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Dear Friends,

Welcome back and thanks for reading. This episode has several opportunities for workshops as well as resources for effective journalism and human rights media. It is important that your organizations are represented widely in an honest manner to bring about larger changes. We hope these resources are useful to those of you already participating in this type of advocacy, and inspire you to begin participating if you're not already.

Enjoy. Sincerely,
Firelight Team

(NOTE: Though we encourage attending relevant workshops to expand your knowledge and strengthen your teams, Firelight is unable to sponsor workshop attendance, costs, travel fees, etc at this time. We will do our best to supply scholarship information for workshops when available. Thank you for your understanding.)

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Regional Training of Trainers on Gender and Macro-Economics, Policy, Planning and Budgeting

November 1-12, 2010

Gender Training Institute Centre for Feminist Leadership

Course content

The two weeks training will equip participants with skills and methodologies to deliver the content of the course topics as outlined below.

- Key gender/feminist concepts relating to policy issues around macro -economic policy, planning and budgeting with the aim to understanding the gender and class nature of the macro economic policy, planning and budgeting processes and management.
- The analysis of macro-economic policies, issues and the poverty and gender implications of these policies in the country and at sub-regional level.
- Gender budget tools, procedures and advocacy strategies for gender responsive and transformative economic planning and budgeting and for monitoring the gender and class nature of macro-economic policy framework and budgeting management in a respective level (government/local).
- To share and exchange experiences and information on innovative budget initiatives in the region such as women's budgets and gender budget initiatives, sharing information and experience on Gender, Policy and Macro economics issues within the sub region with the view to stimulates critical thinking on issues of class, gender/feminism and good governance in economic, planning, policy and budgeting.

Course Costs

The course fee for non - Tanzanians is USD 2.500 which will cover facilitation fees, training materials, in-country transport and field visit during training, meals between training, venue internet and library services.

The course fees for Tanzanians are Tshs. 950,000 and it covers facilitation fees, training materials, and field visit during training, meals, and training venue, internet and library services

* Please note that the cost of participation does not include international travel between the participants' home country and conference venue, accommodation, visa charges and health insurance.

Deadline for application is 20th October 2010

All application should be addressed to:

Director

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My bubble, My space, My Voice Workshop

The Centre for Internet and Society and Hivos, in collaboration with The African Commons Project, is calling out to young technology users to join a global conversation. This will be a 3-day workshop entitled 'My bubble, My space, My voice' and will focus on how young people use the tools and platforms at their disposal; mobile, internet and other, in order to create social change in their environments. The workshop will involve participants from around Africa, who will be guided by facilitators in an interactive and engaging dialogue. Results from the workshop will be used to establish a network of collaboration and support for digital natives.

The workshop is open to any young Africans who use mobile and digital technologies to respond to problems, crises, or needs in their community or social circles. Travel and accommodation expenses will be granted to those who are selected.

For more information, go here: <http://www.pamoya.com/node/14243#attachments>

FitzGerald Prize and Thomson Reuters Journalism Scholarship

If you are an African journalist or aspirant journalist under 30 and would relish the chance to study on the continent's premier Journalism Programme and then join the Reuters news team for 6 months work experience, read on.

With the FitzGerald Prize, Thomson Reuters is offering a scholarship to do a post graduate BA honours degree at the University of The Witwatersrand's Journalism Programme in Johannesburg followed by a stint in a newsroom in Africa.

Candidates must have an undergraduate degree or at least 3 years professional experience in journalism and must be nominated by a senior journalist, publisher or academic. They must be fluent in English. The scholarship will cover fees, accommodation and a modest living allowance.

Past winners of the prize have come from Malawi and Nigeria.

Candidates should submit a motivation letter, a CV, writing samples and at least 2 letters of nomination/reference by October 15, 2010 to fitzgeraldprize@thomsonreuters.com. Candidates will have to make themselves available for a written test and interview.

Source: <http://blogs.reuters.com/africanews/2010/09/17/calling-young-african-journalists/>

Acumen Fund Fellows Program Call for Applications

Acumen Fund's year-long fellowship for the Class of 2012 will begin in September 2011 with eight weeks of intensive and multidisciplinary leadership training in our New York City office. Training topics range from self reflection and storytelling to functional topics like negotiation, investment and valuation techniques, design, marketing, and operations. The Fellows also meet with leaders from diverse fields, including prominent writers, thinkers, entrepreneurs, and educators.

Acumen Fund Fellows are drawn from a pool of talented individuals from all geographies, sectors, backgrounds, religions, and ages. Ideal Fellows include those who have already decided on a career in venture philanthropy, those who are seeking a career at the highest levels in the corporate world but want to better understand and impact problems of global poverty, and budding social entrepreneurs who want to learn about managing organizations in demanding settings. We are looking for individuals who can adapt to resource-constrained environments, and quickly impact our investee organizations. We prefer those individuals who have had management responsibility and experience working in

ambiguous environments, ideally in the developing world.

Additional requirements:

- * Proven track record of leadership and management responsibilities
- * Experience working in emerging markets
- * Unrelenting perseverance, personal integrity, and critical thinking skills
- * Strong passion and commitment
- * 3-7 years of work experience
- * Graduate degree preferred

Deadline is Monday November 15, 2010.

For more information, go here: <https://acumenfund.tms.hrdepartment.com/cgi-bin/a/highlightjob.cgi?jobid=17&lcid=en-US>

2011 STARS Impact Awards

Applications are now open for the 2011 STARS Impact Awards.

We are pleased to announce the launch of the 2011 STARS Impact Awards recognising outstanding organisations working in children's health, education and protection. Organisations working with children in Africa, the Middle East, Asia or Pacific are invited to apply.

Each Award carries US\$100,000 of unrestricted funding as well as consultancy support. For information on previous Award recipients, please visit our website.

The closing date for applications is 1pm GMT Tuesday 7 December 2010.

For the eligibility information, go here: <http://www.starsfoundation.org.uk/impact-awards/eligible-to-apply/>

jhr Handbooks for Human Rights Reporting

Media development — and in particular Rights Media - is a necessary and vital

component of all international development efforts. Without a thriving local journalism sector, there can be no effective means of communication between citizens and their governments. Good governance and respect for human rights depends on effective media that has the ability to create and inspire real change.

jhr has developed handbooks for many countries in Africa. These handbooks are crafted specific to the country's legal and social frameworks to empower local countrymen and countrywomen to report on human rights issues.

(Handbooks have been created for: Kenya, Malawi, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia among others)

For more, go here: http://www.jhr.ca/en/aboutjhr_downloads.php

"Waiting for Pennies from Heaven"

Former Firelighter, Jennifer Lentfer, writes an informative blog about Development Industry and reaching the grassroots. A recent article has many resources for fundraising, resources mobilizing, and guides to grants. We also encourage you to look around her blog for other helpful articles and tips. Enjoy!

For the article, go here: <http://www.how-matters.org/2010/10/05/waiting-for-pennies/>

"Fetal Origins: How the first nine months shape your life"

TIME Magazine By Annie Murphy Paul Wednesday, Sep. 22, 2010

Fascinating article that highlights recent scientific research that proves just how important our lives inside the womb are. See the following excerpt:

"This is the provocative contention of a field known as fetal origins, whose pioneers assert that the nine months of gestation constitute the most consequential period of our lives, permanently influencing the wiring of the brain and the functioning of organs such as the heart, liver and pancreas. The conditions we encounter in utero, they claim, shape our susceptibility to disease, our appetite and metabolism, our intelligence and temperament. In the literature

on the subject, which has exploded over the past 10 years, you can find references to the fetal origins of cancer, cardiovascular disease, allergies, asthma, hypertension, diabetes, obesity, mental illness — even of conditions associated with old age like arthritis, osteoporosis and cognitive decline."

Read more:

<http://www.time.com/time/health/article/0,8599,2020815,00.html?artId=2020815?contType=article?chn=sciHealth#ixzz124gXmGCJ>

A Rights-Based Approach to Participatory Video Toolkit from insightShare

'A Rights-Based Approach to Participatory Video: toolkit' has been assembled to provide the first few stepping stones for practitioners of participatory video to begin introducing a rights-based approach into their practice. The toolkit (published on 11th June 2010) is FREE to download here as a dynamic PDF.

We intend this toolkit to be particularly useful for those already undertaking participatory video work, in all its guises, however we hope the methods, ideas, tools, checklists and additional resources cited will mean its contents are useful and relevant to a broad community of practitioners of participatory communications and media.

For more, go here: <http://insightshare.org/resources/right-based-approach-to-pv-toolkit>

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.