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Make a Connection March-April 2008 Network Newsletter

In this edition:

- **General updates, news and announcements**
- **Program showcase**
- **Professional development for youth workers**

Featured Program: *Hungary*

In April, Global Youth Service Day was celebrated and youth organized community service projects in over 100 countries in every region of the world.

The Foundation for Democratic Youth hosted its third annual National Youth Service Day event on April 19 and mobilized hundreds of people around the country to volunteer and engage in dialogue about social responsibility.

For more information, contact Zoltan Hamori or visit **www.gysd.org.**

General updates, news and announcements

Upcoming Interim Reports

The **August 1, 2008 interim report deadline** is fast approaching. Look out for an email later this month from Ami with instructions for submitting your report. (NOTE: Due to increasing challenges with report submission through Key Survey, we will no longer use this tool.)

Exchange Fund

Exchange funds are available for you to visit other partners. Don't miss this opportunity! If you are interested in applying, please connect with your IYF county managers by June 30. A short application form is available at this link.

Evaluation Challenge Grants

Evaluation challenge grant funds are available for you to enhance your learning and evaluation activities. These supplemental funds would enable you to conduct more in-depth studies and/or utilize more innovative, rigorous measurement techniques (e.g. mastery skill testing, control groups, comparison groups, etc.). More information is available at this link.

Staff Transitions

Julie Hackett joined the IYF team as Program Manager. She will be managing active programs in Canada, the US, Mexico and Brazil and Nigeria, as well as new development for Asia.

Jordi Huguet, the Program Director for the De Calle a Calle program in Peru, is leaving CEDRO to work at a university in Lima. **Carola Sirvas** will serve as an interim program manager while CEDRO searches for a new Program Director. We welcome Carola. And we wish Jordi good luck in his new role!

Professional Development for Youth Workers

"Any organization's ability to make a difference in a young person's life is dependent upon the people in that organization. Success requires dedicated, skilled and creative people able to lead organizations, and manage and implement high-quality programs." – source, National Collaboration for Youth

In an effort to provide you with more relevant news and resources, we have added a new section to our network newsletters. In each newsletter we will provide **professional development tips, references and resources**. We hope you find these interesting and can use some of the suggested materials in your work.

The **National Youth Development Learning Network** publishes professional development newsletters. Check out the October 2004 issue which focused on *Mentoring Youth Professional Workers*. If there are any ideas from this newsletter you would like to explore with your regional manager, please bring them up in your next monitoring call.

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