

A few words about us



IYPF

International Young Professionals Foundation

Our vision is a global community of Young Professionals creating a better world for current and future generations through local and global action.

Our mission is informing, inspiring and equipping young professionals as sustainability practitioners and social change agents.

Established in 2001 in Australia, the IYPF has grown to become the largest professional community worldwide. Over 14 000 people of various backgrounds and corners around the globe are gathering together. We are joining efforts to build and foster a **grassroots economy of sharing knowledge, technology and finance globally.**

We are the IYPF!

The 2017 Fellowship



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The 2017 edition of the fellowship is dedicated to a topic that embraces multiple meanings in which everyone could find themselves and their world.

'Sharing2Change' is a unique opportunity to blend together online learning, peer-to-peer mentorship and a hands-on volunteering experience with a local community.

The fellowship is awarded by the IYPF and partner organisations. It is a vehicle for **inspirational leadership, cross-proliferation of ideas, life-changing grassroots projects and lasting impact** beyond the IYPF membership. The outcomes of the fellowship, aligned with the #IYPF2030Strategy, will bring us closer to a more sustainable and inclusive world for all.

Before&after the community project



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'Sharing2Change' commences with a combination of online learning and peer mentorship. The IYPF fellows get trained to acquire core competences related to, among others, **leadership and change, outreach and community engagement, project planning and implementation, crowdsourcing and accountability, and sustaining change.** This tool kit is the minimum set that a fellow should have in order to engage in the next stage, the community project.

The fellowship concludes with a **viable strategy for the follow-up** that engages key social stakeholders locally and globally that get committed to the continuation of the project, sustaining and even extending the project outcomes. The fellow, IYPF and partner organisations all are key players in this process.

The community project



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‘Sharing2Change’ consists of a project that enables the fellow to work together with the local IYPF community and partner organisations. The project’s period of 1 to 4 months is normally spent in a location other than the location of the fellow. This time, albeit short, is enough to **enable the fellow immerse in the local community, and initiate the transformation for the community and the fellow.**

Project opportunities vary: from sustainable additive manufacturing in Brazil through building cooperative education in Africa to sustainable tourism and energy production for households in Nepal. Each fellow will be matched with the most relevant community and vice versa. IYPF and partners will be with the fellow and the community throughout the whole project stage.

Application and selection



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'Sharing2Change' is open to any individual regardless of age, origin and background. It is awarded to a few among very many applications and **the most important criterion is the motivation to learn and contribute to a change.** A change of the fellow, the community where the fellow is delivering a project and the world. Therefore, the selection is made by the IYPF, the community and fellowship partners worldwide.

Applications for the fellowship are reviewed once they are made online through the IYPF website. **The deadline to apply is Sep 1, 2017;** early applications are encouraged. For additional information: **info@iypf.org**