

Firelight Newsflash! 20 December, 2010

Dear Friends,

It has been quite a year here at Firelight. We celebrated our 10th year anniversary, became a public charity, have seen valued staff move on to new horizons, and have welcomed new family members to our team (figuratively and literally). The constant, positive anchor in Firelight's 2010 has been enjoying our relationships with your amazing organizations. We are lucky and proud to support you. Day in and day out you contribute to positive change, inspiring future generations to take care of themselves, love others, and appreciate their environment. Thank you, thank you, and thank you.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with you in 2011. May we never grow old of learning from one another.

Peace to you, your families and your communities,

Firelight Team

p.s.- The Newsflash! will take a break until January 10. Until then, take care.

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Open Society Foundations Grants, Scholarships & Fellowships

The Open Society Fellowship Call for Proposals in core areas of human rights, transparency, promotion of civil society and social inclusion

Deadline: 17 January and 18 July 2011

All Countries

The Open Society Institute has issued a call for proposals to provide Open Society Fellowship to individuals seeking innovative and unconventional approaches to fundamental open society challenges.

For more information, go here: <http://www.soros.org/grants>

Dell Social Innovation Competition

The University of Texas and Dell are looking for college students from around the world who want to improve areas of critical human need through innovation.

Providing a vehicle for taking student innovations from idea to reality, Dell's Social Innovation Competition is a real-world exercise for perfecting your skills in:

- * Project/business plan development
- * Pitching ideas to investors
- * Building resource networks

Do you have groundbreaking idea in mind? With your fortitude and personality, can you mobilize people and resources to affect wide-ranging, scalable social change? If so, we invite you to register and submit your idea.

For more information, go here: <http://www.dellsocialinnovationcompetition.com/>

Global Fund for Children's Second Grassroots Girls Initiative Fellowship

Global Fund for Children has started our search for the second GGI International Fellow. As always, they're looking for an exceptional individual, well-versed in programming, research and/or policy for adolescent girls. The position is short-term and based at GFC's office in Washington, DC.

For more information, see the attached document

(Call for proposals) ViiV Positive Action for Children Fund

The Positive Action for Children Fund has opened its second call for proposals, ahead of deadlines for applications in 2011. There will be three types of grant available:

- * Small grants of up to £20,000 with the possibility of additional technical assistance – deadline for applications 11th February 2011
- * Larger, multi-year grants for which applications will be in two stages: submission of a short concept note, then a longer proposal if requested – deadline for concept notes 11th March 2011
- * A call for proposals for one project focused on redressing the effects of rape and gender-based violence in Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo – deadline

for applications 11th February 2011

Full details of the focus of this next call for proposals, forms, guidance notes and frequently asked questions can be downloaded from their website. Please read the relevant information thoroughly before you begin to prepare your application: only applications relevant to our call will be selected for full review and possible short listing. The Fund retains its focus on the community: projects must be devised and run in collaboration with affected communities.

For more, go here: <http://www.viivhealthcare.com/community/positive-action-for-children-fund/grant-criteria-and-application.aspx>

Children's Rights Centre Publications

A longtime grantee-partner of Firelight, the Children's Rights Centre is a non-profit organisation based in Durban that strives to transform South Africa through our vision of a child-friendly society. As just one part of their mission, CRC focuses on producing and distributing information resources on children's rights in general and on specific issues. They have created guides that cover many topics, including: engaging children in healthy play, how to run a holiday club, helping children living with HIV, and community help for children in an HIV+ world. We would like to share their publications, and thank CRC for the continuously strong support you offer to children.

For their publications, go here: <http://www.childrensrightscentre.co.za/pages/20723>

NGO policies and systems checklist

FundsForNGOs.org has created a checklist of systems and policies for NGOs. This checklist can be a guide for your organization to run effectively, mobilize resources, identify gaps, and provide examples. The checklist includes an organizational chart, leadership succession plan, job descriptions, and department policies.

For more, go here: <http://www.fundsforngos.org/free-resources-for-ngos/policies-systems-ngo>

Santa Cruz teens tackle local issues

Firelight believes in empowering individuals and organizations to make changes within their own communities. Youth are some of the most underrated, and

untapped resources to achieve social change. No matter what community they come from, youth are a very powerful asset. Here in Santa Cruz, local teens deal with their own issues, struggles, and challenges. A local newspaper called "The Good Times" has featured five local teenagers in their journey to create a better Santa Cruz. We love hearing about how your organizations inspire change in your communities; here is a chance to learn about youth making a difference in Firelight's neighborhood.

For the article, go here: <http://www.goodtimesantacruz.com/santa-cruz-news/good-times-cover-stories/1990-smells-like-teen-spirit.html>

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.