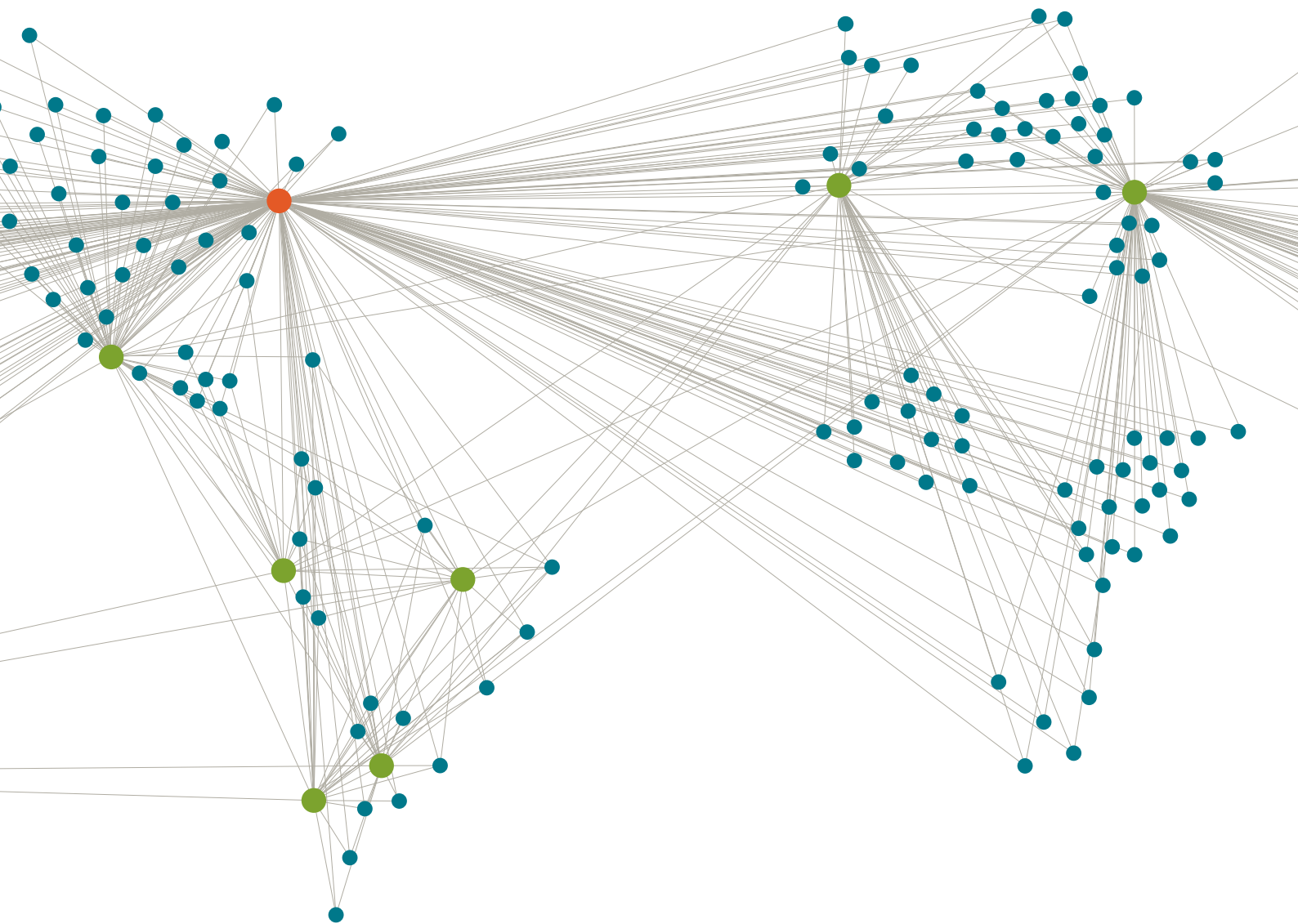


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A program of the International Youth Foundation, YouthActionNet seeks to develop a new generation of socially-conscious global citizens who create positive change in their communities, their countries, and the world. Through its global and national leadership programs, dynamic website, networking, and peer-to-peer learning opportunities, YouthActionNet provides young social innovators with recognition, skill-building and advocacy opportunities, resources, and connections to like minds around the world.

For more information, please visit: www.youthactionnet.org

International Youth Foundation

The International Youth Foundation (IYF) invests in the extraordinary potential of young people. Founded in 1990, IYF builds and maintains a worldwide community of businesses, governments, and civil society organizations committed to empowering youth to be healthy, productive, and engaged citizens. IYF programs are catalysts of change that help young people obtain a quality education, gain employability skills, make healthy choices, and improve their communities.

For more information, please visit: www.iyfnfnet.org

Sylvan/Laureate Foundation

The Sylvan/Laureate Foundation is the company foundation of Laureate Education, Inc. *Laureate International Universities* is the world's largest network of private universities, comprised of more than 55 institutions of higher education in 28 countries and 640,000 students. Since 1997, the Sylvan/Laureate Foundation has provided more than \$13 million in grants to 100 nonprofit organizations. Its mission is to support the best practices in training and education worldwide.

Starting this year, the Sylvan/Laureate Foundation is now the lead sponsor of the global YouthActionNet program and continues as a founding and co-sponsor of YouthActionNet programs at Laureate institutions, including the *Universidad del Valle de México* (Mexico), *Universidade Anhembi Morumbi* (Brazil), *Universidad Europea de Madrid* (Spain), *Istanbul Bilgi University* (Turkey), *Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas* (Peru), and *Universidad Andrés Bello* (Chile).

For more information, please visit: www.laureate.net

Imagine...

Creating one of the world's **largest networks**
of locally active, globally connected, **young social innovators.**

Through **YouthActionNet**, this is now a **reality.**



“ *IYF was the first organization to recognize and celebrate my work as a filmmaker and activist. Meeting others like me from all over the globe was hugely inspiring.*”

— Harjant Gill, filmmaker, USA

“ *Now I have a network I can count on... that I can access when I need information or want to share what we're going through.*”

— Lina Useche, founder, Impulso Microcredit, Brazil



“ *YouthActionNet gave me the technical tools and the emotional boost a young leader needs.*”

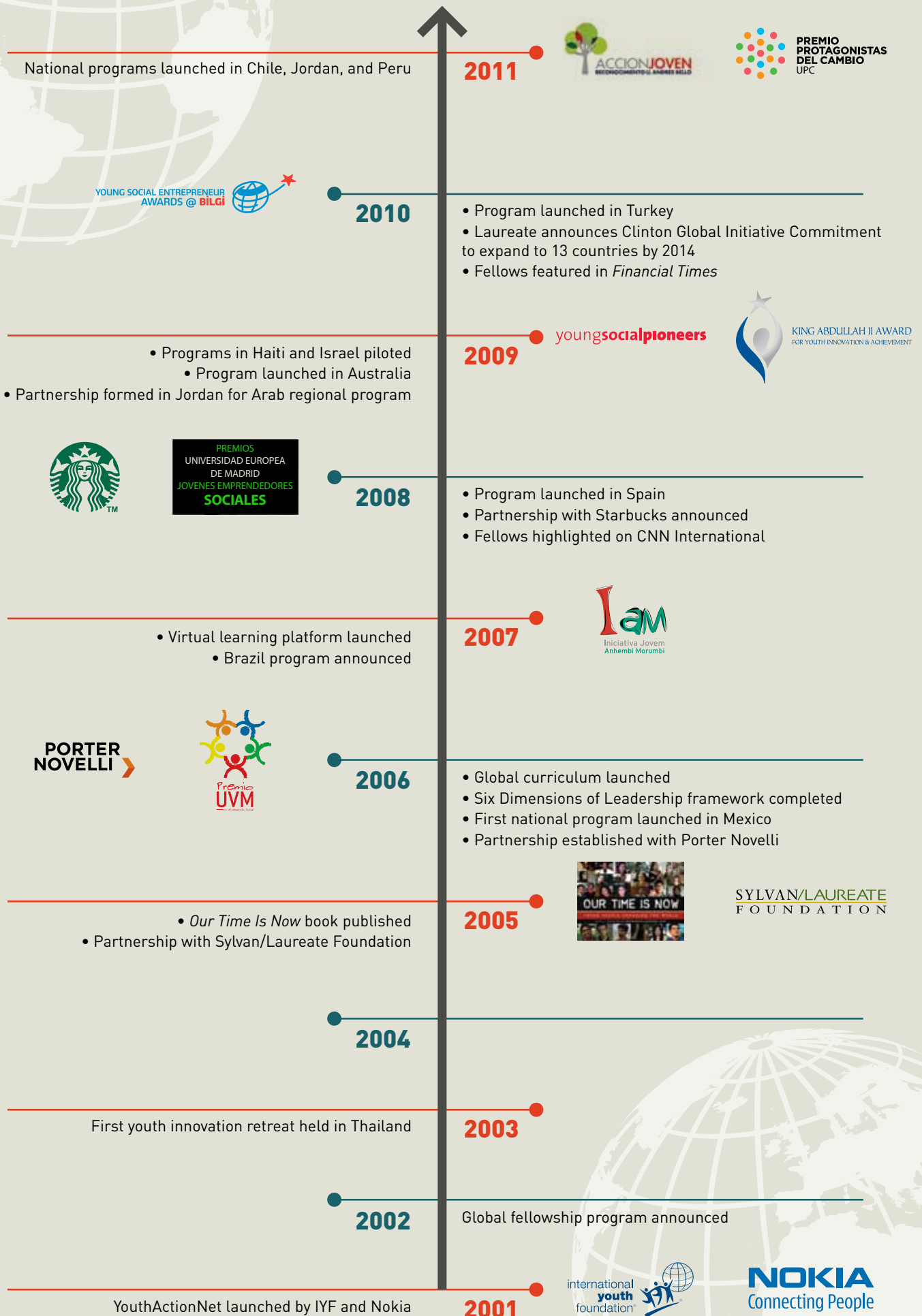
— John Miller Beauvoir, founder,
Center for Reflection, Education and Debate, Haiti

“ *YouthActionNet provided me with my first platform to exercise my ability as a leader. The program strengthened my self-confidence and sharpened my resolve.*”

— Stella Amojong, founder,
Grassroots Empowerment Initiative, Kenya



YouthActionNet®: A Decade in Review



Message from the President & Chairman

2011 will long be remembered as the Year of Youth. From a lone 26-year-old in Tunisia who burned himself to death in an act of protest to thousands of youth demonstrators calling for democratic change across the Arab region to the countless youth globally who expressed their views through social media, it was a pivotal year when young people spoke out loudly—and passionately—about critical issues affecting their lives and their communities.

At the International Youth Foundation (IYF) we have long recognized the role of youth as dedicated and effective leaders of social change. For ten years, we have supported social innovators in their 20's through YouthActionNet, a global leadership development program that, to date, has reached more than 550 youth in over 60 countries. On pages 12-15 of this report, we urge you to read about the 2011 YouthActionNet Global Fellows, the latest members of this extended family of creative and committed activists.

Most of the visionaries we work with face an uphill climb to gain credibility, recognition, and funding for their work. As is the case with leaders at any age, they grapple with a host of “inner” questions. “Am I making the right decision?” “Is this the best approach?” “Will we find the resources we need?” Through connecting these change-makers to each other—and equipping them with valuable skills, funding, and advocacy opportunities—YouthActionNet fills a critical unmet need.

We like to think of YouthActionNet as a ‘network of networks.’ Through our partnership, Laureate and IYF have expanded YouthActionNet’s reach through *Laureate International Universities* in six countries—and growing. We’re delighted that so many others have joined us to ensure this program reaches the thousands of young people around the globe who could benefit.

Throughout this report, you will hear from our alumni about the difference YouthActionNet has made in their personal leadership journeys and the social change impact of their organizations. Our greatest contribution may very well be the creation of a vibrant community of new social innovators, who are able to achieve far more together than they ever could alone.

William S. Reese

President & CEO, International Youth Foundation

Douglas L. Becker

Chairman, International Youth Foundation
Chairman & CEO, Laureate Education, Inc.



Our Impact

Over the past decade, YouthActionNet has supported, connected, and advocated for more than 550 young social innovators in over 60 countries. To do so, we've built a vibrant network of locally-rooted youth leadership programs around the globe.

When the first class of YouthActionNet Fellows met in Washington, DC ten years ago, little did we know that the program would evolve into the expansive global network that it is today. We thank Nokia, as the program's founding sponsor, for its vision and commitment to supporting young leaders. The company has played an invaluable role in laying the foundation upon which future growth and expansion could take place.

Today, YouthActionNet is proud to work in partnership with youth leadership initiatives in eight countries/regions—and growing (see page 6). Each supports young change-makers and their innovations, while forging vital ties among them. Through YouthActionNet, Fellows gain hard skills in such areas as strategic planning, communications, and evaluation. They also develop the 'inner' resources necessary for these founders and CEOs to navigate their leadership journeys (e.g., how to avoid burn-out and maintain visionary organizations).

What difference has YouthActionNet made in the lives of these young leaders? According to Fellow surveys:

- 96%** | of respondents say they continue to use the skills they learned during their Fellowship year
- 96%** | shared the knowledge and skills they acquired with their teams
- 90%** | improved the quality of services they provide
- 83%** | increased their beneficiary numbers

But numbers tell only part of this story. In addition to strengthening Fellows' leadership skills and impact, YouthActionNet has enabled their organizations to expand their partnerships, influence policies, spark new innovations, and become more sustainable in their work.

An Enduring Legacy

YouthActionNet alumni underscore five enduring benefits of the program to their social change work: increased legitimacy, greater confidence as a leader, enhanced skills, access to funding, and connections to a network of like-minded peers.

Nearly all Fellows attribute IYF's 'stamp of approval' to boosting their credibility and legitimacy. "IYF recognized the potential for what we were trying to do when nobody else was willing to bet on us," says Selene Biffi, founder of Youth Action for Change in Italy.

The program's emphasis on organizational development skills is what stands out for others, including Nnaemeka Ikegwuonu, founder of the Small-holders Foundation in Nigeria. "The most valuable part of my YouthActionNet experience was the skill-building," says Nnaemeka. "I was able to reformulate the vision,



mission, and objectives of my organization to reinforce our core principles of accountability, integrity, effectiveness, and inclusiveness.”

And perhaps the most enduring legacy of the Fellows’ experience are the relationships they have built with each other. While many previously felt isolated in their work, now they are able to share their successes, challenges, and strategies with their peers in-country or halfway across the world. Says Dina Buchbinder Auron, founder of *Deportes para Compartir* (Sports to Share) in Mexico: “This work is titanic. It can be very tiring and very fulfilling. With YouthActionNet, I realized I wasn’t alone and continue to feel supported.”

Grants to Young Social Innovators

In 2007, YouthActionNet welcomed the opportunity to partner with the Starbucks Foundation to offer funding to Fellows’ projects through the company’s Shared Planet™ Youth Action Grants program. Over four years, 84 youth-led projects in 30 countries have received grants to scale their impact. Fellows have used the Starbucks grants to expand their work and implement new innovations to advance human rights, protect the environment, improve education, boost civic participation, and more.

Starbucks further extended its support to IYF with a commitment to launch a national youth leadership initiative in Jordan in late 2011. Modeled after other YouthActionNet programs, the initiative will provide 45 young leaders over three years with the training and support they need to deepen their social change impact, while creating a vibrant network of young change-makers across the country.

Telling Our Story

We’ve also advocated for the role of youth leading change through numerous publications, national and international media, on the web, and through

In Mexico, Fellows teach urban gardening (left) and use sports to educate children (right) about global challenges.



Fellows improve livelihoods and healthcare in Africa.

social media. Stories about our Fellows have appeared in the Associated Press, *Financial Times*, *CNN International*, and other major media outlets. In 2005, we published a book, *Our Time Is Now: Young People Changing the World*, profiling 30 young social entrepreneurs in 20 countries.

A vital ally in our efforts has been the global public relations firm Porter Novelli, which has lent its pro bono support to YouthActionNet by carrying out media outreach, facilitating trainings, producing dynamic video content, and mentoring Fellows. Porter Novelli staff across the globe continues to play an invaluable role in advocating for and supporting our Fellows. ■

Six Dimensions of Leadership

YouthActionNet’s core training curriculum consists of 50+ modules focused on six dimensions of leadership.

- 1 | **PERSONAL:**
A commitment to developing personal character and integrity
- 2 | **VISIONARY:**
Maintaining an innovative mindset
- 3 | **POLITICAL:**
The ability to mobilize public will
- 4 | **COLLABORATIVE:**
The forming of win-win partnerships
- 5 | **ORGANIZATIONAL:**
Possessing the skills needed to effectively manage an innovative organization
- 6 | **SOCIETAL:**
The ability to foster long-term systems change





Ideas That Matter

YouthActionNet occupies a unique position as the hub of an expanding universe of ideas on how to create positive change. Each year, we identify a host of cutting edge, youth-led solutions to urgent social challenges, with the goal of strengthening and celebrating these ‘outside-the-box’ approaches. From transforming non-recyclable commercial waste into works of art in Brazil to using cell phone technology to combat pharmaceutical fraud in Ghana, Fellows demonstrate that with the right ideas—and the right support—viable solutions to some of the most vexing global problems are within our reach.

An Emerging Worldview

Whether pioneering positive change in Manaus or Manila, New Delhi or Nairobi, today’s youth activists share core values that define their work in defense of social and environmental justice. Such values—the importance of community, of relationships, of respecting differences—guide and inform how they do their work and who they are as leaders. In their shared emphasis on cooperation over competition, on meaning over materialism, on belonging over belongings—their voices reflect the emergence of a new paradigm.

Says Fellow Josh Arnold, founder of Global Awareness Local Action in the U.S., “We’re looking to revive a culture of reciprocity. If we want our communities to thrive, we need to remember that helping our neighbors is necessary for a sustainable future.” In Turkey, Aysegul Guzel created an alternative economy that enables individuals to exchange services without the use of money. Guided by a vision of a world “where conflict is past, cooperation is

present, and friendship is our future,” Freeman Trebilcock founded InterAction in Australia to promote interfaith dialogue and understanding.

A Networked Approach to Social Change

While in the past, young change-makers often felt isolated in their work, today’s social innovators are sharing ideas and collaborating like never before. Through connecting youth—nationally and globally, virtually and in person—YouthActionNet facilitates the growth of dynamic youth networks. Social media has emerged as an invaluable tool in our efforts to help Fellows identify mutual areas of interest and stay updated on one another’s work.

Many of the young leaders we work with continue to support one another and collaborate on issues years after their formal fellowship ends. One alumni in India, for example, adapted a reproductive health curriculum developed by a YouthActionNet peer in Kenya.



Over time, we've learned a lot about what works—and what doesn't—in promoting effective collaboration. Face-to-face communication still trumps long-distance dialogue when it comes to developing and implementing shared visions and social change strategies. Similarly, our best online community-building efforts are those that are carefully nurtured by a human presence.

New Learning Models

In an era of accelerated change and technological innovation, learning methodologies too must change to keep pace with how young leaders learn best. YouthActionNet

programs emphasize learner-driven approaches. The most effective learning environments are those in which Fellows are able to candidly share successes—and failures. Top-down modes of instruction have given way to learning that takes place in interactive training sessions—as well as through one-on-one coaching and mentoring.

Today's young leaders are less likely to rely on 'experts' to satisfy their learning needs; rather, increasingly they're turning to one another. YouthActionNet creates the spaces—online and in-person—where peer-to-peer learning can take place. The result? Learning is practical and relevant. ■

Innovation for Social Change: Ideas That Make a Difference



In India, **Jithin Nedumala** conceived of a low-cost, scalable model for addressing the educational needs of children at-risk. Through **Make a Difference (MAD)**, outstanding college students volunteer as teachers, while gaining valuable work-related skills. Poised to become India's largest volunteer network, MAD is now reaching 3,000 children in 17 cities.

Idelfonso Lopez Mendoza and the other members of **Grabadores Mixtecos Unidos** in Mexico are preserving and promoting indigenous culture through a unique partnership with the Converse sporting goods company. The group's hand-painted designs can be found on high-end athletic shoes on exhibit—and for sale—at major galleries and museums in Mexico and internationally.

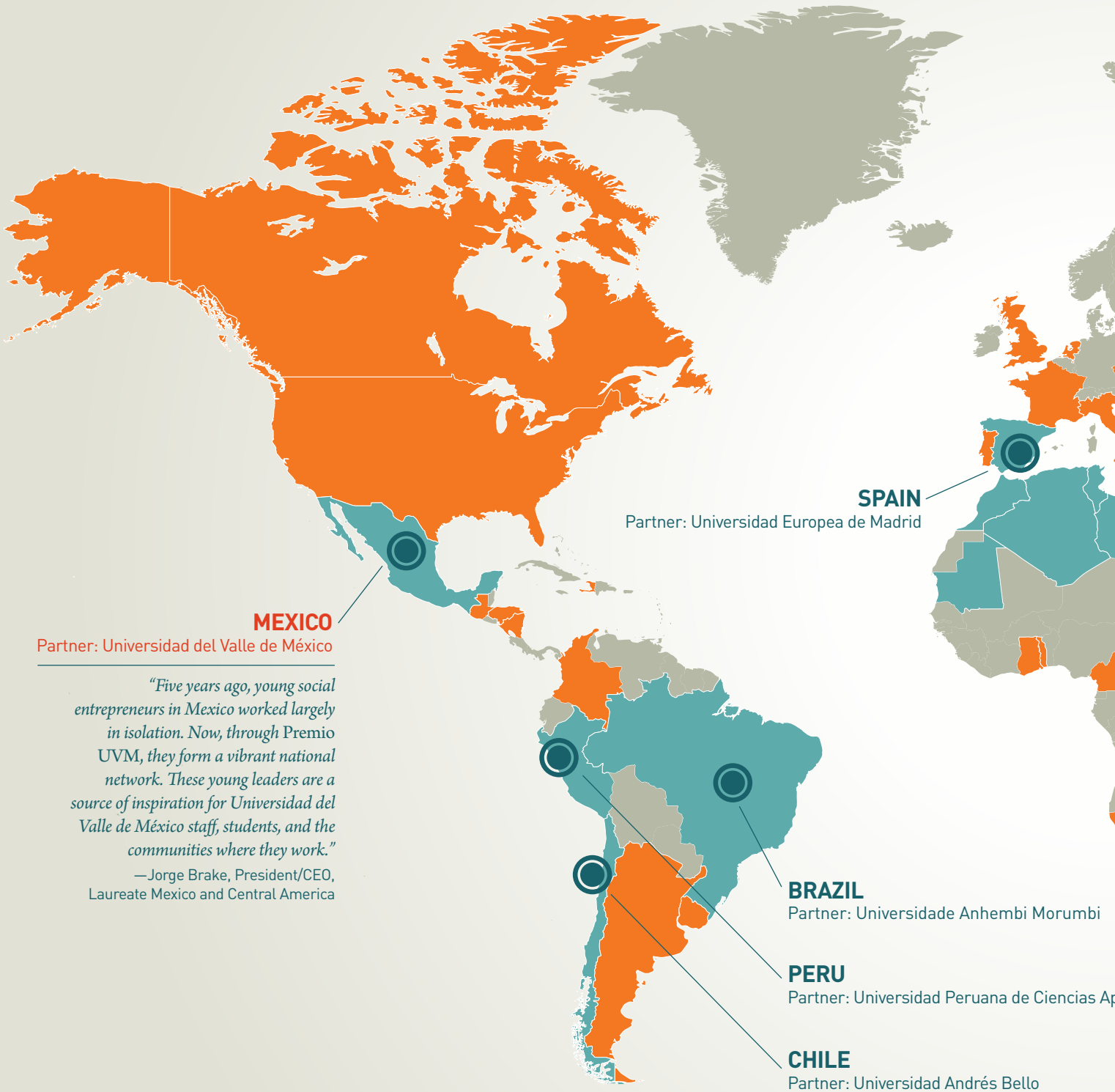


Nnaemeka Ikegwonu launched the **Smallholders Foundation** to boost the productivity and incomes of Nigerian farmers living in remote rural areas. Capitalizing on the widespread availability of radio, Smallholders Rural Radio now provides over 250,000 farmers with vital information on growing techniques, markets, pricing, and more.

Through **Rags2Riches, Inc.**, a social enterprise, **Reese Fernandez** trains and equips low-income women in the Philippines to create 'eco-ethical' fashion and home accessories out of recycled cloth. Since 2007, Rags2Riches has empowered 450 women in 21 communities.



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MEXICO

Partner: Universidad del Valle de México

“Five years ago, young social entrepreneurs in Mexico worked largely in isolation. Now, through Premio UVM, they form a vibrant national network. These young leaders are a source of inspiration for Universidad del Valle de México staff, students, and the communities where they work.”

—Jorge Brake, President/CEO,
Laureate Mexico and Central America

SPAIN

Partner: Universidad Europea de Madrid

BRAZIL

Partner: Universidade Anhembi Morumbi

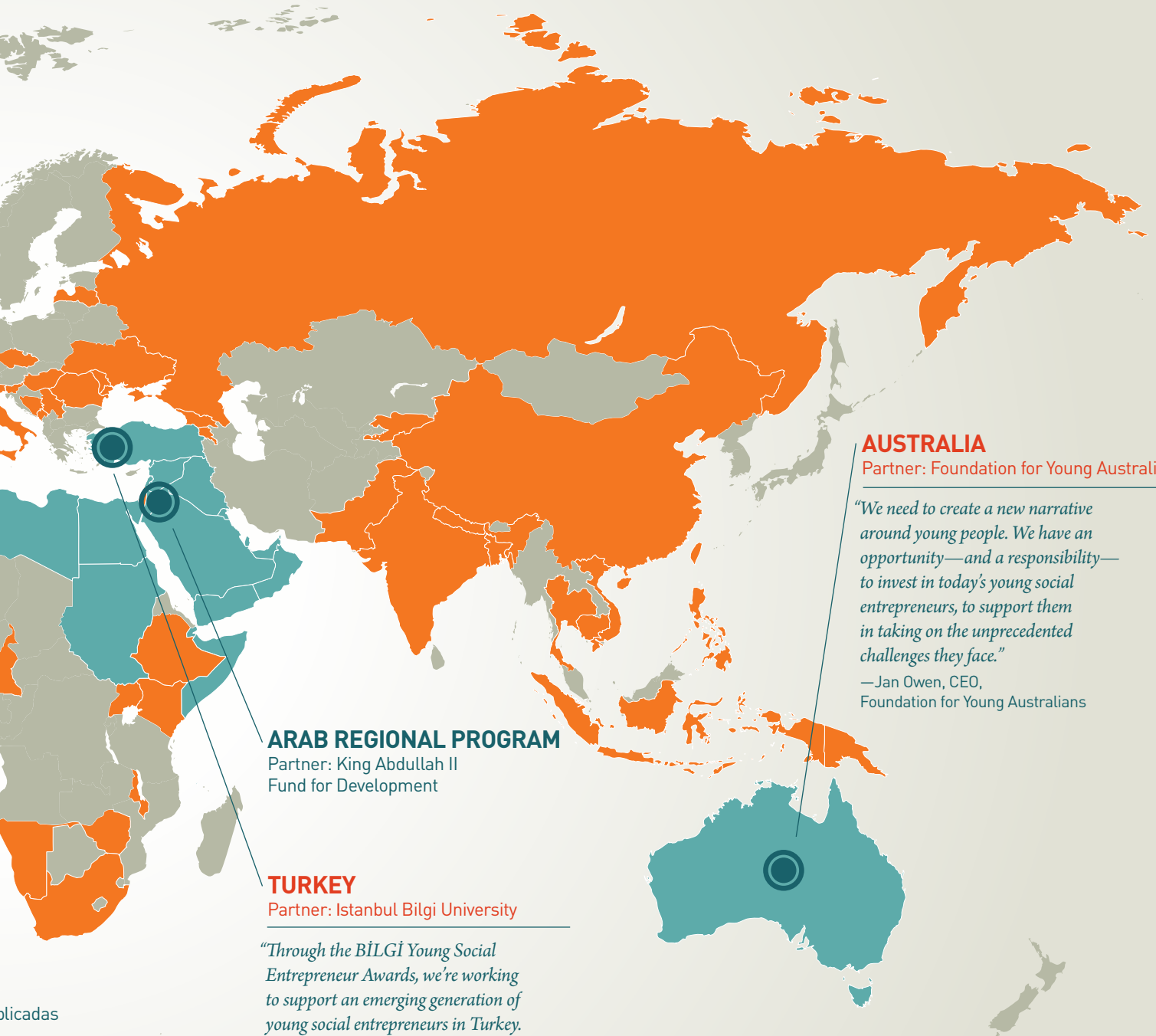
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Partner: Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Ap

CHILE

Partner: Universidad Andrés Bello

: Around the World



AUSTRALIA

Partner: Foundation for Young Australians

"We need to create a new narrative around young people. We have an opportunity—and a responsibility—to invest in today's young social entrepreneurs, to support them in taking on the unprecedented challenges they face."

—Jan Owen, CEO,
Foundation for Young Australians

ARAB REGIONAL PROGRAM

Partner: King Abdullah II
Fund for Development



TURKEY

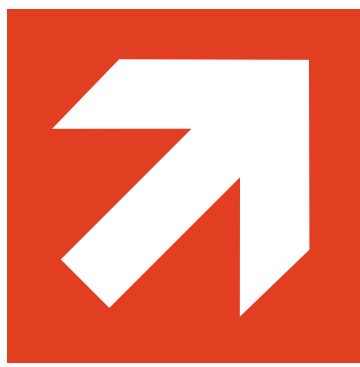
Partner: Istanbul Bilgi University

"Through the BİLGİ Young Social Entrepreneur Awards, we're working to support an emerging generation of young social entrepreneurs in Turkey. These young leaders have the added benefit of connecting to their peers around the world through the YouthActionNet Global Network."

— Rifat Sarıcaoğlu, Chairman,
Istanbul Bilgi University

KEY

-  YouthActionNet Fellow Countries
-  National/Regional Programs



Looking Ahead

With a firm foundation in place, YouthActionNet is poised to reach more than 1,700 young social innovators by 2015. By then, this global network of national and regional programs will span 24 countries.

This signature program's expansion is being made possible, in large part, due to the generous support of Laureate Education, Inc. In 2010, Laureate announced a Commitment to Action at the Clinton Global Initiative to extend its support of YouthActionNet to include reaching 500 new social entrepreneurs and launching nine new national programs by 2014. The commitment reflects the premium the company places on promoting active youth engagement and strengthening the role of today's young leaders.

In 2012, plans are underway to launch new national institutes at *Laureate International Universities* in Brazil, Costa Rica, and Honduras. In Brazil, the popularity of the existing "Iam" program at the *Universidade Anhembi Morumbi* in São Paulo, has led to the expansion of the program to two new cities: Manaus and Natal.

Additional efforts are underway to launch YouthActionNet programs in Africa and in the Middle East with the support of government, corporate, and NGO partners. One example is the launch of a new Starbucks-supported program in Jordan.

"The far-reaching impact achieved by IYF's YouthActionNet Fellows is inspiring. We are pleased to support the vision and hope of these young leaders. They are powerful role models for their peers and others—creating ripples of change in communities around the globe."

— Rodney Hines, Director, Community Investments, Starbucks



U.S. First Lady Michelle Obama greets vulnerable children served through Make a Difference in India, led by Fellow Jithin Nedumala.



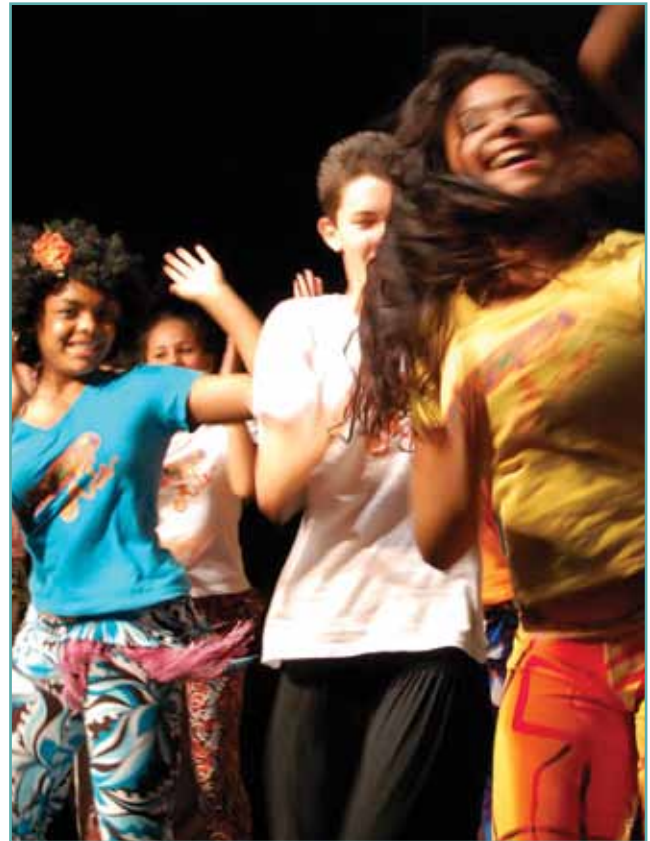
Fellow José Miguel Pavão shares his work to improve oral health care with Portugal's President (left); through Mentor Together in India, disadvantaged youth are supported in pursuing academic and career goals (middle); youth in Oaxaca, Mexico build homes for low-income families using recycled materials (right).

Deepening Our Global Knowledge Base

As the number of YouthActionNet Fellows grows, so too does our understanding of the field of youth-led social innovation. How have youth activists succeeded in building social enterprise models? What volunteer mobilization strategies have they found most effective? How can youth-led strategies for addressing an issue in one part of the world be successfully adapted elsewhere? All are questions that form part of our learning agenda.

As learning tools and case studies are developed, they are made widely available through our websites and via social media channels. Equally important is sharing the stories of our Fellows—through blogs, interviews, and videos of their projects in action. Through showcasing the successes and challenges facing these cutting-edge thinkers, we seek to spur dialogue around ‘what works’ in addressing a host of urgent societal issues.

Part of what makes the work of these young leaders so impressive is their focus on triple—even quadruple—bottom line impacts. Many are achieving benefits, not only for people, the environment, and local economies, but for society as a whole through preserving rich cultural assets and strengthening community ties. The world needs their creative ideas—and they need our help—to ensure their ideas thrive and grow within today’s global marketplace. ■

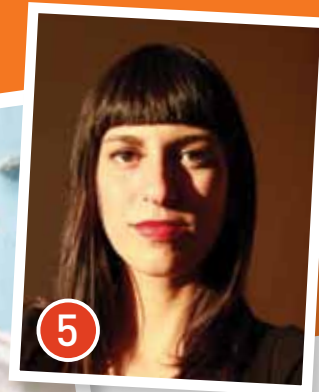
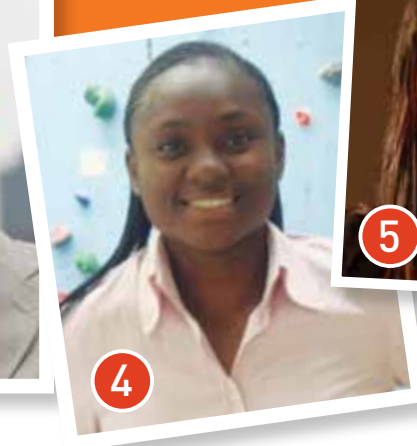
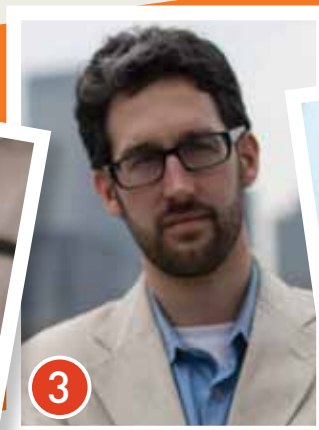


In Brazil, disadvantaged children learn key life skills while participating in arts workshops offered through Batuque Arte.

“TYF’s Fellows have inspired Porter Novelli staff around the globe with their innovative solutions and ‘can do’ spirit. We’re proud to equip these young leaders with the tools they need to tell the story of today’s youth leading positive change.”

— Gary Stockman, CEO, Porter Novelli, the program’s pro bono partner

YouthActionNet[®] 2011 GLOBAL FELLOWS



CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

1 Marquis Brown, 27

National Center for Global Engagement
Washington DC, United States

Marquis co-founded the National Center for Global Engagement to equip high potential, low-income students with global leadership skills, study abroad scholarships, foreign language instruction, and meaningful service and professional development opportunities. Previously, Marquis launched the BrownBell Foundation to offer fellowships to talented students from minority backgrounds to study abroad at prominent universities to prepare them for leadership roles.

Learn more: www.nc4ge.org

2 Sabhanaz Rashid Diya, 22

One Degree Initiative Foundation
Dhaka, Bangladesh

Sabhanaz co-founded the One Degree Initiative Foundation to unite children and youth from diverse socioeconomic and religious backgrounds in exercising civil leadership. Through the initiative, young people, ages 13 to 26, serve as either mentors or mentees, working together to develop solutions to community challenges. While launched in Bangladesh, the initiative has been adapted by youth in Australia, Canada, Iraq, Nepal, and the United States.

Learn more: www.1di.org

3 Frank Fredericks, 25

World Faith
New York, United States

Frank launched World Faith to mobilize religiously diverse young adults to participate in service learning projects, engage in interfaith dialogue, and utilize the media to counter religious

extremism. World Faith chapters in nine countries, including Egypt, India, Lebanon and the U.S., address issues related to poverty, homelessness, women's education, and refugee needs. Central to its approach is identifying and leveraging community assets. In 2010, World Faith mobilized over 300 volunteers, who completed more than 5,700 service hours.

Learn more: www.worldfaith.org

4 Oghenefego Isikwenu, 28

Women-Leadership & Economic Empowerment Project
Asaba, Nigeria

Oghenefego founded Women-LEEP to equip young women with leadership and life skills and empower them to take charge of their futures. Participants, ages 14 to 22, participate in a three-month training and mentoring program focused on developing their self-esteem and skills in decision-making, communication, negotiation, and goal-setting. Sixty percent of program beneficiaries have gone on to institutions of higher learning, with a majority of graduates volunteering their time as program facilitators and mentors.

Learn more: www.inspiro.9f.com

5 Catalina Ruiz Navarro, 28

Hoja Blanca (Blank Page)
Bogotá, Colombia

Catalina co-founded *Hoja Blanca*, a print and online magazine, to provide youth in Colombia with a creative outlet through which to express their views on politics, health, the arts, relationships, and a host of other issues. Through *Hoja Blanca* aspiring young writers have the opportunity to develop their portfolio and establish themselves in the eyes of potential employers and/or publishers. *Hoja Blanca* currently features more than 30 regular bloggers and reaches an average of 700 readers a day.

Learn more: www.hojablanca.net

6 Freeman Trebilcock, 23

InterAction Multifaith Youth Network

Daylesford, Australia

Since starting InterAction in 2008, Freeman has been laying the foundation for an Australian interfaith youth movement—bringing together youth from diverse cultural, spiritual, and religious backgrounds to enact social change. Through InterAction, young people engage in service projects and develop leadership skills. The organization holds regular interfaith gatherings and events to encourage people to work together to achieve common goals. In 2010, Freeman was recognized as a Young Social Pioneer by the Foundation for Young Australians, a member of the YouthActionNet Global Network.

Learn more: www.interaction.org.au

ENVIRONMENT

7 Rodrigo Arnaud Bello, 28

Techamos Una Mano (Lend a Helping Hand)

Oaxaca, Mexico

Rodrigo founded *Techamos Una Mano* to transform solid waste (e.g., juice boxes and plastic bottles) into building materials that can be used to construct homes for low-income families. The project engages student volunteers, ages 15 to 20, who collect discarded materials and build the homes. In 2010, Rodrigo was honored as a Fellow of the UVM Prize for Social Development (*Premio UVM*) in Mexico. Now celebrating its 5th anniversary, *Premio UVM* is a national YouthActionNet program managed by Universidad del Valle de Mexico and supported by the Sylvan/Laureate Foundation.

Learn more: www.tum.org.mx

8 Evodius Rutta, 27

Tanzania Youth Environmental Network

Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

Evodius founded the Tanzania Youth Environmental Network (TAYEN) to actively engage children and youth in environmental

conservation initiatives. TAYEN establishes Youth Environmental Clubs in primary, secondary, and higher education institutions. The Clubs organize clean-up campaigns and environmental programs, including tree plantings, film screenings, and workshops on climate change. Over the long-term, TAYEN seeks to prepare the next generation to be responsible leaders and decision-makers to ensure an environmentally-sustainable future for Tanzania.

Learn more: www.tayen.or.tz

9 Antonella Vagliente, 21

Toolkit for High Schools

Villa Maria, Argentina

Antonella created the Toolkit for High Schools to provide students with everything they need to carry out environmental projects in their communities, including an implementation guide, background on climate change, suggested activities, posters with environmental tips, stickers, and more. To ensure the project's sustainability, schools obtain sponsorships from businesses or the local government to pay for the toolkit's cost. To date, more than 40 high schools in 16 cities have worked with the toolkit, with institutions in five Latin American countries looking to adapt the material.

Learn more: www.aguajuventud.org.ar

EDUCATION

10 Marita Cheng, 22

Robogals

Melbourne, Australia

Marita founded Robogals while in her second year at the University of Melbourne with the goal of getting more young girls interested in pursuing careers in engineering and technology. Through the initiative, volunteer university students teach girls LEGO robotics to get them excited, while informing their younger peers about technology-related careers. With 750 university student members, Robogals now has 16 chapters in Australia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom.

Learn more: www.robogals.org



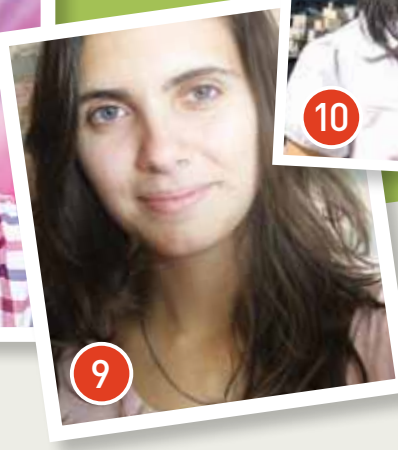
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11 Arundhuti Gupta, 25

Mentor Together
Bangalore, India

In India, traditional notions of mentoring involve an older guru imparting wisdom to a younger student, or *shishya*, through a top-down, one-way relationship. Seeking to reinvent how such relationships are carried out, Arundhuti founded Mentor Together. Its goal: to facilitate democratic and empowering relationships between committed volunteer mentors and underserved populations. Through Mentor Together, qualified mentors in Bangalore and Mysore are linked with disadvantaged youth. The mentors, many drawn from prominent corporations (e.g., IBM, Infosys), support the youth in improving their language skills, developing life skills, and pursuing their academic and career goals.

Learn more: www.mentortogether.org

12 Henrique Rocha Mendes, 22

Batuque Arte (Drumming Art)
São Paulo, Brazil

Henrique co-founded *Batuque Arte* to engage disadvantaged children and youth in cultural activities, while emphasizing key values such as sharing, caring, and respect for others. Through the volunteer-led initiative, more than 230 children and teenagers benefit from percussion, singing, and folk-dancing workshops. In 2010, Henrique was honored as a Fellow of the Anhembi Morumbi Youth Initiative (Iam) in Brazil. Created with support from the Sylvan/Laureate Foundation and hosted by the Universidad Anhembi Morumbi, Iam is a member of the YouthActionNet Global Network.

Learn more: www.batuquearte.com.br

13 Sheldon Smith, 22

Dovetail Project
Chicago, United States

Sheldon founded the Dovetail Project to equip African-American fathers, ages 15 to 24, with the positive parenting and life skills needed to be successful in school and the workforce. Dovetail also educates young fathers about felony street law. Through its

partnership with the Chicago Area Project, Dovetail links program participants to full-time employment opportunities and the chance to learn a technical trade.

Learn more: www.thedovetailproject.org

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

14 Inés Cuatrecasas, 28

Atelier des mille collines ltd
Barcelona, Spain / Kigali, Rwanda

Long drawn to the people, culture, and textiles of Africa, Inés co-founded *Atelier des mille collines ltd*, a social enterprise that creates fashionable clothing and accessories in Rwanda that are sold in Africa, the U.S., and Europe. Sourcing its products from nearly 250 artisans, *mille collines* operates stores in Kigali, Rwanda and Nairobi, Kenya, while also distributing through larger multi-brand stores in the U.S. and Europe. In 2010, Inés received the UEM Prize for Young Social Entrepreneurs hosted by the Universidad Europea de Madrid and sponsored by the Sylvan/Laureate Foundation.

Learn more: www.millecollines.es

15 Aysegul Guzel, 28

Zumbara (Time Bank)
Istanbul, Turkey

Through the *Zumbara* project, Aysegul created an alternative economy using a social network to enable individuals to exchange services without the use of money. Through *Zumbara*, individuals trade services and acts of goodwill, thereby emphasizing the value of time, reciprocity, and relationships. To date, more than 1,300 people have joined the *Zumbara* community. In 2010, Aysegul received the Bilgi Young Social Entrepreneur Award. The award, which is carried out through a partnership among Istanbul Bilgi University, the Sylvan/Laureate Foundation, and the Education Volunteers Foundation of Turkey (TEGV), is part of the YouthActionNet global network.

Learn more: www.zumbara.com

16 Ivan Cyril Sayre, 23
Jed Christian Sayre, 23

Ecosan Club—Philippines

Manila, Philippines

Ivan and his cousin Jed co-founded the Ecosan Club to promote simple, low-cost solutions to health, sanitation, and soil fertility problems in their rural community in Mindanao. Through Ecosan, youth receive training in how to transform human waste into high-grade, organic fertilizer that is used in gardens and to promote agro-forestry. The youth benefit from generating income, while reducing the spread of disease, minimizing water contamination, and improving biodiversity.

17 Benjamin Sunday, 27

Foundation for Youth Development

Rubirizi-Bushenyi, Uganda

Through the Foundation for Youth Development, Benjamin empowers rural youth as leaders through training them to develop innovative solutions to local challenges. In the Kataara community, Benjamin worked with key stakeholders to establish a beekeeping enterprise that both generates income and prevents elephant raids on crops. In addition to selling honey and wax from the bees, villagers are now using their farms and the hives to promote local agro-tourism.

Learn more: www.foundationforyouthdevelopment.blogspot.com

19 Oke Temitope, 25

SECO Project

Ikeja, Nigeria

Recognizing that economic dependence and poverty seriously impact the wellbeing of sexual minorities, Oke co-founded the SECO Project to train Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM) in core life and vocational skills. SECO pursues a socio-economic approach to empowering MSM, who are among the most at risk for HIV infection in Nigeria. SECO conducts trainings on life and vocational skills, healthy relationships, and sexuality and human rights, while managing a network of 40 peer educators who distribute HIV-prevention messages.

Learn more: www.initiative4equality.org

20 Gabriel B. Venegas, 29

La Guía del Inmigrante (The Immigrant's Guide)

Elche, Spain

Gabriel created *La Guía del Inmigrante* as a mass media magazine to further social integration and facilitate meaningful connections among individuals from diverse cultures. The print magazine is now distributed in 27 cities across Spain, while the online version has attracted more than 21,500 visitors in 59 countries. In 2009, Gabriel was honored with the UEM Prize for Young Social Entrepreneurs. The award, which is part of the YouthActionNet Global Network, is supported by the Sylvan/Laureate Foundation and managed by the Universidad Europea de Madrid.

Learn more: www.laguiadelinmigrante.org

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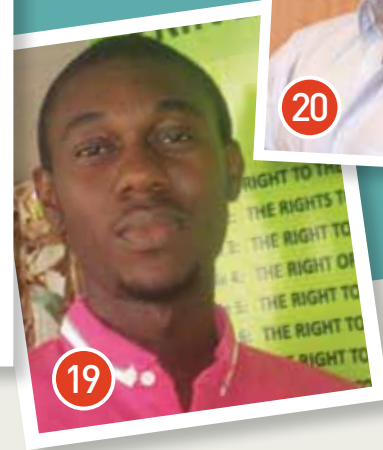
18 Andeisha Farid, 27

Afghan Child Education and Care Organization

Kabul, Afghanistan

Three decades of war have resulted in 1.6 million orphans growing up in Afghanistan. Recognizing that traditional orphanages often lead to children feeling separated and isolated from society at large, Andeisha founded the Afghan Child Education and Care Organization (AFCECO). The initiative provides orphaned refugee children with a nurturing home where they build and strengthen ties to their community and extended family. More than 600 children and youth are now benefiting from AFCECO's 11 orphanages in Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Learn more: www.afceco.org



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