



COMING SOON:

MELAKA HEALTHY LIVING CARNIVAL (MHLC) 2013

World Youth Foundation will be hosting the **Melaka Healthy Living Carnival 2013** on **8th December 2013** in conjunction with World AIDS Day at the newly open **Kings Green Hotel, Melaka, Malaysia.**

Kings Green Hotel is located in the Melaka City Centre, just minutes from the commercial hub and Melaka largest shopping mall, Aeon Bandaraya Melaka. This boutique concept hotel with Green Building Index (GBI) promotes eco lifestyle is first of its kind in Melaka and possibly in Malaysia.

The **MHLC** is a follow-up of the “Youth Be Aware” Workshop 2012: Health and Environment held in November 2012. **MHLC** is a **community outreach programme** by World Youth Foundation which aims to promote healthy lifestyle habits through raising awareness on health and lifestyle issues. **This one day free event will include various programmes and activities including free clinics, lectures and medical screening among others.**

The one day event has received the support of the Ministry of Health under the MySihat division, Kings Green Hotel, Melaka Health Department, Mahkota Medical Centre, National Cancer Society Malaysia, Reproductive Health Association Melaka, Malaysian Medical Association Melaka Branch, Nestle Products Sdn Bhd, Klinik Pergigian Melaka Tengah, Stamford College Malacca and Melaka Cancer Society.

The one day **MHLC** will start from 9.30 a.m. and end at 5.00 p.m. **Admission is free. All are welcome.** More details including the registration forms is available at <http://www.wyf.org.my> and www.mhlc.wyf.org.my. Regular updates will be available at World Youth Foundation’s Facebook.

INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, MAY 2014, MALACCA, MALAYSIA

International Dialogue on Violence Against Women is a follow up of the recently concluded International Conference on Trafficking of Young Women and Children held by World Youth Foundation.

We are pleased to inform you that World Youth Foundation is now preparing for an International Dialogue on Violence Against Women tentatively scheduled in May 2014. We welcome those who are keen to join us as partners, sponsors or donors to write to the Foundation by email to Ms. Varsha Ajmera (wyf@po.jaring.my) expressing their interest by **15th December 2013**

MY WORLD

World Youth Foundation (WYF) has joined force with the UN and became a committed partner for MY WORLD. It is an options survey which MY WORLD asks individuals which six of sixteen possible issues you think would make the most difference to your lives. We seek your support to disseminate this campaign widely to get millions of people to VOTE.

Click Here to Vote: <http://www.myworld2015.org/?partner=wrldyth>

WHO/UNICEF NEWS RELEASE (WORLD AIDS DAY): ADOLESCENTS FALLING THROUGH GAPS IN HIV SERVICES

For World AIDS Day 2013, WHO launches new HIV recommendations to increase testing, counselling, treatment and care for this neglected group. More than 2 million adolescents between the ages of 10 and 19 years are living with HIV, and many do not receive the care and support that they need to stay in good health and prevent transmission. In addition, millions more adolescents are at risk of infection.

The failure to support effective and acceptable HIV services for adolescents has resulted in a 50% increase in reported AIDS-related deaths in this group compared with the 30% decline seen in the general population from 2005 to 2012.

The WHO recommendations *HIV and adolescents: Guidance for HIV testing and counselling and care for adolescents living with HIV* are the first to address the specific needs of adolescents both for those living with HIV as well as those who are at risk of infection. They are being released in advance of World AIDS Day 2013 (1 December).

“Adolescents face difficult and often confusing emotional and social pressures as they grow from children into adults,” says Dr Gottfried Hirnschall, Director of WHO HIV/AIDS Department. Adolescents need health services and support, tailored to their needs. They are less likely than adults to be tested for HIV and often need more support than adults to help them maintain care and to stick to treatment.”

WHO recommends governments review their laws to make it easier for adolescents to obtain HIV testing without needing consent from their parents. The guidelines also suggest ways that health services can improve the quality of care and social support for adolescents. And they highlight the value of involving this age group to create an adolescent-centered approach to the services that work for people of their age.

To help health workers put these recommendations into practice WHO has developed a new online tool which will be launched in January 2014. It uses practical examples from country programmes that are working closely with adolescents on HIV issues.

For more information, visit www.unicef.org / www.who.int

ON INTERNATIONAL DAY, UN URGES RENEWED EFFORTS TO END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, GIRLS

“Violence against women and girls directly affects individuals while harming our common humanity,” Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said in his message for the Day, which this year focuses on the theme of raising awareness by wearing the colour orange.

Mr. Ban applauded leaders who are helping to enact and enforce laws and change mindsets, and paid tribute to the heroes who help victims heal and become agents of change. Among those, Dr. Denis Mukwege, founder of the Panzi hospital in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), who the UN chief met last month, and who in turn, is inspired by the courage of the women he treats. In her first message for the Day as UN Women Executive Director, Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, urged world leaders to “mount a response that is proportionate to the violence threatening the lives of women and girls.” message of Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, UN Women Executive Director.

Mr. Ban called for financial support to the Fund, the demand for whose grants have more than doubled in the recent years while the amount it has distributed diminished by 60 per cent. For more details go to UN News Centre at <http://www.un.org/news>

UNFPA CALLS FOR DEVELOPMENT GOAL ON YOUTH

Young people are a vital force that must be front and centre in global development efforts, said Dr. Babatunde Osotimehin, Executive Director of UNFPA, the United Nations Population Fund, announcing UNFPA’s call for a youth centered goal in the Post-2015 development agenda.

Speaking at the International Conference on Family Planning, in Addis Ababa, the UNFPA Executive Director highlighted barriers to the full realization of young people’s rights. “Adolescents are subjected to our double standards, and for girls in particular, the consequences are grave: They are not old enough to drive, yet old enough to be a parent? They are not old enough to vote, yet old enough to be married? Old enough to be pregnant, yet not old enough to have full access to sexuality education or contraceptives? Let us be clear: There can be no room for motherhood in childhood and we cannot continue to deprive young people of their rights to sexual and reproductive health,” he said.

<http://www.unfpa.org/public/cache/offonce/home/news/pid/15734;jsessionid=4861FC30E76D6E6CC0ACC72414DE1B0B.jahia02#sthash.eZsaDxtq.DF6VfVq7.dpuf>

APPLY TO BE A NATIONAL YOUTH HIV & AIDS AWARENESS DAY YOUTH AMBASSADOR

National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day (NYHAAD) is a nationwide observance that calls on people to take action and invest in young people so that we can reach an AIDS-free generation. The first National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day was held on April 10, 2013. The National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day Youth Ambassador Program is comprised of young leaders and activists who come together to promote a message of prevention, treatment, care, and youth empowerment and reach out to young people across the U.S. affected by HIV/AIDS. [APPLY](#) for the ambassador program.

SUBMIT YOUR ABSTRACT TO THE AIDS 2014 ABSTRACT MENTOR PROGRAMME

As part of the [2014 International Aids Conference](#) in Melbourne, Australia, there is an [Abstract Mentor Programme \(AMP\)](#). The goal of the program is to provide an opportunity for young or less experienced abstract submitters to ask for feedback from experienced abstract submitters. The program is especially targeted at researchers from resource-limited settings who lack access to opportunities for mentoring in research and writing and for whom online distance education would build their research capacity. [SUBMIT](#) your abstract.

GET INVOLVED IN THE NEW ACT2015 INITIATIVE

ACT2015 is a collaboration of 25 youth-led and youth-serving organizations, together with [UNAIDS](#), to secure a post-2015 development framework that advances the sexual and reproductive health rights and the HIV response for young people. The goal is to mobilize young people around the world to ensure HIV remains a priority and advocate for the recognition of sexual and reproductive health and rights for the first time ever in the major [United Nations](#) development goals. [JOIN](#) the movement now.

THE 8th ANNUAL UNOSDP YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME TO TAKE PLACE IN TOKYO, JANUARY 2014

Around the world, many highly motivated youth work tirelessly to support their communities through Sport-for-Development-and-Peace (SDP) projects. Most of these youth have only very basic education levels, limited resources with which to carry out their projects and do not have a proper forum where they can learn best practices or develop their leadership skills. Thus, the idea of a “Youth Leadership Programme” was conceived in order to support such youth by giving them access to theoretical and practical training needed to improve both their projects and their own professional progress, and by supporting them once they go back to their communities. For more information, please [click here](#).

FOSTERING YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

What are the main challenges that youth face today when exercising the right to be politically active, to be involved in civil society through youth-led NGOs, and when seeking stable long-term employment? These were among the questions and topics addressed by the Expert Group Meeting on Youth, Development and Rights, organized by DESA’s Division for Social Policy and Development (DSPD) on 13-14 November.

Globally, young people’s involvement in electoral processes remains staggeringly low. Even when young people are of eligible age to vote many are discouraged from doing so due to inaccessible information and processes. In addition, in many countries there exist additional age restrictions to young people’s eligibility to run for office and political positions.

The average age of parliamentarians globally is 54, with many young people feeling unrepresented in the political system. It is no wonder then that many young people forego official political processes as a means to participation and instead turn to informal non-institutionalized actions, such as demonstrations, protests and social media campaigns. Experts agreed that more needed to be done to ensure young people’s participation in electoral and political processes. For more information, please [click here](#).

2014 INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF FAMILY FARMING (IYFF-2014)

The 2014 International Year of Family Farming aims to raise the profile of family farming and smallholder farming by focusing world attention on its significant role in alleviating hunger and poverty, providing food security and nutrition, improving livelihoods, managing natural resources, protecting the environment, and achieving sustainable development, in particular in rural areas. More information is available [here](#).

CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPACT OF FISCAL AND TAX POLICY

The [Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights](#), Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, will submit a report concerning the human rights impact of fiscal and tax policy at the 26th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (June 2014). The Special Rapporteur is calling for contributions from national human rights institutions, civil society organizations, individuals living in poverty and social exclusion and other relevant stakeholders in the form of research studies, reports and examples of relevant policies. Answers, in English, Spanish or French if possible, should be sent in hard copy or electronically no later than **2 December 2013**. More information is available [here](#).

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: THIEL FELLOWSHIP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT LIFE-CHANGING PROJECTS

The [Thiel Fellowship Council](#) love learning about how people want to change the world and how applicants would take the next two years to pursue their projects and dreams. Though they only have 20 spots per year for fellowships, they're helping hundreds of applicants to change the world by connecting them to resources like mentoring, internships, and inviting them to participate in their [Under 20 Community](#). If you are interested in the Thiel Fellowship and want to start meeting other young visionaries and mentors now, apply to join at the [Under 20 Summit](#). The application is now open through December 31st: [Apply Here](#). For more info see: <http://www.thielfellowship.org/become-a-fellow/about-the-program/>

READ WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO EMPOWER YOUNG PEOPLE

World Contraception Day is held each year on September 26th to advocate for a world where every pregnancy is wanted and empower young people to make informed decisions on sexual and reproductive health. In support, Women Deliver President Jill Sheffield and one of our [100 Young Leaders](#), Remmy Shawa, wrote an op-ed in [The Huffington Post](#) about how to empower young people so they can access the sexual and reproductive health information and services they want and need. [CHECK OUT](#) the article.

MSC / PGD IN HEALTH PROMOTION AND BEHAVIOURAL HEALTH

MSc/PgD in Health Promotion and Behavioural Health (Full-time / Part-time) 2014 intake is now open for application. These programs are well suited for graduates of bachelor degree (major in Public Health, Psychology, Sociology, Communication or a related field), health care professionals, researchers, teachers, social workers, or professionals who have interest in advancing knowledge in health promotion and behavioural health. Please visit <http://www.sphpc.cuhk.edu.hk/hedu> for program details or contact hedu@cuhk.edu.hk.

UN DEMOCRACY FUND: CALL FOR DEMOCRACY PROJECT PROPOSALS

UNDEF opens its annual call for proposals (15th November – 31st December 2013) for projects that strengthen the voice of civil society, promote the rule of law and human rights, and encourage the participation of all groups in democratic processes. For more information, please find from these url:

<http://www.un.org/democracyfund/sites/dr7.un.org.democracyfund/files/English%20flier.doc>

EVENTS

GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION 2013 (GPC 2013)

5th – 8th December 2013

Shangri-La Hotel, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Email: enews@globalpeace.org

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS PRIZE 2013

10th December 2013

UN headquarters in New York, USA

Website: <http://www.ohchr.org/EN/AboutUs/Pages/CivilSociety.aspx>

Email: humanrightsprize@ohchr.org

5th EWHA GLOBAL EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM 2013 WINTER

“Transnational Feminisms and Women’s Activism”

12th – 26th January 2014

Ewha Womans University, Seoul, South Korea

Website: <http://home.ewha.ac.kr/~acws/eng/>

Email: egep@ewha.ac.kr.

7th APCRSR CONFERENCE

“Examining achievements, good practices and challenges: Towards a strategic positioning of SRHR for all”

21st – 24th January 2014

Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Manila, Philippines.

Website: <http://www.7apcrshrmanila.org>

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3rd CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH

30th January – 1st February 2014

Near East University, Lefkosa, North Cyprus, Greece

Website: www.cyicer.org

Email: cyicer.info@gmail.com

6th WORLD CONFERENCE ON EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES

6th – 9th February 2014

University of Malta, Malta

Website: www.wces.info

52nd SESSION, COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

"Promoting empowerment of people in achieving poverty eradication, social integration and full employment and decent work for all"

11th – 21st February 2014

UN Headquarters in New York, USA

Website: <http://undesadspd.org/CivilSociety/NGOParticipation/CSocD52Session/WrittenStatements.aspx> / <http://social.un.org> / <http://www.unsdsn.org>

Email: ngo@un.org

THE 2nd CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS, ENERGY AND DEVELOPMENT IN ASIA (COSA 2014)

17th – 19th March 2014

Hiroshima, Japan

Website: <http://www.presdafoundation.org/sustainable-business-conference/proposals>

Email: cosa.secretariat@presdafoundation.org

3rd WORLD CONFERENCE ON BUSINESS, ECONOMICS AND MANAGEMENT (BEM-2014)

9th – 11th April 2014

Sapienza University, Faculty of Economics, Rome, Italy

Website: www.wc-bem.org

2nd GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (CENVISU-2014)

10th – 12th April 2014

Sapienza University, Faculty of Economics, Rome – Italy

Website: www.cenvisu.org

4TH WORLD CONFERENCE ON INNOVATION AND COMPUTER SCIENCES (INSODE-2014)

11th – 13th April 2014

Sapienza University, Faculty of Economics, Rome, Italy

Website: www.insode.org

GLOBAL DONORS FORUM 2014

"Celebrating Philanthropy in Emerging Economies"

13th – 16th April 2014

Washington, D. C, USA

Website: www.globaldonorsforum.org / gdf@thewcmp.org

DIABETES SUMMIT 2014

23rd – 25th April 2014

Boston, USA

Website: <http://www.gtcbio.com/newsletter/diabetes14I-w.htm>

5th WORLD CONFERENCE ON PSYCHOLOGY, COUNSELING AND GUIDANCE

1st – 3rd May 2014

Dubrovnik, Croatia

Website: www.wcpcg.org

4th GLOBAL CONFERENCE: LIVING RESPONSIBLY

6th – 8th May 2014

Lisbon, Portugal

Website: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/probing-the-boundaries/persons/ethics-everyday-life/call-for-papers/>

2nd GLOBAL CONFERENCE: TEENAGERS AND CONTEMPORARY VISUAL CULTURE

10th – 12th May 2014

Lisbon, Portugal

Website: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/critical-issues/ethos/skins/call-for-papers/>

ACSEE2014 - THE FOURTH ASIAN CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABILITY, ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT

12th – 15th June 2014

Osaka, Japan

Email: acsee@iafor.org

Website: <http://acsee.iafor.org> / www.iafor.org

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN STRATEGIC CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

12th – 15th May 2014

London, UK

Website: <http://parliamentarystudies.org.uk/O8S-1ZPNH-66KFTF-TO07D-1/c.aspx>

RHYTHMS OF ONE WORLD 2014 INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL

Geneva, Switzerland

24th – 30th June 2014

Website: www.faf.org

Email: friendlyam@faf.org

4th GLOBAL CONFERENCE: CHILDHOOD

Mansfield College, Oxford, United Kingdom

17th – 19th July 2014

Website: <http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/probing-the-boundaries/persons/childhood/call-for-papers/>

7th KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (KMICe)

12th – 15th August 2014

Langkawi Island, Malaysia

Website: <http://www.kmice.uum.edu.my>

Email: kmice@uum.edu.my

18th ORGANIC WORLD CONGRESS

13th – 15th October 2014

Istanbul, Turkey

Website: [http://ifoam.us4.list-](http://ifoam.us4.list-manage.com/track/click?u=75bdf144a46c1e451eecd10&id=7759e33d50&e=87796b5e65)

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WORLD YOUTH CONFERENCE 2014

Sri Lanka

Website: <http://www.worldyouthconference2014.org/>

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