

**YCoP Links**  
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**YCoP: Youth Community of Practice**

The Youth Community of Practice (YCoP) global listserv links professionals and practitioners at USAID and its partner organizations to effective youth development ideas, information and best practices to help:

- \*Design more effective, sustainable youth programs, and
- \*Better integrate youth participation in USAID development projects

**In this Links: Assortment of Youth Issues**

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*Projects and Initiatives:*

**Radio Free Europe/ Radio Liberty “Power of Youth” Website**

<http://www.rferl.org/specials/youth/>

The “Power of Youth” is a Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty project that looks at the role youth movements have played and are currently playing in political revolutions across Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The site also functions as a news source, pooling together issues affecting youth in policy, activism and radicalism across the regions. Detailed profiles of youth movements in Serbia, Georgia, Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Azerbaijan and Kyrgyzstan are included.

**Global Youth Service Day (GYSD) Final Report 07**

[http://www.gysd.net/doc/GYSD07\\_FinalReport\\_sm.pdf](http://www.gysd.net/doc/GYSD07_FinalReport_sm.pdf)

Over 3.2 million young people from 115 Countries celebrated the 8<sup>th</sup> annual GYSD from April 20-22, 2007. The final report summarizes participating countries’ community improvement projects and the contributions made by young people through voluntary service. The report also discusses international and national coordination of the event, media coverage, sponsors, government support and the long term impact of the GYSD. The 9<sup>th</sup> annual GYSD will be held April 25-27, 2008.

**Be the Change: Upstanders for Human Rights Website**

[www.facinghistory.org/BeTheChange](http://www.facinghistory.org/BeTheChange)

Launched in October 2007, this new education resource developed by Facing History and Ourselves connects youth with a growing global network of young human rights activists. The website profiles the stories, influences and motivations of the five Reebok Human Rights Award winners. The site also highlights the efforts of ordinary youth around the world in “Student Spotlights” and encourages students to make a positive difference in the world, while providing them with the resources to get started.

**New Online Millennium Development Goal (MDG) Monitor**

<http://www.mdgmonitor.org/index.cfm>

The UN, Google and Cisco recently launched the MDG Monitor, which tracks global progress towards the MDGs. This web application tracks real-time progress in nearly every country and uses Google Earth to explore UN data via country assessments. The

site also offers the latest news regarding country development towards the goals and provides a user friendly viewing format.

**Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GYCA) Newsletter: Youth Awake!**

<http://www.youthaidscoalition.org/newsletter/>

GYCA, a youth-led group alliance of over 3,400 young people helping to end the spread of HIV/AIDS in over 150 countries, created a bimonthly newsletter available online. The newsletter provides updates and reports on recent activities and participation from GYCA members across the globe. The most recent publication reports on GYCA commitments made at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific held in Colombo, Sri Lanka and profiles a young South African woman living with AIDS. You can join the newsletter at the following link:

[www.youthaidscoalition.org/join.html](http://www.youthaidscoalition.org/join.html)

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**Looking for YOUR input:** We would like to hear from you! YCoP welcomes ideas, resources, and best practices on effective youth programs and youth participation. We would also like to encourage nominations of other youth practitioners or youth leaders to participate in the YCoP Links listserv. Hit “reply” to send information and feedback to YCoP Links.

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**Mission of YCoP:** The Youth Community of Practice provides a forum for professionals and practitioners at USAID and its partner organizations to gather, consolidate, archive, disseminate and exchange information, knowledge, ideas and best practices, particularly related to the incorporation of youth participation in USAID development projects. The Youth Community of Practice is an informal body of volunteer members, reached through a global list serve and Washington-based chapter. Both the list serve and DC chapter forums include USAID staff, youth practitioners outside of the Agency, and youth themselves. It is jointly sponsored by the office of education in the bureau of Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade (EGAT) at USAID and the Education Quality Improvement Program<sup>3</sup> (EQUIP<sup>3</sup>), and implemented by the Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC).

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