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Welcome

Dear IYPF supporters

In this month's newsletter we outline some interesting ways that organisations are promoting sustainable practices.

We also have a story of an IYPF member who has contributed to furthering his own education and the education of others.

As part of our commitment to assisting Young Professionals to make a difference, we have included some opportunities that may be of interest to some of our readers.

If you are an IYPF member or supporter and have story that is relevant to Young Professionals around the world, please contact me on the address below.

It is the members of IYPF that make this organisation what it is, so please share your stories with us.

Regards,

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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.

New Members

www.iypf.org/membership.htm

We would like to welcome our newest members

Roshan Sharma, Nepal
Michael Bayley, Australia
Siti Nurmaila Amiroeddin, Indonesia
Kate VanderVoort, Australia
Emily Marsh, Australia
Ellen Flint, Australia
Camila Godinho, Brazil

Footprints on the Earth

Jessica Kiely, Director of Youth2Youth and IYPF member, has written an article on the ecological footprint and the true expense of economic growth. Jessica was also a key contributor to the 'Creating Common Wealth' forum, as part of the Youth2Youth team.

Check out the article at this address:

www.twinwatersgroup.com/publications.htm

Member Achievements

Australian Youth Roundtable

IYPF Member Alan Wu, of Victoria, is one of 50 young Australians chosen to be members of the National Youth Roundtable 2004.

Twenty-year-old Alan was born in China, is fluent in Mandarin, and is deeply connected to the Chinese community in Australia. He studies at the University of Melbourne and is interested in sustainability and the environment, youth enterprise and leadership, and young people and their transitions to independence.

Roundtable members are drawn from urban, rural and regional communities across Australia. They include students, young people in full and part-time employment, young apprentices, young entrepreneurs, and young parents.

The Australian Government established the National Youth Roundtable in 1999 to give young people the opportunity to speak directly with the Government about issues important to them.

Australia's National Youth Week

IYPF members Michelle Wigg from South Australia and Alan Wu from Victoria join YES member Alicia Curtis from Western Australia as Young Members of the National Youth Week (NYW) National Planning Group.

Michelle, Alan, and Alicia are among nine young people from across Australia who have played a vital role in planning, implementing, promoting and evaluating NYW as Young Members.

Australia's largest celebration of young people, National Youth Week, celebrates and promotes the positive contribution young people make to their communities.

More than 1,000 events take place from March 27 to April 4. For more information go to www.youthweek.com

Opportunities

Young Engineer's Online Forum

The World Engineers Convention (WEC) 2004 Young Engineers Forum is now open. Young engineers, engineering education, and accreditation have been challenging issues facing the engineering profession, and a number of topics should be addressed in the debate of each field. To discuss these topics before the Convention, held in Shanghai from November 2 to 6, The Hong Kong Institution of Engineers hosts this virtual forum at www.hkie.org.hk/wecforum, providing a worldwide discussion platform. For more information, go to www.WEC2004.org

International Health Conference

The international conference "Overcoming Health Disparities: Global Experiences from Partnerships Between Communities, Health Services and Health Professional Schools", held in Atlanta, Georgia, USA on October 6 to 10, is calling for submissions. Find out more at www.futurehealth.ucsf.edu/ccph/nationalconference.html
Register for the conference at www.the-networktufh.org/conference/registration.asp

Jobs at UN-HABITAT

UN-HABITAT has a number of positions available in Nairobi, including a Human Settlements Officer, Programme Management Officer, and Programme Assistant. Applications for the various positions close throughout April. UN-HABITAT projects focus on promoting shelter for all, improving urban governance, reducing urban poverty, improving the living environment and managing disaster mitigation and post-conflict rehabilitation.

For further information, go to www.unhabitat.org/vacancy/index.asp

International Criminal Court

The International Criminal Court (ICC) has announced an Internship Programme and Visiting Professionals Programme. These programmes will give participants an in-depth understanding of the Court's objectives and the challenges facing the organisation. The Internship Programme is open to highly motivated young people with outstanding academic qualifications to serve between three and six months. The Visiting Professionals Programme targets seasoned professionals with particular expertise in areas relevant to the functions of the Court to serve for a period of between one and three months. Interns and visiting professionals will not be remunerated for their work, although travel expenses and a monthly stipend to cover living costs can be provided.

Further information can be found at www.icc-cpi.int

Sustainability Stories

IYPF promotes sustainability through practice and projects, but how are others promoting the ideal?

Design that Matters

Dr Joanne Kauffman, of the Alliance for Global Sustainability, recently gave a lecture at RMIT in Melbourne, Australia, entitled "Science and Technology and Sustainable Development".

Dr Kauffman's home institution (MIT, Boston) coordinates a project called "Design That Matters". This project encourages engineering students to tackle real-life design challenges posed by NGOs in developing countries.

Several universities in Portugal, Brazil, and India have become involved in the Global Design Network. The network is looking for more members and challenges, and more information is available at www.thinkcycle.org/global-dtm

Sustainability Street

An Australian project, Sustainability Street, is proving resources for local communities to band together and develop sustainable habits. As well as encouraging sustainable behaviour, the project also aims to bring communities together. It works on two levels – sustainability in the home and sustainability in the community. The second level encourages participants to recognise and overcome challenges in their local area with the help of their community.

The Sustainability Street Approach is based on experiences with and inputs from hundreds of communities and organisations across Australia and overseas over the last 20 years. The project works on developing a mindset of sustainable consumption and continual learning, rather than providing bland facts.

Resources and encouragement are provided for the participants. More information is available at www.sustainabilitystreet.org.au.

SustainUS

US Youth for Sustainable Development are organising The 2004 Youth Summit On Sustainable Development, a two-week event open and free to young people from around the world during the 12th meeting of the UN Commission on Sustainable Development.

Running from April 18 to 30, this event will raise awareness of sustainability issues, and explore the sustainable development job sector. Go to www.sustainus.org/youthsummit.htm for more information.

Celebrity Activism

Even 13-year-old Oscar nominee Keisha Castle-Hughes is helping people become aware of sustainability issues.

She passed on taking a stretch limousine to her first Academy Awards, where she was nominated for best actress, instead joined a number of other celebrities who were chauffeured to the event in a Toyota Prius to promote the use of hybrid cars powered by both gasoline and electricity.

"Even though I am not old enough to drive, I am old enough to know that the environment is in danger," Castle-Hughes said in a news report. "By taking a hybrid car to the Oscars, I can show my support for helping the environment."

Kamp Kalikasan

Kamp Kalikasan ("nature camp") 2004 at Corregidor Island in the Philippines is a national youth leadership camp on sustainability principles, issues and practices. The camp aims to create a new partnership between campus journalists and youth-based nature clubs to strengthen the environmental movement in campuses in the Philippines. For more information on the camp, running from April 21 to 23, visit www.kampkalikasan.org

IYPF Projects

These IYPF Endorsed Projects are based on sustainability, as are a number of new member projects.

Firefly Brigade Network

The Firefly Brigade is working towards clean air and a habitable, people-friendly environment in cities of the Philippines. The fireflies have fled the region because of air pollution. "Tour of the Fireflies", an annual citizen's bike ride toward liveable cities and good governance, aims to encourage sustainable transport options. www.fireflybrigade.org

The Natural Edge

The Natural Edge Project, based in Australia, aims provide information on sustainability through a book and online database to provides an authoritative overview adequate to link people to whatever sustainability related information they need. This is achieved through worldwide collaboration with key organisations. www.naturaledgeproject.net

Walk In Love Project

In a proactive approach to problem solving, three friends walked 200km through Kenya to reach their goal of University Education and established a Foundation on the way.

Inspired by a common need to pursue university education, Kenyans Eddy Orinda, Onesmus Orinda, and John Gobanga started walking on Valentines Day (February 14) 2004 and ending 200km away on February 18.

Joined by four other supportive volunteers, Mercy Ogutu, John Omondi, Amos Oguna and Wilson Lubangah, the group journeyed for five days and four nights. On the way they met with dignitaries and received public support and encouragement.

The Walk In Love Foundation has been formed as a result of the event. It will enable other needy students to pursue their dreams in education and build their professional lives. The Walk In Love Project is still accepting contributions towards this goal.

Eddy Orinda, co-founder of the Walk In Love Foundation and IYPF International Events Team Leader, wished to thank all who participated and supported in kind, cash or both throughout the project.

“We really are proud of you and we say ‘thank you so much’! You walked with us an extra mile to make a difference in our lives and indeed that of the beneficiaries of the conceived Walk In Love Foundation,” he said.

“It was a lifetime experience that changed my frame of thinking. We must now secure the gains made as we seek further support.”

The project officially winds up on April 11, 2004, culminating in a major concert with a two-fold objective - to publicly acknowledge support and officially launch the Walk In Love Foundation.

The group expressed their thanks to the public who acknowledged their efforts and their desperate need to improve their own lives and those of other Kenyans.

The walk will be an annual event, held each February 14, to help the Walk in Love Foundation support other Kenyan’s dreams of furthering their education.

Thanks to public support, Eddy Orinda will go to the University of Kiev in Ukraine to study International Economic Relations with a Major in International Law, John Gobanga is returning to Pan Africa Christian College to complete his degree in Theology, and Onesmus Orinda will study Fashion and Interior Design at the University of Central England in Birmingham.

Further information is available from <http://www.projects.takingitglobal.org/wilproject> or via wilproject@yahoo.com.