

# International Young Professionals Summit



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## Welcome

On behalf of the organising committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to apply for attendance as a delegate at the second International Young Professionals Summit (IYPS).

**The IYPS is being held between November 29 and December 3 2004, at Griffith University, in Brisbane, Australia.**

The Summit has been designed to bring together young professionals aged 18 to 35 years to develop workable solutions and implement development activities related to its two key themes: **Sustainable Livelihoods** and **Science and Technology for Development**.

Throughout this newsletter you can find more information on the IYPS, and visit [www.iyps.org](http://www.iyps.org) for more – don't forget though, **applications close 15 August 2004!**

We look forward to welcoming you to Brisbane. We know you will find your participation rewarding!

Regards,  
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## What is IYPS 2004?

The IYPS 2004 is the international gathering of the International Young Professionals Foundation (IYPF). It is an event for all young professionals who are or want to be positive change makers in their local and global community.

The IYPS is scheduled to run for five days, from the 29th of November 2004, at Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia.

The IYPS will bring together 200 young professionals from around the world for five days of dialogue, information sharing, skills development and networking towards creating a better world for current and future generations through local and global action.

Delegates will consider how their action to achieve Sustainable Livelihoods and the application of Science and Technology can contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

The event is being coordinated entirely by young professionals from around the world, who are volunteering their time, skills and resources.

The IYPS' aims are:

- To inspire and equip young professionals to lead and contribute to a better world for current and future generations
- The creation and enhancement of young professional networks across the world
- Provide an avenue for the engagement of Young Professionals in the IYPF

## INTRODUCTION TO IYPS

### History of the IYPS

IYPS 2004 is the second International Young Professionals Summit, bringing together young professionals aged 18-35 years to develop workable solutions and implement development activities related to its two key themes - Sustainable Livelihoods and Science and Technology – with a focus on how young professionals can play a role in these areas in the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

The first IYPS, held in October 2001, saw 120 delegates from over 20 countries converge on Australia's Gold Coast to develop projects and action plans to help change the world.

The International Young Professionals Foundation was launched at the end of the successful first Summit to continue the work of the participants and create a global network of Young Professionals dedicated to bettering their communities.

IYPF has since grown to include members from over 45 countries, a dedicated volunteer base, a number of supported member projects, and successful partnerships with key NGO's around the world such as Oxfam, TakingITGlobal, UNESCO and the Youth Employment Summit. It has successfully implemented and supported a number of events, initiatives and projects that have created a better world for current and future generations.

The IYPF believes that young professionals have a significant and importance role to play with regards to human rights, environmental protection, poverty eradication and social capital, within the broader context of sustainability. The IYPS' professional development angle is designed to equip you to be a positive change maker in your community, support other young professionals and access the IYPF's services to support your engagement in these areas.

IYPS 2004 is an event for all young professionals (IYPF members or not) who are or want to be positive change makers in their local and global community. It will be an entry point for new members, investors and friends in the work of IYPF. It's a perfect opportunity to learn new skills and create networks to help change the world for the better.

The resolutions from the IYPS 2001 are available upon request from [iypf@iypf.org](mailto:iypf@iypf.org).

### IYPS 2004 Key Dates

June 1	Application period opens
August 15	Application period closes
August 16 – 22	Delegate Selection
August 22 - 29	Delegate Notification
August 30	Registration opens
September 30	Registration closes
October 30	Second round registration closes
Nov 29 – 3 Dec	IYPS!

### The IYPS 2004 Team

Around 25 people are currently involved in organising IYPS 2004 in positions ranging from Interns to team leaders.

The IYPS2004 team come from all over the world, including Nigeria and India, with a strong base of members in Australia where the Summit will be held.

Virtual meetings are held regularly to allow communication between members in all sections of the organising team.

IYPS2004 would not be possible without this dedicated team of volunteers. To get involved contact Summit Coordinator Tamara Price on [tamaraprice@iypf.org](mailto:tamaraprice@iypf.org)

### Help Promote IYPS 2004

If you would like to include information about IYPS 2004 in your publication, contact Nicole Randall on [nicolerandall@iypf.org](mailto:nicolerandall@iypf.org) for press releases, articles and the latest Summit information.

## WHAT IS IYPS 2004?

### The Program

The program of the IYPS will be focused around twin themes - **Sustainable Livelihoods** and **Science & Technology**.

Within each of these themes, there will be three subtopics, which will provide a focus for discussions:

#### Sustainable Livelihoods

- Entrepreneurship & Job Creation
- Trade and Globalisation
- Corporate Social Responsibility and Governance

#### Science & Technology

- Information and Communication Technologies
- Infrastructure
- Emerging Technologies

The IYPS program is loaded with things to do. The Summit will include a mix of plenary sessions, keynote addresses, skills development workshops, knowledge exchange and development sessions, official events, networking time, project showcases, meetings and cultural performances over five fantastic days. Choose your own agenda by attending the sessions that you are interested in.

Presenters throughout the Summit are intended to be fantastic young professionals, delegates, representatives of IYPF partner organisations, and IYPF staff.

### The Delegates

Delegates will be talented and committed young professionals in developing and developed countries who are committed to or interested in developing and applying their skills, knowledge, resources and capacities to be positive change makers in their local and global community.

Delegates selected to attend the Summit will have the following attributes:

- Ability to affect environmental and social change through their occupations, skills and initiatives
- Possess a good understanding of global, regional or local issues in any of the Summit theme and sub-theme areas
- Typically have links to and/or the support of home country or international organisations

Delegates must be over 18 years of age by November 28, 2004.

The Summit organising committee values diversity and will strive to balance the selection of delegates from locations around the world. The delegate mix is expected to be geographically and demographically diverse. For example, delegates might include high school teachers from Thailand, water engineers in Australia, community workers from Zambia or lawyers from the USA.

They will be bound by a common passion for using their skills and knowledge for the betterment of our world.

### [www.iyps.org](http://www.iyps.org)

The latest information about IYPS 2004 will be available on the IYPS website.

It will include everything you need to know about becoming a delegate or partner, program information, and key dates for IYPS 2004.

Closer to the event there will also be important information for delegates, including travel tips and facts about Brisbane, where the Summit will be held.

The website includes information on the first International Young Professionals Summit and links to partner organisations.

### How to Apply as a Delegate

Download an application kit from [www.iyps.org](http://www.iyps.org) or e-mail your request to [iypf@iypf.org](mailto:iypf@iypf.org)

## GET INVOLVED

### Member Profile – Alexandra Meldrum

*Alexandra Meldrum attended the first IYPS and is now involved in the IYPF.*

When Alexandra first heard about IYPS she was interested in the concept of bringing young professionals together from around the world to discuss global issues and make a positive difference to the world. She was excited by what the Summit offered, especially the opportunity to meet so many young professionals with different views and experience.

“The Summit was fantastic. I learnt a lot and was encouraged to think about things differently. In particular, since I've only ever lived in developed countries, I really appreciated it that some Summit delegates came from African countries. We didn't only talk about the realities of sustainability, poverty, food, agriculture and trade from a first world perspective!

“I trained as an engineer and scientist, although I've mostly worked in business, in particular in energy and food companies. So for me the Summit was a unique opportunity to think about my approach to issues - the issues that are the most important, but which usually don't get a lot of my attention,” Alexandra said.

About a year after the Summit, she was keen to find ways to use her skills and experience to help in the IYPF.

“I've always been interested in helping people, and with the IYPF I can combine this interest in helping with some of my professional experiences and training”, she said.

Fortunately, a part-time volunteer position came up that fit her criteria. She is now the Project Development Officer Financial Management in the project group of the IYPF.

Alexandra said the projects group were always looking for new projects, and exploring ways to work together in the best way to support these projects.

She said the group was still learning and growing and she was excited about IYPS 2004, where they could meet one another face to face for the first time.

“If we've come this far without never yet having a meeting, it's exciting to think what we might be able to achieve when we have the chance to get together.”

### Donating to the Bursary Fund

To ensure that Young Professionals from developing communities are able to attend the Summit, some subsidies may be provided.

The IYPF will work with delegates who identify that they require financial assistance to source that assistance from their own local communities, however in some cases it may not be possible to raise the required funds. Delegate bursaries will provide a 'stop-gap' measure to help get these talented young professionals to the Summit.

Young Professionals and organisations are invited to donate money towards the bursary pool, which will be allocated to Young Professionals most in need of financial assistance to attend. Donations can also be marked for a particular type of delegate – i.e. regional Australian, Zimbabwean, or engineer.

For details on how to donate, contact Alicia Nally on [iyvf@iyvf.org](mailto:iyvf@iyvf.org).

### Partnership Opportunities

IYPS are seeking partners to support IYPS 2004.

There are five different levels of sponsorship available, so organisations can choose to be a Key Partner, Event Host, Theme Partner, In-kind Donor or Delegate Bursary Donor.

Partners will receive recognition for their support for this important international event.

For more information about sponsorship opportunities, contact Ayodeji Adewunmi, IYPS Partnerships Team Leader, on [adewunmiayodeji@iyvf.org](mailto:adewunmiayodeji@iyvf.org)

Information is also available on the IYPS Website at [www.iyvs.org](http://www.iyvs.org)

## FEATURE ARTICLE

### Young Professionals and the Millennium Development Goals

The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) capture the global objectives set out in the Millennium Declaration for attaining peace and security, human rights and sustainable development, agreed on by all UN Member States at the Millennium Summit, held in September 2000.

The eight Millennium Development Goals bind countries to do more and join forces in the fight against poverty, illiteracy, hunger, lack of education, gender inequality, child and maternal mortality, disease and environmental degradation. The eighth goal, reaffirmed in Monterrey and Johannesburg, calls on rich countries to relieve debt, increase aid and give poor countries fair access to their markets and their technology. The Millennium Development Goals are a test of political will to build stronger partnerships and offer the world a means to accelerate the pace of development and to measure results. For more details on the MDGs, including the eight goals, the latest on implementation, and other documents, see [www.un.org/millenniumgoals](http://www.un.org/millenniumgoals).

Young Professionals have a necessary and vital role to play in the achievement of the MDGs as current and future business, government and community leaders, as employers and entrepreneurs, as agents for positive change in their communities and organisations, possessing the skills and talents to help create a better world for current and future generations.

At the International Young Professionals Summit, running from November 29 to December 3 2004, the young professional delegates in attendance will consider how their action to achieve Sustainable Livelihoods and the application of Science and Technology can contribute to the achievement of the MDGs. For example, the creation of sustainable livelihoods for all, through entrepreneurship and job creation, or by ensuring trade and globalisation work for everyone, can help to achieve MDG 1 "Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger: reduce by half the proportion of people living on less than a dollar a day & reduce by half the proportion of people who suffer from hunger".

Science and Technology, for example through providing civic infrastructure such as waste and sanitation systems, and ensuring the delivery of fresh water, can help to achieve MDG 4 "Reduce child mortality: reduce by two thirds the mortality rate among children under five". The themes of the IYPS 2004 will also look at MDGs 7 (environmental sustainability) and 8 (on partnerships for development).

The first comprehensive review of the implementation of the MDGs will take place in 2005 (MDGs +5). The MDG +5 Summit will bring together a review of the progression made in implementing the Millennium Declaration and address the coherent follow-up to the major United Nations conferences in economic and social fields. MDGs +5 will provide the opportunity of ensuring the development of policies and action plans to serve the needs of the worlds poorest, while also allowing greater consideration to be offered on how to converge the numerous intergovernmental processes on sustainable development.

Given that the proposed date for the MDG+5 summit is little more than a year away, the IYPS will provide a wonderful opportunity for young professionals to engage with the MDGs, begin to put plans in to action, and increase their involvement as a key stakeholder group in the achievement of the MDGs.

## PARTNER EVENT

### Oxfam International Youth Parliament 2004 *Building Sustainable Futures*

Three hundred young leaders and activists from across the world, known as Oxfam IYP Action Partners, will meet in Sydney, Australia, for the world's second Oxfam International Youth Parliament 2004 (IYP2004)

IYP2004 (a partner of IYPF, not to be confused with IYPS 2004) will see young people aged between 18 and 25 working together to create sustainable futures over eight days from July 5 to 12, 2004.



Almost 50% of the world's population under the age of 25 live in the world's poorest countries. The International Youth Parliament is building the capacity of the world's youth to create positive and sustainable change.

Participants will focus on nine action areas, developing their skills, projects and networks to bring about positive and sustainable change in their local communities and throughout the world.

The event will build strategic networks of young social change leaders, development practitioners, and key decision-makers, and increase participants' skills to be effective social change leaders. They will develop frameworks for action to be implemented at local, national and global levels over the next two years, as well as document key successes, major challenges, and recommendations for the future.

Participants will be motivated, encouraged and inspired to continue working towards building a peaceful, equitable and sustainable world.

Discussions and actions will be based on the following six themes and nine action areas:

#### **THEMES**

Sustainable livelihoods  
Security and safety  
Equity and representation  
Diversity and the right to an identity  
Access to basic social services  
Global trading systems

#### **ACTION AREAS**

HIV/AIDS  
Labour and employment  
Indigenous rights  
Sustainable development and agriculture  
Peace building  
Human rights  
Health  
Youth Culture & Empowerment  
Education

IYP2004 kick-starts a two-year program of social action and leadership development for these young leaders during which they will implement their plans for action and continue to develop the skills and networks required to achieve their goals.

More information on the IYP and projects from the previous International Youth Parliament is available on [www.iyp.oxfam.org](http://www.iyp.oxfam.org).