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Make a Connection
January/February 2008 Update

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Life Skill of the Month

CREATIVITY

" The future belongs to a very different kind of person with a different kind of mind – creators and empathizers, pattern recognizers, and meaning makers. These people – artists, inventors, designers, storytellers, caregivers, consolers, big picture thinkers -- will now reap society's richest rewards and share its greatest joys."

- Daniel Pink, author, *A Whole New Mind: Why Right-Brainers Will Rule the Future*

For an example of creativity in action, please refer to "Nurturing Creativity Among Texas Middle School Students" at this link.

Field Notes

We're excited to share with you two new Field Note publications featuring good practices from the global initiative on "Promoting Active Youth Citizenship" and "Promoting Youth-Adult Collaboration". You can access the publications via the extranet at this link. Please contact us if you would like hard copies mailed to you.

Program Certificate

With Nokia, we have developed a Global Certificate to recognize the achievements of youth participants in the local programs. If you don't already have a program certificate, we encourage you to use the one we have developed. It is easily downloadable on the extranet at this link, and can be customized to your needs.

Local Events Calendar

The Program Events Calendar has been updated! Check it out to learn more about program launches, graduation ceremonies, trainings, and celebrations scheduled for the next six months. The calendar helps us identify potential events to cover for communications purposes and is posted at this link. Please send your IYF country manager updates as they become available.

Partner Exchanges

If you are interested to apply for the 2008 Partner Exchange Fund, contact your regional manager by March 31. The application is available at this link.

Year-End Report

The consolidated year-end report was submitted to Nokia on time on February 1. A huge thanks for sending your country reports in early. You should have received from your Regional Manager a copy of your final country report and PMT that was included in the consolidated report.

Staff Transitions

Christine Castille, Program Manager for Future Smiles Belgium, has left Foundation for Future Generations to pursue other professional opportunities. Kurt Peleman will assume the role of Program Manager beginning this month. Welcome Kurt and good luck to Christine!

Michelle Szechenyi will be shifting the majority of her time from Make a Connection to work on Human Resource Development for IYF. She will continue to oversee the North American programs, but will no longer be responsible for evaluation. Please refer to your Regional/Country manager for any questions on evaluation. We want to thank her for her valuable contribution to the global program.

Extranet Updates

Remember there are tons of useful reference guides and resources on the Extranet. If you have ideas for other materials that would be useful in your work, let us know.

- Communications and Branding
- Proposal Development
- Partner Contact Information
- New Field Notes: *Promoting Active Citizenship* and *Promoting Youth-Adult Collaboration*

Partner Highlights

The Business Guide to Partnering with NGOs and the UN, published by Dalberg, the UN Global Compact, and the Financial Times, profiled Fundación SES in Argentina as one of the top 85 most trustworthy organizations in the world to work in cooperation with private companies. The ground breaking report surveyed 20,000 companies worldwide, identified 550 NGOs, UN agencies, foundations, and other social actors with which companies had partnered, and profiled 85 based on company ratings. A summary of the publication is available at http://www.dalberg.com/guide.

If you have any suggestions for improving this monthly newsletter or the Extranet, contact kakins@iyfnet.org with your ideas.