

Firelight Newsflash! 26 January 2009 - Awards, Funding Opportunities & Conferences

"Let it be said by our children's children that when we were tested we refused to let this journey end, that we did not turn back nor did we falter; and with eyes fixed on the horizon and God's grace upon us, we carried forth that great gift of freedom and delivered it safely to future generations."

~The 44th President of the United States of America, Barack H. Obama, from his inaugural address, 20 January 2009

AWARDS

1) World Summit Youth Award

Deadline: 28 February 2009

Recognising youth-led projects that encourage the active participation of young people in the emerging information society. The World Summit Youth Award (WSYA) is intended to be a global 'youth for youth' initiative for selecting and promoting best practice in e-content and technological creativity, demonstrating young people's potential to create digital and mobile opportunities. The WSYA lies within the framework of the United Nations World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS); the winners will be celebrated at the World Summit Award Gala at the WSIS.

For eligibility information, see: <http://youthaward.org/node/22>

To apply online, see: <http://competition.youthaward.org/reg/reg.asp>

2) World's Children's Prize for the Rights of the Child (WCPRC)

Deadline: 1 March 2009

Honouring three individuals or organisations for outstanding contributions on behalf of the rights of the child. The election of finalists is structured as a worldwide educational and empowerment process for the rights of the child and democracy and gives the world's children an opportunity to present the prizes that are awarded for outstanding contributions on behalf of the rights of the child.

WCPRC was founded by Swedish organisation Children's World, but is open to all schools and organisations in the world. Self-nominations will not be accepted.

For more information about getting nominated,

see: <http://www.childrensworld.org/nominees/page.html?pid=954>

3) SEED Awards 2009

Deadline: 16 March 2009

Calling entrepreneurs for sustainable development: SEED Awards 2009 is open for submissions. Apply now if:

you are finding new ways of simultaneously improving incomes and strengthening livelihoods; tackling poverty and marginalisation; and managing and conserving natural resources and ecosystems; and

you are developing a new concept that brings together people and organizations from different backgrounds to work in partnership, and partners are pooling their commitment and human, financial, and natural resources; and

your project or enterprise is in the early stages of development and keen to increase its impacts; and

your project or enterprise is locally-led, with strong community engagement, and takes place in a country or countries with a developing economy or economy in transition; and

your project or enterprise displays entrepreneurship in its broadest sense and shows a proven concept that has market potential; it must demonstrate financial sustainability in the long term and should have a draft business plan.

Before submitting your application, you will be asked to complete an eligibility checklist. Winners of the 2009 SEED Awards for entrepreneurship in sustainable development receive a tailored package of support services, worth up to \$40,000, to help their venture to become established and to increase their impact. This includes access to relevant expertise and technical assistance, meeting new partners and building networks, developing business plans and identifying sources of finance. Detailed eligibility criteria are available at www.seedinit.org. Application forms can be filled in online or downloaded from the SEED Initiative website at <http://www.seedinit.org>

4) WWSF Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life

Deadline: 31 March 2009

Dear WWSF Members and Friends,

The [Women's World Summit Foundation WWSF](#) cordially invites you to submit nominations for its 16th annual edition of the **PRIZE for women's creativity in rural life**, honouring creative and courageous women and women's organisations working to improve the quality of life in rural communities around the world.

Since inception of the prize program in 1994, **344 Laureates have been honoured for their creativity** (as of 2009 US\$ 1000 per laureate and US\$ 3000 for established organizations in Africa). All Laureates and their profiles are published on our web site <http://www.woman.ch/home.php>. **A travelling exposition and a global poster is giving visibility to all the prize winners.**

Given your experience, interest and perspective with regard to issues of development, human rights, micro-credit, peace building and empowerment of women, we greatly appreciate your participation and thank you in advance for sending us your candidates For 2009. Prize winners will be selected from complete nominations that include all the required documents mentioned in the attached nomination guidelines. **Incomplete nominations** will not be considered.

Your candidates should arrive no later than **31 March 2009** preferably by mail to the address below.

We wish you a most successful New Year and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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**INVITATION A SOUMETTRE DES CANDIDATURES POUR LE
Prix wwsf pour la créativité des femmes en milieu rural 2009
Délai pour la soumission 31 mars 2009**

Madame, Monsieur, Chers Amis,

La WWSF Fondation Sommet Mondial des Femmes / Women's World Summit Foundation a le plaisir de vous inviter à soumettre des candidatures pour la 16ème édition du **Prix WWSF pour la créativité des femmes en milieu rural**. Le Prix honore chaque année des femmes et des organisations féminines du monde entier ayant fait preuve de créativité, de courage, et d'un engagement exceptionnel dans l'amélioration de la qualité de vie dans les communautés rurales.

Depuis le lancement de ce programme en 1994, 344 femmes et organisations ont reçu ce prix. A partir de 2009, le prix sera doté de 1000 US\$ par lauréate et

de 3000 US\$ par organisation basée en Afrique. Les noms et profils de toutes les lauréates sont publiés sur notre site Internet www.woman.ch <<http://www.woman.ch>> . Une exposition itinérante continue de donner une visibilité aux lauréates.

Connaissant votre expérience et votre intérêt pour le développement, les droits humains, le micro-crédit, le renforcement de la capacité d'agir des femmes et la paix, nous apprécierions votre participation à cette initiative et vous remercions d'ores et déjà pour l'envoi de vos nominations pour la sélection 2009.

Les dossiers présentant vos candidates doivent nous parvenir par courrier **avant le 31 mars 2009**. Ceux qui sont incomplets ne seront pas pris en considération.

Nous vous souhaitons une nouvelle année pleine de succès et attendons vos candidatures.

Cordialement,

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

1) SLAVERY: Project grants [call for applications - due 31 March 2009]

The United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery allocates project grants (for a maximum of 15 000 USD), for programmes of humanitarian, legal and financial assistance to individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of contemporary forms of slavery. Contemporary forms of slavery include trafficking, sexual slavery, child labour and child servitude, debt bondage, serfdom and forced labour, forced marriage and sale of wives ect.

Projects undertaken with previous Trust Fund grants include medical and psychological aid, food, shelter, and vocational training to victims of trafficking for sexual and economic exploitation; support to rehabilitation centres for sexually and physically abused street children and a project to identify and release bonded labourers in the carpet industry and stone quarries. Other projects have provided victims with the means to generate sustainable sources of income, such

as sewing machines, hairdressing equipment, or farming tools.

At the link below, find the application form in English, French and Spanish.
Application forms should be duly completed and submitted by **31 March 2009**.

For more information on the Fund, consult the website of the OHCHR
at: <http://www2.ohchr.org/english/about/funds/slavery/>

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2) Open Society Initiative for Southern Africa (OSISA) - Rolling Deadline

Inviting applications for US\$5 million in grants, distributed annually in Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Support is offered for projects that are both national and regional. The programmes broadly focus on education, media, ICT, human rights, and democracy. Rolling deadline.

For more information and proposal guidelines,
see: <http://www.osisa.org/osisa/guidelines>

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3) The Freudenberg Foundation

The Freudenberg Foundation was established in Germany in 1984 by members

of the Freudenberg family. The Foundation focuses on the following programme areas: 1) the integration of migrants as well as cultural minorities, particularly in the face of the hostility and discrimination with which immigrants may be confronted, 2) helping young people from socially disadvantaged families when they run into difficulties at school and fail to obtain job qualifications, 3) the promotion of democratic culture as a fundamental prerequisite for peaceful coexistence in society, and 4) occupational reintegration programmes for people with mental illnesses and projects aiming to increase public awareness of their specific problems.

All activities of the Freudenberg Foundation are reactions to the problem of social discrimination and a lack of recognition. In most cases attention is focused on children and adolescents.

The deadlines for submitting applications are 15 April and 15 October of every year respectively. Advance inquiries by phone are recommended.

For funding details,

see: <http://www.freudenbergstiftung.de/index.php?id=432&L=3>

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EVENTS & CONFERENCES

1) Training Course: Child Centred Approaches to HIV/AIDS
2 – 7 February 2009, Kenya

Child-to-Child Trust, in collaboration with Kenya AIDS NGOs Consortium (KANCO) is holding this international training course to explore the current trends in the global HIV pandemic and the impact on children and families affected by HIV/AIDS. It will also look at the role of children as change agents within their communities and how Child-to-Child methodologies can be used to link learning directly to health action. Tuition fee is GBP1,500 (includes full-board accommodation, tuition, materials and transfers). Limited places still available.

For more information, see: <http://www.child-to-child.org/>

2) 4th Southern African AIDS Conference

Mar 31 - Apr 3 2009 - Durban, South Africa

For more information,

see: http://www.saaids.com/index.php?option=com_frontpage&Itemid=1

3) ETHIOPIA: VI African regional conference on child abuse and neglect

Date: 4 to 6 May 2009

Location: Addis Ababa

The International Society for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN) is partnering with ANPPCAN chapters and the Africa-wide Movement for Children to stage the VIth African Regional Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect, focusing on Early Childhood Development and Education.

For more information, see: <http://www.anppcan-eth.org.et/index8.html> or email: anppcanconference@ethionet.et or anppcan-eth@ethionet.et

4) Third EQUINET Regional Conference on Equity in Health in East and Southern Africa

September 23 2009 - Kampala, Uganda

For more information,

see: <http://www.equinet africa.org/conference2009/register.php>

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