

# YOUTH AIDS 2010



## THE OFFICIAL YOUTH NEWSLETTER OF THE XVIII INTERNATIONAL AIDS CONFERENCE EDITION 3 (FEBRUARY 2010)

Welcome to the third edition of the AIDS 2010 Youth Newsletter with the latest news about the AIDS 2010 Youth Programme and the many possibilities for getting actively involved in the XVIII International AIDS Conference.

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### 1. LAST CALL FOR YOUTH PROGRAMME ACTIVITIES AND WORKSHOPS

There are only a few days left to submit your programme activity for the Youth Programme and the Global Village! If you want to participate in the Global Village with a booth, session, networking zone or cultural activity, create your profile [here](#) and submit your programme activity!

The submission deadline is 10 **February**.

Don't forget to register for the conference! You can submit your abstracts and activities, apply for scholarships and register for the conference as a youth delegate using the same profile. For deadlines check [www.aids2010.org/registration.aspx](http://www.aids2010.org/registration.aspx). Taking part in the International AIDS Conference as a youth delegate will cost between EUR 105 and 175, depending on your country of origin.

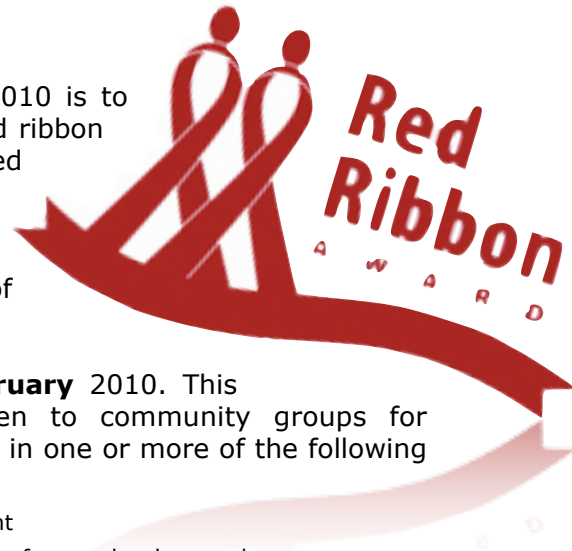


## Call for Workshops at AIDS 2010

We aim to involve young people in the Global Village, but also in the rest of the conference programme as speakers. You may also submit a proposal for your own workshop as way to reach other young people at the International AIDS Conference! The deadline for workshop submissions is 10 **February**. Use your [conference profile](#) to apply and you can find more details on application requirements here: [www.aids2010.org/workshops.aspx](http://www.aids2010.org/workshops.aspx). All workshop proposals should be HIV-related.

### 2. RED RIBBON AWARD

Another possibility for you to get actively involved in AIDS 2010 is to take part in the competition for the Red Ribbon Award. The red ribbon is a global symbol of the movement to address AIDS. The Red Ribbon Award, presented every two years at the International AIDS Conference, is designed to honor and celebrate community-based organizations for outstanding initiatives that show leadership in reducing the spread and impact of AIDS.



Nominations will be accepted until **28 February** 2010. This year the Red Ribbon Award will be given to community groups for outstanding leadership in responding to AIDS in one or more of the following categories:

- ensure that that people living with HIV receive treatment
- support HIV prevention, treatment and care programmes for people who use drugs
- remove punitive policies and laws, stigma and discrimination that block effective AIDS responses and marginalize key populations (men who have sex with men, transgender people, sex workers and prisoners)
- stop violence against women and girls and promote gender equality
- enhance social support for those affected by HIV, including orphans and vulnerable children.

A special recognition award will be presented to an organization whose cross-cutting approach jointly addresses AIDS and the Millennium Development Goals at the community level. For more information, visit [www.redribbonaward.org](http://www.redribbonaward.org)



### 3. NOW MORE THAN EVER: A MARCH AND CONCERT

AIDS 2010 will be the first International AIDS Conference to have a human rights theme, *Rights Here, Right Now*, highlighting the crucial role of human rights in the response to HIV. A number of activities are being planned to ensure that, beyond the theme, AIDS 2010 will become a major milestone in the fight for human rights in the context of HIV. These include:

- many sessions devoted to human rights, including a plenary and a focus on human rights issues as part of the presentations on the state of the epidemic during the opening ceremony
- a human rights networking zone in the Global Village and a human rights booth in the conference's exhibit area
- a human rights campaign website ([www.HIVhumanrightsnow.org](http://www.HIVhumanrightsnow.org) – the site is expected to be launched in February 2010) in English, Russian, French, Spanish and German, providing information about the human rights activities at AIDS 2010, explaining the 10 reasons why human rights should occupy the center of the global AIDS struggle, and encouraging more organizations around the world to endorse the joint statement entitled *Human Rights and HIV/AIDS: Now More Than Ever*, which to date has been endorsed by over 650 organizations and is supported by UNAIDS, UNDP and the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
- a major march for AIDS and human rights through Vienna.

## The Human Rights March and Concert

This event – the first-ever march and concert for human rights and HIV – will provide an opportunity for conference participants and those in Vienna and Austria to demonstrate their commitment to HIV and human rights. It will include a 30-minute peaceful march in Vienna's city center, short speeches by high-level officials and representatives of people living with and affected by HIV, and a concert for human rights. Plans are underway to invite a famous singer with a history of support for human rights and/or HIV issues. More details to follow shortly!

The event is being organized by a large coalition of international HIV and human rights organizations working with Austrian organizations and the Vienna Secretariat of the International AIDS Conference, and coordinated by the Public Health Program of the Open Society Institute. Youth will be an important component of this march, so the Youth Programme Working Group and the Vienna Youth Force will be actively involved in preparing for this human rights march.

We are aiming at having as many participants as possible, including conference participants and people from Vienna and throughout Austria, including thousands of youth!

*This will be a meaningful, memorable and fun event!*



### 4. VIENNA YOUTH FORCE NEWS

The Vienna Youth Force sub-committees have started their work! The five sub-committees will focus on and support the following areas within the Youth Programme for AIDS 2010:

- Advocacy
- Youth Pre-Conference
- Youth Pavilion
- Abstracts, Skills Building Workshops, Non-Abstract-Driven Sessions and Special Sessions
- Media and Communication



Each of the sub-committees consists of two co-chairs plus 10 to 12 members from different regions. Current activities include team-building and the drafting of concept notes. The sub-committees will introduce their activities in the next editions of the Youth AIDS 2010 newsletter.

*Welcome to the new Youth Force members!*

Many thanks to all who applied for being a member of one of the sub-committees! If you have not been notified up to now, your application was not accepted. Unfortunately, we only have limited capacities and had to make a selection out of about 150 applications, considering also gender and regional balance. However, we strongly encourage everyone to apply for different activities, e.g. at the Youth Programme or the Global Village. There are still many possibilities to get involved!



## 5. SAVE THE DATE : YOUTH PRE-CONFERENCE

*Youth Pre-Conference: 14 to 16 July 2010*

The Vienna Youth Force is organizing a Pre-Conference right before the XVIII International AIDS Conference. The Pre-Conference is for young delegates (under 26 years old) who are registered for AIDS 2010. The event will welcome young delegates to Vienna and provide them with an opportunity to network and connect with their peers prior to the conference. Very often, young delegates are attending the International AIDS Conference for the first time, making it very important to feel prepared for the five very intense days ahead. The Pre-Conference will give them the chance to get ready.

On **16 July**, the last day of the Pre-Conference, a Youth Reception and party will be held to welcome all the young people to AIDS 2010. The reception will be held in one of Vienna's top clubs – more details about this exciting event will be available in the weeks leading up to the conference!

This newsletter is brought to you by:

**AIDS 2010 YOUTH PROGRAMME WORKING GROUP:** The Youth Programme Working Group (YPWG) is the official organising body that prepares the Youth Programme at the conference. The Working Group organises sessions, workshops related to youth, the Youth Pavilion in the Global Village, and a lounge for young people living with HIV. The Working Group consists of 11 people from different regions of the world who work together to prepare the official Youth Programme for AIDS 2010.

**VIENNA YOUTHFORCE:** The Vienna YouthForce was launched after AIDS 2008 and is a global platform for international, regional and local youth organisations that focus on HIV and AIDS, as well as on youth sexual and reproductive health and rights. We work together and organise youth activities and advocacy campaigns prior to and during the conference. These activities include the youth pre-conference, youth advocacy campaigns and the youth commitment desk. Ten youth organisations are participating in Vienna Youth Force: Advocates for Youth, Community Forum Austria, Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GYCA), International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA), the World AIDS Campaign, Youth Coalition on Sexual and Reproductive Rights, YouAct, Y-PEER, CHOICE for youth and sexuality and Youth R.I.S.E.

The Youth Programme Working Group and the Vienna YouthForce are working together closely as a common body for young people at the International AIDS Conference. If you have questions, you may contact us at [youth@aids2010.org](mailto:youth@aids2010.org).

*If you think you are too small to be effective, you have never been in bed with a mosquito. ~Betty Reese*