

Dear Friends,

We have gotten lots of positive feedback from you recently and we are very glad to hear that the Newsflash is helpful. Please feel free to email us with any suggestions or ideas so that we can continue to send out the most relevant and up to date information. Thanks and enjoy!

All the best as you make children's futures brighter in 2010!

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Join Firelight on Facebook

Facebook is a social networking website that is operated and privately owned by Facebook, Inc.[1] Users can add friends and send them messages, and update their personal profiles to notify friends about themselves. Additionally, users can join networks organized by city, workplace, and school or college.

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Call for Nominations: The International Children's Peace Prize 2010

Last year KidsRights had the honour of presenting the International Children's Peace Prize to Baruani Ndume. A 16 year old boy from The DRC who is now living in a refugee camp in Tanzania. He was awarded this Prize for his ongoing efforts in giving other children a platform to discuss their daily struggles and worries. In addition he gives these children the opportunity to call out to their parents, whom they lost during the war. He does all this through his radio show that airs from the refugee camp.

Like Baruani many children from all over the world were nominated for the International Children's Peace Prize 2009. Which means that many organisations from all over the world sent us their nominations, maybe also your organisation. And even though we are very excited to reach as many places in the world as we did, this year we are hoping to exceed the number of nominations again. This would not only mean that the International Children's Peace Prize is recognised by even more players in the field, but this would also mean that even more children are recognised for their hard work, their drive for a better world in which children's rights are respected and carried out.

Every year the KidsRights Foundation organizes the International Children's Peace Prize. This Prize is awarded annually to a child, whose courageous or otherwise extraordinary efforts have made an impact on behalf of the Rights of the Child. The Children's Peace Prize was awarded so far posthumously to Nkosi Johnson from

South Africa, to Om Prakash Gurjar from India, to Thandiwe Chama from Zambia, to Mayra Avellar Neves from Brazil and last year to Baruani Ndume from The Democratic Republic of Congo, now living in a refugee camp in Tanzania.

The Children's Peace Prize includes prize money, which will be invested by KidsRights in specific projects related to the struggle for peace and children's rights of the winner. Therefore this year projects will be supported to improve the rights of youth in refugee camps.

This year the International Children's Peace Prize will be celebrated on the Day of the Rights of the Child: the 20th of November 2010. We would like to invite you to inform us about the children you meet and work with and whom you feel might be a good candidate for this Prize.

Please find attached the nomination form 2010, which you can use if you would like to nominate a child that has a history of standing up and fighting for the rights of him or herself and other children in his/her country.

The final date for sending in the nomination form this year will be April 1st, 2010. You can email the form to: info@childrenspeaceprize.org.

The nomination form as well as additional information can also be downloaded from our website: www.childrenspeaceprize.org.

If you cannot nominate a child yourself, we kindly request you to disseminate the information attached to your member and/or partners organizations.

Call for Nominations of Young Heros Invited for Gloria Barron Prize

The Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes seeks nominations for its 2010 awards, which will honor young people between the ages of 8 and 18 who have made a significant positive difference to people and our planet. Each year, ten national winners each receive \$2,500 to support their service work or higher education.

More here: [Link](#)

Call for Applications: Oxfam International Youth Partnerships

Oxfam International Youth Partnerships (OIYP) is a global network of young people working with their communities to create positive, equitable and sustainable change. Between 2010 and 2013, young people will have opportunities to develop skills, knowledge and understanding and to talk and exchange with other young people from around the world. OIYP is open to all nationalities, Indigenous and ethnic groups, with any level of education and who live in rural or urban areas. Deadline: February 12th.

More here: [Link](#)

Rita Fund Offers Grants to Women's Rights Groups

The Rita Fund strives to respond to the funding gap for women's rights by creating a reliable, non-restrictive funding source for women's funds operating worldwide. Through long-term support, the leveraging of additional resources, and a staff devoted to finding creative and innovative solutions to the question of how to sustain women's activists, the Rita Fund seeks to strengthen women's rights activism globally. The Rita Fund is now accepting applications for its first grant-cycle. Deadline: March 31st.

More here: [Link](#)

BENEFIT FROM MANGO'S BURSARY SCHEME

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, we are offering a limited number of scholarships to attend the following training courses taking place outside of the UK:

FM1: Practical Financial Management for NGOs – Getting the Basics Right
FM2: Strategic Financial Management for NGOs – Managing for Financial Sustainability

The bursary scheme subsidises the normal course fee to make it easier for staff from poorly-resourced, local NGOs to join our training courses to develop their financial management skills and confidence.

A Mango bursary does not cover 100% of the course fee so it is very important that you plan in advance to finance your NGO's own contribution. So make sure you include something in your annual budgets for finance training and apply to donors and supporters in good time!

Further information on the bursary scheme is available [here](#).

Further information on the course outlines is available [here](#).

If you have any other questions please contact the training team at training@mango.org.uk

Planet'NGO Invites Small Organizations to Sign up for International Visibility

If you are the manager of a small association working in the area of childhood, social services, health or the environment you are most likely always on the lookout for financial support, qualifications and/or materials to help finalise your projects.

PLANET'NGO is a trilingual (English / French / Spanish) Internet site which has been designed with your particular needs in mind.

It allows you to communicate your needs to all those in the world – individuals, groups or private businesses – who wish to invest their time or the money for the good of the planet.

We are not asking you to sign up to a network. Our aim is to give you visibility at the international level by dedicating several pages on the PLANET'NGO site to you, which will contain information that you can update at any time.

Why?

Because we know that the activities of small local NGOs are essential and we consider it to be opportune to provide an alternative for those who wish to donate financial, human and media-related support, which are currently mainly donated to the large international aid and environmental protection agencies.

We invite you to visit the PLANET'NGO site and to view the example of an NGO sheet. This will help illustrate how this simple, concrete and efficient means of communication can be of interest to you.

As soon as we reach our target of having 500 NGOs from all over the world represented on PLANET'NGO, we will promote the site internationally in order to attract visitors who wish to become involved in solidarity issues.

All we need is your input in order to launch this communication tool so that your projects can benefit from the positive consequences as soon as possible. Take a few minutes to provide details about your NGO. We will contact you to validate the information you give.

If you are one of the first 500 NGOs to be listed on the site we offer you the first year's membership free of charge. Following this first year the membership fee is 30 euros per year, but you may relinquish payment of this fee at any time.

More here: [Link](#)

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.

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