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Profile: GlobalGiving

<http://www.globalgiving.com/>
<http://www.globalgiving.co.uk/>

What is GlobalGiving?

GlobalGiving connects donors in the U.S. and the U.K. to over 450 pre-screened grassroots projects around the world. It's an efficient, transparent way for people to make an impact with their giving. Unlike a traditional foundation, GlobalGiving does not directly offer grants or support. Through its website, GlobalGiving connects individual and institutional donors directly to social, environmental, and economic development projects around the world. Since 2004, GlobalGiving has mobilized over \$18 million in funding to more than 1,000 grassroots projects in over 90 countries. Our network is unparalleled, and has involved tens of thousands of regular citizens, over 500 social entrepreneurs, more than 50 global project sponsors, and many Fortune 500 companies. By connecting donors to doers, GlobalGiving connects the "good local idea people" with the "generous giver people" and help projects of all sizes receive donations of all sizes.

GlobalGiving provides organizations a space to:

- establish Accountability and Secure Donor Confidence.
- benefit from US Tax deductibility for international organizations.
- promote Your Project and expand your donor network.
- benefit from specialized giving services – Institutional and Corporate Giving Programs, Employee Giving Gift Cards and Registries, Matching Campaigns.
- interact with a vibrant global community of project leaders and donors.

To watch a video about how GlobalGiving works,
see: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1lbp2LKM_Mk

Firelight grantee, Island Hospice and Bereavement Service in Harare, has a permanent spot on the GlobalGiving.org.uk website. You can view their page at: <http://www.globalgiving.co.uk/pr/2700/proj2655a.html>

Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible to post a project on GlobalGiving, an organization must meet these requirements:

- The organization is a registered non-profit organization in good standing.
- The organization is committed to updating donors at least every three months on the progress of the project it lists.

- The organization's staff must have the ability to communicate with GlobalGiving in English, including translating documents.
- The organization does not discriminate in selecting its staff, board, and beneficiaries.
- The organization must satisfy GlobalGiving's due diligence requirements (see full list for international organizations). Once your nomination has been submitted we will contact you with next steps and instructions for submitting your due diligence documents.
- The organization acknowledges that listing its project on the GlobalGiving website is not guaranteed; in order to qualify for a "permanent" spot on the GlobalGiving website, the organization must meet a donation threshold, i.e. generating a certain number of donations and raising a certain amount of donations within a defined time period.

General Requirements for Listing Projects on GlobalGiving

See also: <http://www.globalgiving.com/contactus/project2.html>

Do the following statements apply to you?

- I want to list the project for a registered non-profit organization.
- I am going to supply the complete paperwork for my organization so I can meet the [GG Due Diligence requirements](#).
- I am going to post short updates (at least two paragraphs) on my project page at least once a quarter.
- I am a motivated, energetic development leader interested in promoting my projects and raising funds online.

If your answer to all four statements is a loud "YES", then GlobalGiving wants to hear from you! [Contact them using this form](#).

Provide GlobalGiving with details about your organization and your work through the self-recommendation form. If you meet eligibility requirements, you will be invited to participate in an upcoming Open Access Challenge event (we anticipate the next Challenge to be in the November 2009 time frame). We will notify you in advance about requirements and the due diligence you will need to submit. Through the Challenge, if you are able to meet certain donation thresholds (number and amount of donations), you will be offered a "permanent" spot on the GlobalGiving website.

Prescription for Life: Take Action to Help Children Living with HIV (Advocacy Campaign)

The Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (EAA) developed this short action guide for communities, organisations, and individuals who want to help children who are living with HIV. This advocacy guide is intended for use by teachers, parents, youth leaders, and others. Plans for three activities for youth groups, schools,

and families are included:

1. learning about children and HIV
2. writing letters to government health ministries and pharmaceutical companies
3. gaining media coverage of letter writing activities and of the issues.

It is focused on a campaign to generate letters **by September 2009** and explains the aim of writing to governments and pharmaceutical companies. It includes sample letters, as well as tips for approaching the media to further publicise the campaign. This action guide builds on the [EAA's teaching resource on advocacy and HIV and AIDS](#), which is available for fuller information about teaching children about AIDS and advocating for progress in prevention, treatment, care, and support.

Available in English & French at:

<http://www.e-alliance.ch/en/s/hiv aids/accessmeds/children/resource/>

Online Project Management Course for Youth Leaders

Application deadline: 27 September 2009

Sprout is an e-course designed for aspiring young social innovators and environmental entrepreneurs who want to grow their project ideas and learn to create lasting changes in their communities.

Sprout provides innovative young people (ages 16-30) all over the world with a unique way to learn, grow and connect with like-minded leaders in a supportive online environment that encourages your hard work to create a better world. The Sprout journey offers a chance to learn more about community-focused project management, apply your knowledge and skills, interact with an international learning community of youth and an opportunity to turn your idea into reality. Sprout also pairs participants with experienced e-mentors of all ages who provide inter-generational support, encouragement and insight through the Sprout journey. What are you waiting for? Sprout your project and change the world.

Applications for participants and e-mentors are due **September 27, 2009**. Feel free to contact our team by email at sprout@takingitglobal.org. For more information please visit www.sproutecourse.org.

Sprout e-course is a program of TakingITGlobal, the social network that connects you to the global issues that affect us all. Visit us at www.tigweb.org.

Youth Solidarity Fund from the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations Secretariat

Application deadline: 30 September 2009

The Alliance of Civilizations is pleased to announce the launch of the 2009 edition of its Youth Solidarity Fund which provides seed funding to outstanding youth projects addressing areas of primary concern to the UNAOC, i.e. fostering mutual respect, understanding and long-term positive relationships between peoples of different cultures and religions.

The Youth Solidarity Fund will support several outstanding youth projects demonstrating innovative approaches to building cross-cultural understanding. The 2009 edition of the Youth Solidarity Fund offers a total envelope of up to US\$300,000. There are two levels of funding available:

- Small grants: Community or local-level projects needing funding of up to US\$20,000.
- Large grants: National or regional-level projects needing funding of up to US\$30,000.

A Youth Selection Committee will identify projects deemed to be the most meritorious under each category of funding.

Eligible youth organizations from all over the world are invited to submit project proposals responding to the criteria outlined in the [guidelines](#). Projects need to be presented via the [application form](#). The application deadline is SEPTEMBER 30, 2009, 1:00 PM, NEW YORK TIME.

For more information, including the guidelines and application forms, visit: <http://www.unaoc.org/content/view/401/200/lang,english/>

Multiplying faces, amplifying voices: Call for nominations

Nomination Deadline: 30 September 2009

Multiplying Faces; Amplifying Voices is an initiative of the African Women Foresight Network which is led by Graça Machel. The African Women's Foresight Network emerged from a historical conference that brought together experts representing various fields of government, civil society organisations, policy makers, nongovernmental organisations, academics, the private sector and economic institutions as well as partners representing the donor community. The Women Foresight Network envisions a transformed leadership with visible faces and audible voices of African Women that bring an added value in the promotion of democracy, prosperity and justice to all. Its mission is to amplify the voices and multiply the faces of African Women in political, social, economic areas,

facilitating the creation and strengthening of synergies between knowledge, influence and decision making fields.

This initiative seeks to change this by highlighting the work of African women who are making a difference in the fields of Agriculture, Business, Media, and Science and Technology either at local, national or continental level. It will also provide women in leadership with increased exposure and will provide an opportunity for the sharing of experiences and dialogue between women across the continent as well as internationally through regional workshops that would be facilitated by the Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA).

Find out more at:

<http://www.kubatana.net/html/archive/resour/090821osisa.asp?sector=RESOUR>

AusAID's Human Rights Small Grants Scheme

Deadline: 2 October 2009

Applications are open to non-government organisations and human rights institutions in developing countries for projects that promote and protect human rights. The Scheme is a valuable way that Australia helps build the capacity of civil society and non-government organisations in developing countries to protect and promote human rights at the grassroots level. This year, the grants scheme has expanded its geographical focus to include all of Africa and Latin America, in addition to the Asia-Pacific, Caribbean and Middle East. Grants range from between AUD\$20,000 and AUD\$100,000 for one-year projects. Projects of up to AUD\$150,000 over two years will also be considered.

Applications must be submitted by 2 October 2009. Successful grants will be announced by the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs on Human Rights Day, 10 December 2009. Find out more at:

http://www.ausaid.gov.au/business/other_opps/humanrights_scheme.cfm

As part of the Firelight Foundation's Monitoring, Evaluation and Technical Assistance (META) 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.htm>.

We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas for upcoming Newsflashes at newsletter@firelightfoundation.org.