouth.htm](http://www.worldbank.org/devforum/forum_povertyandyouth.htm)

### Call for new partners

IYPF has developed partnerships with existing organisations and networks that have a similar vision to the IYPF's and wish to pursue similar objectives.

The IYPF is dedicated to engagement with organisations from all industries, particularly those with or developing a corporate social responsibility ethos. Current partners include International Youth Parliament and the Youth Employment Summit.

If you have details of local, regional or international groups, networks and organisations of and for young professionals that may want to get involved in IYPF, please send them to [dejiolajide@iypf.org](mailto:dejiolajide@iypf.org)

The following is an excerpt of an article sent in by IYPF member Torge Hamkens on behalf of The Global Marshall Plan Initiative. View the complete article at [www.globalmarshallplan.org/e386/e722/e731/e845](http://www.globalmarshallplan.org/e386/e722/e731/e845).

## The Global Marshall Plan Initiative

### A planetary contract for a worldwide eco-social market economy

As a result of rapid and unbalanced globalisation, the world finds itself today in a difficult situation. While certain areas of the world experience immense economic growth supported by an unprecedented speed of innovation, we on the other hand find ourselves in an increasingly unacceptable situation regarding issues of environmental degradation, poverty/distribution and balance amongst cultures. At the core of these issues is the fact that a major part of the world's population is excluded from the potential benefits of globalisation. The Global Marshall Plan Initiative has evolved with the aim of changing this unfavourable, unacceptable and dangerous situation.

From the initiative's point of view, it is essential to supplement the present globalisation process with an adequate global framework for its markets, and to direct these markets towards peace, justice and sustainability, as well as towards an open society. The long-term perspective is that of a global eco-social market economy, in which markets and competition are coupled with environmental, social and cultural standards, allowing them to contribute to the well-being of all people.

Key for a consensus about such standards is to link co-financing by rich countries for poor countries with the adoption of core ecological, social and cultural standards by the developing countries. This requires a willingness on the part of rich countries to provide financial and other resources and a willingness by poorer countries to give up certain present competitive advantages and to implement structures of good governance. This concept, which can be referred to as a "Planetary Contract", is modelled upon the successful linkage of co-financing and acceptance of standards connected with the enlargement processes of the European Union.

The Millennium Development Goals, which are widely accepted on an international level, are adopted as targets for the first phase of a Global

Marshall Plan. The success of the Millennium Development Goals hinges on whether developed countries meet their commitments in a global partnership for development.

Within this partnership, an overall commitment to good governance by developing countries would go hand in hand with the commitment of developed countries to the creation of an open and well-regulated system of world trade and finance, as well as a willingness to grant debt relief and provide additional financial aid. The United Nations' Zedillo-Report estimated this additional assistance at about US\$ 70 billion per year from 2002 to 2015. This volume was confirmed through further reports by e.g. the World Bank. The initiative intends to start a discussion within all parts of society as to how these funds could be raised.

A focus is to push within the European Union to make the idea of a Global Marshall Plan a basis for its collective position on foreign policy issues for future World Summits and in other international negotiations. However, the Global Marshall Plan Initiative is operating in a number of different arenas with an international approach, including the United Nations, the private sector and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

The initiative is based on its proactive members – organisations and individuals that support the initiative and promote the subject within their own activities, contributing their expertise and addressing their respective target groups. Everybody is invited to join the initiative and to contribute.

The Global Marshall Plan is a big challenge, but now is the time to act.

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