

Firelight Newsflash! April 2007

Young social entrepreneurs invited to apply for YouthActionNet grants (Deadline: 15 May 15 2007)

The YouthActionNet Awards offer grants of \$500 each to help fund the social change projects of young social entrepreneurs around the world. The awards are supported by a global youth development initiative of the International Youth Foundation. For more details, please visit: <http://iyfnet.org/>

Featured Website:

Keeping Children Safe: A Toolkit for Child Protection

<http://www.keepingchildrensafe.org.uk/>

Keeping Children Safe: A Toolkit for Child Protection will help organizations to:

- recruit staff safely
- strengthen policies and procedures that prevent abuse within organizations - help them deter, detect and respond to abuse
- increase staff confidence to deal with child abuse concerns when they arise
- create child safe environments
- keep children safe beyond organization boundaries
- ensure increased protection for children around the world
- integrate child protection into all areas of operation.

The toolkit is based around agreed standards that require staff and other agency representatives to receive an appropriate level of training, information and support to fulfil their roles and responsibilities to protect children.

The toolkit is available free to any coalition agencies, their partners, and affiliated agencies that are willing to distribute it. Not-for-profit agencies can obtain up to 10 copies free. Hard copies of Keeping Children Safe: A Toolkit for Child Protection can be ordered from:

publications@keepingchildrensafe.org.uk

Costs of postage may be requested for multiple copies or international despatch.

Further copies of the Keeping Children Safe Toolkit and other information can be downloaded in electric format from the Keeping Children Safe website:

www.keepingchildrensafe.org.uk

The Keeping Children Safe Coalition is a coalition of the following agencies: Save the Children UK, World Vision UK, World Vision International, Plan, NSPCC, Tearfund, International Federation of Terre des hommes, Everychild, the Consortium for Street Children, People in Aid, Oxfam and the NGO Group on the Convention of the Rights of the Child.

First International Conference on Child Sexual Abuse in Africa (Abstract Deadline: 31 May 2007)

The first International Conference on Sexual Abuse of the African Child will be held in Nairobi, Kenya from 24-26 September, 2007. The aim of the conference is to advance knowledge regarding the various types of sexual abuse and their complexity in the cultural settings of Africa.

The specific objectives of the conference are to: (a) identify the causes, nature and magnitude of child sexual abuse in Africa; (b) create a forum to identify strategies to deal with sexual violence against children; (c) provide an opportunity to share information and experiences with a view to enhancing partnership and networking.

Call for papers

The conference organisers are calling for paper abstracts that address innovative prevention, intervention, and treatment of sexual abuse; networking or collaborative efforts, and research studies on the topic.

All papers will be peer-reviewed by an international panel and will be expected to address multi-cultural work, applicability to African children and prevention implications. Please send a one page abstract to regional@anppcan.org, with contact information of all presenters. Indicate if you prefer to present at a workshop, panel, or make poster presentation.

Submission deadline: 31st May 2007

Visit: <http://www.crin.org/resources/infoDetail.asp?ID=12328>

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Southern Africa Drivers of Change Award - Nominations Open (Deadline: 6 July 2007)

The Southern Africa Trust is pleased to announce that nominations are now open for the 2007 Drivers of Change award. Officially opened on 8 March, 2007 at the Johannesburg Country Club, the award is expected to attract entries from individuals and organisations in the southern Africa region who in their work to overcome poverty, are making a real and lasting difference in the lives of the poor. The award is in three categories, namely; civil society, government and business. Recipients in each of the categories will demonstrate innovation in the strategies used to develop and implement better public policy and significance for ending poverty and inequality in southern Africa as a whole. Other criteria are inclusion of diverse voices, especially voices of the poor, and policy work that has a real impact on poverty. “Fast becoming the region’s premier award that recognises innovation in anti-poverty work, the Drivers of Change Award provides a great opportunity to organisations and individuals to gain visibility and recognition in their approach to overcoming poverty. They stand to be acknowledged as leaders in innovation and best practices” says Petronilla Ndebele, the Communications and Partnerships Manager for the Southern Africa Trust.

The Drivers of Change award was established as part of the Mail and Guardian’s Investing in the future awards. Nominations for the 2007 Drivers of Change close on 6 July, 2007 and the winners will be announced in October 2007 at a gala event in Johannesburg, South Africa. For more information and comments, contact Caroline Nenguke on email: info@southernaficatrust.org