

Firelight Newsflash! January 2007

The STARS Foundation announces the launch of its 2007 Impact Awards

Closing date for applications is Friday 16th February 2007

This is an exciting opportunity for NGOs and charities working with children in Africa. The STARS Impact Awards recognize and support organizations that will enhance their impact and effectiveness through a combination of good management practices, entrepreneurship and working with others. STARS will reward organizations working with disadvantaged children in the areas of health, education or protection. One organization in each category will receive a cash award of US\$100,000 as well as consultancy support. For full details on how to apply, visit www.starsfoundation.org.uk

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS 2007 - Perdita Huston Human Rights Award

All nominations must be received no later than February 15, 2007.

The UNA-NCA Perdita Huston Human Rights Award commemorates the life and work of Perdita Huston (1936 - 2001), and recognizes an outstanding advocate for women's rights in the Third World. Each year the recipient is honored at the annual Perdita Huston Award celebration in Washington DC, where s/he is presented with \$10,000 and a Certificate of Recognition. Nominees are expected to be able, if selected, to attend and participate in the Award Ceremony, to be held on May 2, 2007, on Perdita's Huston's birthday in Washington D.C. the recipient will also travel to New York City to meet with United Nations organizations. The recipient's travel expenses will be financed by the UNA-NCA's Perdita Huston Fund.

Keep your eyes open for other award nomination processes to open soon for 2007:

African Union Award for Children's Champions in Africa
www.africa-union.org

The World of Children Awards Programme
www.worldofchildren.org

International Service Human Rights Awards
www.internationalservice.org.uk

Women Leaders for the World 2007 accepting applications

(Deadline: March 1, 2007)

Applications are now being accepted for the 2007 Women Leaders for the World program taking place from Sunday, July 22 through Sunday, July 29, 2007 in Santa Clara, CA. They are accepting applications through March 1, 2007. For more information and an application, visit: <http://www.scu.edu/business/gwln/programs/world-women-leaders/>

First International Conference on Child Sexual Abuse in Africa [event]

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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Further information

- [Conference announcement and call for papers](#)
- [Abstract format](#)
- [ANPPCAN website](#)

7th Pan Africa Social Work Conference 2007: Designing Remedies to Poverty, Kampala [event]

Registration Deadline: 20 March 2007

Social Workers from all fields, including Government institutions and Departments, NGOs, Community-based Organizations (CBOs), Training Institutions, Research Organizations, the Private sector, the Business Community, etc. will meet at the 7th Pan Africa Social Work Conference, May 20-24, 2007 to devise ways to solve the problem of poverty in Africa.

The Conference will be an opportunity for Social Workers from Africa and around the world to meet and share knowledge, experiences and skills and to establish friendships and networks for future collaboration in various fields. Social Work students are also welcome to participate.

Visit: <http://www.socialworkafrica2007.org/>

WARNING - FRAUDULENT CONFERENCES

Firelight Foundation has received word of many incidences of fraudulent conference organizers who are scamming organizations and individuals throughout Africa. These illegitimate conference organizers are running scams where registration fees are collected for conferences that do not exist. Some suspected frauds are: the Queen Elizabeth Grant Award, International Youth Welfare Organization, and Global Youth Action Network Organization. Some messages even contain links to a website where recipients are asked to provide, among other information, extensive bank account details.

Because of this, we urge you to check very carefully about the details of the conference, the organizers, and the sponsors BEFORE transferring money for conference registration. You have a right to know the names and address of the organizing committee members, where other participants are coming from, specific logistical arrangements, and other details. If someone is unwilling to provide this information, they are most likely "fishing" for participants, hoping to get your registration fees and not delivering on the rest of their promises.

Our partners DO deserve recognition and you should be very proud of your accomplishments!