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Make a Connection Summer 2008 Network Newsletter

In this edition:

- **General updates, news and announcements**
- **Program showcase**
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Featured Program: *Romania*

New Horizons Foundation (NHF) and Nokia Romania launched a new program in Cluj - **IMPACT**. NHF aims to create a national service learning movement in Romania and take its IMPACT model to scale nationally by creating 145 new IMPACT youth clubs in 10 counties over the next three years. For the first year of the program, the focus will be to establish 45 youth clubs in schools in Cluj.

NHF's mission is to develop youth social capital and empower Romanian youth by engaging them in experiential and adventure education programs.

For more information, contact Dana Bates the Executive Director or Diana Certan the Program Director. You can also check out their website at **www.new-horizons.ro.**

General updates, news and announcements

Upcoming Interim Reports

The **August 1, 2008 interim report deadline** is next week. We look forward to reading your reports. **Note**: If you are not able to meet that deadline, contact your Regional Manager to alert us immediately.

Nokia and www.ovi.com

Nokia launched **Ovi** this summer, an online space to explore the world, share content and experience new media e.g. music and games. Some partners will be piloting use of www.ovi.com to share important experiences and learning from their country programs. Check out a recent posting from Hungary on their April 2008 National Youth Service Day event at this link.

Istanbul – 2008 Global Partner Meeting Registration

The **2008 Global Partner Meeting** is fast approaching. This is an important convening of all IYF's partners with a focus on innovation and learning in the field of youth development within the broader context of a rapidly changing world. You can see the agenda at this link. We do encourage you to attend so log into the online registration that was launched earlier this month. Please alert your Regional Manager with any questions.

Program Renewals – Czech Republic and Nigeria

The **Czech Republic – Make a Connection Připoj se program** was renewed with activities launched in May 2008. The program aims to increase the number of Czech youth ages 16-26 taking action in their communities and it will be extended nationally over the next three years to reach 2,500 new participants.

LEAP Nigeria launched its second phase program in partnership with Nokia early this summer. The **Leadership, Ethics and Civics (LEC) program** will focus on training teachers to deliver a specialized curriculum focused on leadership, life skills and community service. Through this program, LEAP aims to encourage 7,200 youth ages 14-16 to achieve their life goals and effect positive change in communities across Nigeria.

Staff Transitions

Regina Aguirre is the new Program Director for our Peru De Calle a Calle program. She has been with CEDRO 14 years. Welcome Regina!

Bartek Sulek moved on from PCYF this month for a new career opportunity. Maria Holzer, PCYF's Executive Director, will provide interim oversight for the Polish program. Best of luck to Bartek!

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.

This summers resource addition:
Child Trends, a nonprofit, nonpartisan research center, regularly publishes practitioner insights in their Research-to-Results newsletter. Check out the December 2006 publication on the Importance of Professional Development for Youth Workers. You can also check out their interesting youth development topical fact sheets at this link.

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