

International Young Professionals Foundation



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"Next International Young Professionals Summit to be held in Manchester"

The 7th July 2007 marks the halfway point since the Millennium Development Goals (MDG's) were launched by the United Nations and the target date of achieving these wide-ranging targets, covering eradication of poverty, environmental sustainability and improved global health, of 2015.

On this date, the International Young Professionals Foundation, an international not-for-profit network of young professionals run by volunteers, is proud to formally announce the third International Young Professionals Summit, IYPS 2008, to be held from 19th to 22nd August 2008 in Manchester, England.

The aim of the Summit is to bring together young professionals for networking, capacity building and information sharing around our core theme of "How young professionals can contribute to achieving the UN Millennium Development Goals " and specific topics covered will include:

- Governance, economy and education
- Women and gender equality
- Healthcare and HIV / AIDS
- Environmental sustainability

The Project Manager for IYPS2008 is IYPF President, 35-year-old Sarah-Jo Dawson from the UK. She says, "The MDGs represent a global call to action against poverty and the protection of the planet. Young professionals certainly have a lot to offer in meeting these challenges and I am proud we are officially announcing IYPS2008 on the midpoint day and using the MDG's as the theme of our Summit next year".

The week long Summit will be attended by young people from across the globe, representing a wide number of professions from engineers to doctors to artists. Each delegate will be already taking positive action towards the MDG's either through his or her working life or in a voluntary capacity. "This is a fantastic opportunity for them to share their experiences" says IYPF CEO Cameron Neil, from Australia, "There will be a core number of delegates actually attending the Summit, but we will also have on-line facilities so we can involve as many young professionals as possible, from all around the world, whilst limiting our own carbon footprint".

As well as discussing the Millennium Development Goals, attendees at the Summit will have a chance to try their hand at environmental art and conservation projects, hear about existing IYPF projects across the globe, listen to motivational speakers on how to achieve change and go on a trip to see some of North West England's sustainable development successes, supported by the Mersey Basin Campaign. Members of the public will also get an opportunity to take part in the event at the Global Change Fiesta organised as part of IYPS2008 on Thursday 21st August 2008.