

9 May, 2011

Dear Friends,

Thanks for reading this episode of the Newsflash! There are so many opportunities, tools and resources out there in the world, it just takes the time and connectivity to find out about them. That is why we do the weekly Newsflash!, in the hopes that Firelight can filter through the thousands of websites to bring you the most important and relevant resources to your fingertips. As always, we hope that you find this week's episode helpful to your efforts to bring human rights and support to vulnerable children.

Thank you sincerely,
Firelight Team

- (Call for Applications) School of International Development Scholarship at University of East Anglia
- (Call for Nominations) The Hunger Project's 2011 Africa Prize for Leadership for the Sustainable End of Hunger
- (Call for Nominations) Human Rights Defenders Tulip 2011
- (Resource) Regional AIDS Training Network
- (Website) Independent Sector
- (Resource) HelpAge Pensions for Elderly Study
- (Resource) Backpack Farm Agriculture Program

(Call for Applications) School of International Development Scholarship at University of East Anglia

The University of East Anglia in the UK is offering multiple scholarships for students from low-income countries. The scholarships range from EUR 1,000 to full scholarship awards. Deadline for applications is 31 May, 2011.

For more information, go here: <http://www.uea.ac.uk/dev/courses/scholarships>

(Call for Nominations) The Hunger Project's 2011 Africa Prize for Leadership for the Sustainable End of Hunger

The Africa Prize is awarded to Africans who exhibit exceptional leadership, exemplifying courage, vision and commitment to the well-being of the African people. It focuses on individuals working in areas such as public policy, innovation, agriculture, education and health whose leadership and policies contribute to the sustainable end of hunger at the national, regional or continent-wide level. Nominations are due by 31 May, 2011.

For more information, go here: www.africaprize.org.

(Call for Nominations) Human Rights Defenders Tulip 2011

The Human Rights Defenders Tulip is the human rights award presented by the Dutch government to an individual who has shown exceptional courage in protecting and promoting the rights of fellow citizens.

The winner receives a bronze statuette of the Human Rights Defenders Tulip and possible funding for a human rights project. Winners are also invited to participate in a tour of Europe, which will put them in contact with people relevant to their activities. Nominations are due by 15 June, 2011.

For more information, go

here: <http://www.humanrightstulip.org/simplepage/page/Nominations>

(Resource) Regional AIDS Training Network

RATN has limited scholarships to support tuition for regional participants. However, these scholarships can only be accessed through Member Institutions (MIs). Potential candidates are therefore encouraged to apply for this support through the Member Training Institution. For more information go here: http://ratn.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&catid=43:careers&id=43:grants-and-scholarships-&Itemid=86

Trainings by region listed below:

Lesotho- "Counseling at the workplace", Maseru, Institute of Development Management (1/8/11-26/8/11) USD 1,000

Malawi- "Communication and Behavior: Principles and Practice", Lilongwe, Malawi Institute of Management (1/8/11-2/9/11) USD 3,187.

- "Management and Administration Course in HIV and AIDS for Programme Leaders and Managers", Lilongwe, Malawi Institute of Management, (26/9/11-21/10/11) USD 2,700.

South Africa- (too many to list here; topics range from REPSSI tools, to M&E, to PSS)

Tanzania- (too many to list here; topics range from Gender Policy, to Gender Responsive Budgeting, to Gender Policy and HIV/AIDS)

Zambia- (too many to list here; topics range from Children and their Carers, to Community HIV Care, to Nutrition Care and Support for PLHIV)

Zimbabwe- (too many to list here; topics range from Systemic Approach to HIV/AIDS Counseling, to Community HIV Care, to Results Based Performance Management)

For all trainings available in your region, go here: http://ratn.org/index.php?option=com_fabrik&view=table&tableid=2&calculations=0&resetfilters=0&Itemid=81

(Website) Independent Sector

After filling out a quick survey of your contact information and organizational affiliation, Independent Sector offers a variety of free resources to help improve your non-profit organization become more reliable and effective. Under their 'Strengthen Accountability' page there are many resources that will help your organization maintain transparent, responsible practices. For instance, there are resources to improve your Board, meet legal compliance and improve financial management. While this website is targeted for US-based non-profits, there are plenty of tools that can be applied to organizations worldwide.

For more information, go here: <https://www.independentsector.org/home>

(Resource) HelpAge Pensions for Elderly Study

This briefing considers the cost of universal social pensions in 50 low- and middle- income countries under a range of scenarios. It also looks at the future costs of universal pensions in the context of ageing populations in the global South.

For more information, see the attachment

or go here: <http://www.helpage.org/resources/publications/>

(Resource) Backpack Farm Agriculture Program

The Backpack Farm Agriculture Program (BPF) is designed as an all-in-one canvas backpack packaged with all the essential agriculture inputs needed for small landholders to standardize both the quality and quantity of agriculture production during an annual growing season, to mirror semi-commercial rates of production. Most important, farmers receive training on how best to use the backpack tools as well as build their core capacity. other skills like to build their capacity.

Though it is a large download, we greatly recommend checking out their training

manual which has step-by-step, clear and thorough instructions for how to have successful agriculture.

For more, go here: <http://backpackfarm.com/index>

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.