

YCoP Links

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

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Announcements

Wanted: Best Practices and Resources: If you know of any youth development best practices or valuable resources, please share them or contacts who can give details so that we can share them with others. Just click "reply."

Inviting new members: As a member of this YCoP you can invite or nominate a colleague or friend to become a member. To join or nominate someone, please send the person's name and e-mail address to Lisa Austin (laustin@edc.org) or Chuck Wattles (cwattles@edc.org).

Mark your calendar: The global Youth Microenterprise Conference: Strategies for the Entrepreneurial Spirit, September 10-11 in Washington, D.C. is being organized by Making Cents International and is accepting proposal through March 16. For conference details see www.ymeconference.org.

Publications

Smart Technology for a Smarter Business is a practical, ready-to-use, customizable, and free curriculum for facilitators of small business training integrating experiences in both business and technology training. It builds on industry research and experience to provide training that addresses

the specific challenges and opportunities faced by small businesses around the world. The program utilizes experiential learning techniques that engage participants in group and individual discussion, exploration, and hands-on simulation-based activities. It is ready to use in several languages. It is modular, flexible, and allows trainers to use, and optionally customize, the program to suit their specific needs. <http://www.smarterseminars.org/english/train.htm>

YouthInfoNet is a monthly electronic newsletter rich with resources focusing on youth reproductive health and HIV prevention. The latest issue, #30, features 12 program resources, all available online, as well as 23 summaries of published research studies from the Democratic Republic of Congo, India, Indonesia, Iran, Mongolia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Rwanda, Tanzania, Thailand, Ukraine, Zambia, and other areas. YouthInfoNet is product of The Interagency Youth Working Group (IYWG) and produced by Family Health International. IYWG was formed in 2006 as part of the Global Leadership Priority (GLP) on Youth supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). To subscribe to YouthInfoNet email youthwg@fhi.org. Back issues of the newsletter are available at <http://www.fhi.org/en/Youth/YouthNet/Publications/YouthInfoNet/index.htm>.

The Youth Peer Education Toolkit is a group of resources designed to help program managers and master trainers of peer educators. While specifically aimed at HIV prevention, collectively these tools should help develop and maintain more effective peer education programs in all program fields. The five parts of the toolkit are based on research and evidence from the field as well as local examples and experiences. They are designed to be adapted locally as needed. The toolkit resulted from a collaboration between the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and Family Health International. It was produced for the Youth Peer Education Network (Y-PEER), a project coordinated by UNFPA. <http://www.fhi.org/en/Youth/YouthNet/Publications/peeredtoolkit/index.htm>

Scaling Up HIV Prevention Programs for Youth: The Essential Elements Framework in Action is full of promising practices, lessons learned and case studies from Chad, Dominican Republic, Namibia, Nepal, and South Africa. If scaling up HIV programs is a question of having a better impact for more people, the quality of prevention programs...needs to be addressed even as attempts are made to expand the programs. This framework provides a simple way of assessing programs, guides a process of identifying and building capacity, and monitoring and evaluating progress. Produced by Safe Youth Worldwide with support from the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), it is available at <http://www.margaretsangercenterinternational.org/services/MSCI/publications.html>

From the Library

Youth Speak Out: New Voices on the Protection and Participation of Young People Affected by Armed Conflict (Executive Summary and Information Sheets)

This Women's Commission for Refugee Women and Children report draws on research conducted by more than 150 adolescents interviewing more than 3,000 youth and adults in Kosovo, northern Uganda and Sierra Leone, and provides a unique overview of the problems and challenges young people face during and after armed conflict and, more importantly, offers youth-driven solutions for addressing these problems. Information sheets sketch ten issue areas. wcrwc@womenscommission.org

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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 Program³ (EQUIP3), and implemented by the Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC).

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