



INSPIRING CONNECTIONS

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Welcome to Inspiring Connections!

We believe that increasing the next generation's sense of partnership in the global community is a critical step for building a peaceful future. That's why we founded Youth Philanthropy Worldwide last year.

In this first issue, we'll tell you about the work we are doing to enrich the lives of young people in the Bay Area and beyond by helping them make a positive contribution to our world.

We were so proud when our summer job opening recently got included on a list of "Dream Jobs" circulated at Harvard. Working to share with kids our own meaningful connection with the developing world is certainly a "Dream Job" for us. We hope you'll join us in this effort by attending an event, providing financial support, or offering your time and skills.

With warm wishes,

Anne McCarten-Gibbs

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INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Youth Philanthropy Worldwide works with young people to

- **Inform** them about the challenges faced by our neighbors in the Global South
- **Engage** their energy and creativity to make a contribution
- **Create real connections** with community initiatives around the world

Our programs focus on the work being done in communities in the developing world. Partnering with well-regarded grantmaking organizations, we introduce young people to a partnership style of philanthropy—supporting local leaders and community-based initiatives in a spirit of mutual respect and learning. YPW's goal is to create high-quality programs and resources, where possible making them widely

available to young people through the World Wide Web. Our current programs are:

- Girl Scout International Women's Rights Interest Patch
- Philanthropy Workshops
- International Speakers

You can read more about them throughout this newsletter.

CONNECTING GIRL SCOUTS WITH WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

Women and girls face a variety of difficult issues around the world, and American girls can grow by learning about them. In partnership with the Girl Scout Council of Santa Clara County, YPW is creating an interest patch for middle and high-school aged Girl Scouts focusing on International Women's Rights.

Assisted by the talented women on our National Youth Programs Task Force, we are designing activities that get girls informed and involved in their sisters' struggles. Scouts will be able to choose from a variety of activities. For example, a troop can roleplay being grantmakers and decide



Girl Scout Tries on Muslim Tradition

how to allocate limited funds to a diverse group of women's rights projects in different countries. Later they can check out online newspapers in a country that interests them, and search for stories

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"I learned what's going on in the world and it gave me ideas of what I want to do to change the world."
 —Saam Talebi
 age 13

"The program you put together was absolutely phenomenal. We're all better people for having participated. I hope many more troops have the opportunity to participate."
 —Anne Hare,
 mother of Cadet
 Girl Scout Emma



about women leaders. Or they might explore a form of traditional women's dress, like the Muslim hijab, learning about the tradition, reading letters from teens who wear head scarves here in the US and elsewhere, and finally learning how to make their own and try it on.

Pilot testing of the Interest Patch will begin this summer and continue through the end of the year. Ultimately, we hope to have the Girl Scouts adopt it at the national level. We offer many thanks to the hard working members of our Task Force. In particular, we'd like to acknowledge Barbara Waugh for helping bring together this dynamic group. And YPW owes a special debt to Brandi Pack, who has arranged to donate 25% of her working time to serve as our Web Developer. Thanks also to her employer, Hewlett-Packard, for "loaning" her to this project.

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INTERNATIONAL PHILANTHROPY 101

YPW's Grantmaking Workshops provide an introduction to issues in international philanthropy and get young people thinking about how they



Grantmaking Workshop at the Global Fund for Women

can make a positive difference. Our Make a Difference workshops help a class or other group of young people develop a concrete project in international philanthropy.

The current focus in our Grantmaking Workshops is on women's rights across the developing world. The Global Fund for Women, a YPW partner, allows us to use funding proposals it has received for the grantmaking exercise, the heart of these workshops. Working with a hypothetical budget, participants play the role of grantmakers and review proposals from real community-based women's groups in the developing world. Participants can allocate actual funds if they are provided by the group or a donor.

The *Make a Difference* workshops center on an in-depth discussion on fundraising. When a young person has a passion to make a change or right a wrong in the world, how can he or she raise money to help make that happen? Participants discuss stories of real life kids their age who have taken philanthropic action, and then brainstorm how they can make a contribution to a cause that they support. The overriding message is that it is passion and commitment, not the amount of money one has, which is important. This discussion is a great follow-up to the Grantmaking Workshop or to a presentation by a speaker.

We recently had the pleasure of working with a 6th grade class at Steven's Creek Elementary School in Cupertino. First, they heard a wonderful presentation by Inderjit Khurana, Director of



Weighing the Options

Ruchika Social Service Organization in Bhubaneswar, India. Inderjit told the class about her programs to provide education to poor children who work on the train platforms, and then YPW worked with the students to design a project to help the Train Platform Schools. Later, Inderjit wrote to us, "It was amazing the way you made the children think and express themselves."

YPW has presented these workshops in a variety of settings, including the Palo Alto High Worldfest, a Stanford class, and at the Global Fund for Women for Take Our Daughters to Work Day.

SPEAKING TO YOUTH

About 40 young people and adults crowded into a conference room in Palo Alto in March to hear directly from grassroots activists about educational needs in India and Afghanistan. YPW had the privilege of co-hosting this event with our partner organization the Global Fund for Children.

Sakena Yacoobi of the Afghan Institute of Learning told us about setting up underground schools for girls during the Taliban's rule, and now working hard to meet the need for trained teachers as girls return to school in Afghanistan.

Inderjit Khurana of Ruchika Social Service Organization in Bhubaneswar, India, shared stories of the children who work all day in the train stations, and who had no schooling until she brought the school to them.

Two young people, Nika Clelland and Mary Hewlett, helped organize the event and introduced the speakers. The audience was clearly moved as they listened to Sakena and Inderjit, and later asked great questions.

YPW plans to host more events like this, where activists can speak directly to youth, in the future.



Many Thanks!

We are deeply grateful to the generous people and institutions that have supported



Anne leads a Grantmaking Workshop

Youth Philanthropy Worldwide in our first year. Each gift has been an important contribution to our work, and together our donors have enabled us to make great progress this year. Heartfelt thanks to each one of you! (See box on right.)

Thanks to our incredible supporters, we were able to

furnish our new office with almost no expense. The people and organizations listed below donated \$5,395 worth of furniture and other office supplies. Other important items, including a conference table, are generously being lent to us by the Seva Foundation, from whom we lease our space.

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- Cindy Jahans • Anne McCarten-Gibbs
- Susan Mirbach

Three Cheers for These Volunteers!

By sharing their time and talent, volunteers have made YPW's work thus far possible. Members of our Advisory Committee have pitched in on everything from fundraising, to drafting program materials, to cleaning up after events. Members of our National Youth Program Task Force have researched tricky technical issues and held brainstorming sessions with girls. In addition, the people listed below have stepped up to the plate and helped in a myriad of ways, from graphic design to moving furniture. YPW is deeply grateful to you all!

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“It really doesn’t seem like school is so important till you see the people who never got it.”

—Ivy Smyth,
age 10



Want to Lend a Hand?

YPW is seeking volunteers for a couple of projects. You can find more details about each on our web site. Please call us if you’d like to help or want to know more.

- Reviewing online resources for Girl Scout project
- General office organizing and mailing assistance

YPW Wish List

Please let us know if you can donate one of these items.

- Answering machine
- Postage meter
- Space heater
- Color printer

For our library:

- Reference books on the developing world and women’s and children’s issues.
- Videos about/set in the developing world appropriate for 10-16 year olds.

YPW’s New Home

In February, YPW moved into our new office just off 4th Street in Berkeley. We had formerly been operating out of a basement room in Anne’s house. Our sunny new location has given us room to grow, and allows us to offer a comfortable and fun environment to our wonderful volunteers. Do stop by and say hello if you’re in the area! (You can call us for directions or get them from our web site.)



Students in Anne Firth Murray’s class at Stanford
Consider their Grantmaking Choices

Check out www.yppworldwide.org

...for the latest on YPW’s activities. You can also make an online donation or sign up to receive e-mail notices of our events. And sending the link to a friend is an easy way to share what YPW is doing with others who might be interested.