

Dear friends,

Please enjoy this week's episode of the Newsflash! We hope you are able to take advantage of these tools and opportunities.

Sincerely,  
Firelight Team

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(Call for Applications) Peace and Security Fellowship for African Women

The African Leadership Centre (ALC) was established in Kenya in June 2010 as a joint initiative of King's College London and the University of Nairobi. The ALC is pleased to announce a call for applications for the Peace and Security Fellowship for African Women for 2011/2012. This Fellowship is an intellectual and financial award to those who have demonstrated obvious or potential capacity to make a change in their field. Please note that the Fellowship does not lead to an academic qualification, rather it is a postgraduate non-degree programme.

From October 2011, the Peace and Security Fellowships for African Women will be delivered by the ALC, Conflict Security and Development Group (CSDG), King's College London and the Institute for Development Studies (IDS), University of Nairobi. The ALC aims to build a new community of leaders generating cutting edge knowledge on peace, security and development.

For more information, go here: <http://genderandme.blogspot.com/2011/01/peace-and-security-fellowship-for.html>

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(Call for submissions) 2011 CNN Hero

Now your nomination of a 2011 CNN Hero could help the person that inspires you achieve even greater recognition and success.

Do you know someone who should be recognized as a CNN Hero? Here are some suggestions we hope will help you in crafting your nomination. Think about

what makes your hero special. Ask yourself: What makes my nominee unique? What specific accomplishment has he or she achieved that is truly remarkable? What impact has their work had on others? We encourage you to watch videos of previous CNN Heroes to familiarize yourself with the achievements of the inspiring individuals we honor as "everyday people changing the world."

Who is eligible to be considered as a CNN Hero?

Nominations must be in the name of a single individual, at least 13 years of age, whose accomplishment occurred (or continued) after November 25, 2010.

Nominees in the "Young Wonder" category must be 25 years of age or younger.

Groups and organizations are ineligible for consideration. Self-nominations will not be accepted. Citizens of voided countries are also ineligible. For complete details on eligibility requirements and other rules governing selection of CNN Heroes, please read our Legal Disclosures.

For more, go

here: <http://edition.cnn.com/2010/LIVING/03/25/cnnheroes.how.to.nominate/>

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(Call for applications) 2012 Ford Motor Company International Fellowship of the 92nd Street Y

The 2012 Ford Motor Company International Fellowship of the 92nd Street Y is now accepting applications from community leaders who are citizens and residents of Albania, Bolivia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ecuador, Haiti, India, Israel, Mongolia, Peru, Tunisia and Zambia. Applications must be postmarked, faxed, or emailed by June 30, 2011 to be considered.

This annual fellowship is funded by the Ford Motor Company and organized by the 92nd Street Y to provide education and support to community leaders engaged in the nonprofit sector. To date, 231 individuals from 58 countries have received the Ford Fellowship, which is now in its twelfth year.

The residency takes place May 30–June 20, 2012 in New York City. Airfare, accommodation, food, transportation, instruction, and other program-related expenses are included in the fellowship, and participants receive a small stipend upon arrival.

During the intensive three-week residency, Ford Fellows take classes in areas including nonprofit management strategy and leadership at Columbia University's Picker Center for Executive Education. The academic curriculum is complemented by visits to model nonprofits in New York City and meetings with academic, business, and government leaders. The experience is enhanced by Fellows' residency at the 92nd Street Y, a Jewish community and

cultural center founded in 1874 that annually serves over 300,000 people of all national, ethnic, religious, racial, and socio-economic backgrounds.

The Ford Motor Company International Fellowship of the 92nd Street Y provides a tremendous opportunity to international community leaders, and I would greatly appreciate your help in distributing this information and the link to our application to people and organizations that could benefit from this fellowship. Once again, if you go to our website [www.92Y.org/ford](http://www.92Y.org/ford), you can download the application and brochure by clicking "2012 Application and Brochure," and following the links on the next page. Applications for the 2012 Fellowship must be postmarked, faxed, or emailed no later than June 30, 2011.

Please contact Amanda Raz at 212.415.5473 or [agardy@92Y.org](mailto:agardy@92Y.org) or Amanda Raz at 212.415.5561 or [araz@92Y.org](mailto:araz@92Y.org) if you have any question or wish to receive brochures and applications by email or post mail.

For more information, go here: [www.92Y.org/ford](http://www.92Y.org/ford). To download the application and brochure, please click "2012 Application and Brochure," and follow the links on the next page.

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#### Guide for Effective Governance

This guide from USAID outlines what the role of a board is, how to maximize their effectiveness, and outlines some example case studies.

Please see the attached document.

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#### Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy

On March 15, 2011, as the United Nations Human Rights Council holds its main annual session, the 2011 Geneva Summit for Human Rights and Democracy -- for the third consecutive year -- will assemble hundreds of courageous dissidents and human rights victims, activists, diplomats and student leaders, in an adjacent parallel forum, to shine a spotlight and call for action on urgent human rights situations that require global attention.

The Honorary Co-Chair is Nobel Peace Prize Laureate: Elie Wiesel, author, poet and Holocaust survivor.

The Geneva Summit will build on the success and momentum of the 2009 and 2010 gatherings, which have been widely acclaimed in the international human rights community.

The conference program includes planned sessions on:

- \* Post-Referendum Sudan: The Human Rights Challenge
- \* Women's Rights
- \* Internet Freedom
- \* Democracy
- \* The Nobel Effect: Can Liu Xiaobo's Award Change China?

Human rights heroes from Burma, China, Cuba, Iran, Sudan, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Venezuela, Zimbabwe and other countries will testify about their personal struggles for human rights, democracy and freedom, and join hands to plan action strategies.

For more information, go

here: [http://www.genevasummit.org/about\\_the\\_summit/2011/en](http://www.genevasummit.org/about_the_summit/2011/en)

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Fraudulent conference alert: "Right for Women Foundation"

Unfortunately, Firelight has been alerted of another fraudulent conference. If you have received messages from "Right for Women Foundation" about conferences, please disregard them. This foundation is not considered legitimate and is flagged as a scam.

As always, please do the appropriate research before ever giving out private information, wiring money, or scheduling attendance at conferences. The message we received from this false foundation can be found below for your reference:

*Greetings*

*We at RFWF (Right for women foundation) sends our warm greetings to our entire members worldwide. And with great enthusiasm, we wish to invite groups, and women focused organization to be part of our forthcoming combined conference with Theme "violence against women and children" taking place in the United States and the United Kingdom. The conferences are of two segments.*

*Firstly, one shall commence in Seattle , Washington , USA. On the 1st of March till the 4th of March, 2011 at capitol auditorium, 51 9th Avenue Seattle , WA 98101*

*The second segment shall take place in UK and shall commence on the 7th of March till the 10th of March, 2011 at 42 Centre High St, Hamble, Southampton, Hampshire SO31 4JF*

*Through these events, we aim to strengthen the capacity of voluntary sector organizations that are working to influence policy and improve the status of women and also among other things as below.*

- 1. To discuss and understand current proposals on legal aid and the implications for women's access to justice*
- 2. To re-educate and enlighten women about their rights and also promote a common goal of building safe, supportive and good communities.*
- 3. To create spaces for the women of the world to acquire the power of collective action, critical dialogue and community organizing to undermine violence against women*
- 4. To equip the adult participants with vital tools and know-how that will aid them in conducting such workshops amongst themselves in their various countries.*
- 5. This seminar will equip you with a better understanding of the way that the proposed changes will affect the women that you work with and enable you to respond to the consultation. Participants will engage in a question and answer session on the current proposals and the potential impact of the proposed changes on women's access to justice.*

*We have noticed that this is an incredible means of interacting with different organizations of the world on a particular issue as it affect mankind. This seminar and debate is open to representatives from voluntary and statutory sector organizations interested in finding out about, and campaigning on, the law and policy related to access to justice and civil legal aid. It is open to women and men and will be publicized widely. Moreover, funding maybe provided for individuals from qualifying organizations. Provisions have been made for all delegates to this event, all round tickets,feeding and accommodation in USA by our sponsors. All delegates will take care of their feeding and accommodation in the UK as our resources do not cover that.*

*Mode of application:*

*Interested organizations should forward the following information about their organization.*

- 1. Aims and objectives of their organization.*
- 2. Organization profile.*
- 3. Achievements so far.*

*Only groups with delegates between the numbers of two and ten selected members would be allowed to participate from each of the selected countries. Individuals who do not belong to any organization but are interested to participate should form a group of at least two persons. All participants MUST be part of the two segments or their forms will not be processed.*

*Send applications now.(gloriabrown2011@aol.co.uk)*

*Yours Faithfully,*

*Mrs. Gloria Brown.*

If you receive a similar message from a Gloria Brown, or RWF, we recommend doing further research or disregarding the message entirely.

For more fraudulent conference alerts, go here: <http://www.uia.be/node/46358>

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As part of the Firelight Foundation's Capacity Building Program, Firelight provides "Newsflashes" to share relevant resources and information with our active grantee-partners via weekly emails and via post on a monthly basis. We hope that by facilitating access to information for grassroots, community-focused organizations, programming for children and families, as well as organizational development, is enhanced. Past editions of the Firelight Newsflash can be found on our website: <http://www.firelightfoundation.org/newsflash.php>.

We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas for upcoming Newsflashes at [newsletter@firelightfoundation.org](mailto:newsletter@firelightfoundation.org).