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Make a Connection October 2006 Global E-mail

Greetings to all Partners!

Below are this month's announcements.

*Warm regards,
The IYF Make a Connection Team*

Outcomes Measurement Study Findings:

Partners who participated in the Outcomes Measurement Study Pilot will be receiving an email from Susan Pezzullo encouraging you to take advantage of all opportunities to share the findings with your stakeholders while the data is new, including what you have learned about the effectiveness of your program as well as potential areas for improvement.

Because IYF will share your communications efforts to senior executives in Nokia and IYF at the end of November, please remember to provide us with a list of your communication activities related to the outcomes study by **November 24**. As you plan how to communicate the data (and your commitment to transparency and learning), remember Nokia local is a resource and key stakeholder. *If you haven't already, we encourage you to discuss with your Nokia local counterpart about ways you can work together to disseminate the findings and ideas on how to communicate the results to Nokia's employees, partners and the general public.*

Youth Stories

Thank you to those who have already submitted their youth profile information! This is a reminder that the deadline for submitting story questionnaires and photos to IYF is **31 October (yesterday!)**. For an example of how these profiles will be used, please see *Jonathan's Story* (<http://www.makeaconnectionextranet.org/NetworkMessages.html>), developed from a profile submitted by the Colombia program. If you have any questions, please contact Sheila

Kinkade (sheila@iyfnet.org).

Search Institute Annual Conference

IYF and Brandeis University presented the findings of the Outcomes Measurement Study at the Search Institute Annual Conference, entitled *Asset Building Comes of Age: Transforming Society With Youth*, scheduled for 26-28 October 2006. Targeting both practitioners and youth themselves, participants had the opportunity in small groups to develop their own evaluation plans for measuring youth development outcomes. For more information on the conference please click on <http://www.search-institute.org/hchy/>.

Staffing Transitions

As you may have heard, Maggie Pinar is leaving her position with the Dreams Workshop Program. She will however remain at TEGV on a part-time basis. Suat Ozcagdas will take over responsibilities for the program. We thank Maggie for her valuable contribution and wish her well in her future work.

On a related note, we recognize that personnel changes and staff transitions will occur from time to time. In the event there are changes in your program, we do ask that you notify IYF as soon as possible, as well as communicate with your Nokia local colleagues about the staff change and the transition plan your organization has put in place. We want to underscore the importance of communicating early on to IYF and to Nokia local about any such changes. If you have any doubts regarding how to handle or communicate staffing changes, please do not hesitate to talk to your Regional Manager.

Resource

Creative Data Collection in Non-formal Settings: This article discusses four creative methods for addressing the special methodological challenges of non-formal education programs. You can access it on the extranet at <http://www.makeaconnectionextranet.org/NetworkMessages.html>

Country Highlight: Nigeria Youth Leadership Program

We are pleased to announce the two-year renewal of our Nigeria Program. Implemented by Leadership Effectiveness Accountability Professionalism Africa (LEAP), the Youth Leadership Program will provide leadership and life skills training to 360 young people, 250 of whom will implement small projects to effect change in their communities. As a result, the program will be promoting the development of principled, innovative and dynamic leaders who are effecting positive change in Nigeria. This program will also continue to support the Annual Nigerian Youth Leadership Awards to celebrate the accomplishments of young people across the country who are leading positive change efforts in their communities. Ten young people will be selected as winners of this award each year.

