

WHAT'S GOING ON

Dear << Test First Name >>,

Although it's almost the end of the year, the YP4 team is more energized than ever. This past weekend we hosted over 30 alumni, partners, and friends for the 2012 National Summit Training of Trainers. After kicking off the weekend with an Open House (check out the pictures here) at the brand new People For The American Way Foundation national office, we spent two days training, practicing and reviewing the YP4 National Summit curriculum. We had an amazing weekend and are even more excited for all of the trainers to meet the fellows in January!

Speaking of the summit, we hope that you'll be able to join us January 13th-16th at the [Crystal Gateway Marriott](#) for the 2012 National Summit. We're especially looking for volunteers and Blueprint trainers so if you're interested contact [Zach Dryden](#). Also, for more info, be sure to visit our website for updates. The National Summit wouldn't even be possible without the support of our alumni, especially our amazing alumni board. Applications are now open for the 2012 board so if you're interested in applying [let us know](#). Alumni Board members train at Regional Trainings and the National Summit, recruit and mentor fellows, help build local

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This month's featured Fellow is **Gabriela McCall-Delgado**, a 2008 YP4 Fellow and founder of [WeConnectNow](#). This fall we had a chance to catch up with Gabriela and asked her to tell us more about her work!

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networks, and much more.

In addition to planning for the Summit, we're also busy recruiting for both the [Front Line Leaders Academy \(FLLA\) Program](#). Applications are due on **October 31st** and **January 31st** respectively. For more information or to apply please visit www.youngpeoplefor.org. We're scouring the country searching for dynamic, young progressive leaders so we'd love to have you [nominate](#) a few.

It is with heavy hearts that we write this message to you today. Last month, one of our own was taken from us. Jacob Neumann, a 2011 YP4 Fellow from Arizona State University, was involved in a fatal motorcycle accident. As we mourn his loss, we remember the impact that he had on our lives in the short time that we all worked together. Jacob's spirit and exuberance for life shone through in every interaction – he was always making us smile and laugh. His willingness to learn and seek ways to support others seemed to be second nature to him. His was a positive force, a warm energy that affected everyone who came into contact with him.

Jacob wrote in his application for the Fellowship, "They say that one person can make a difference, and I know a group can change the world." That's our job now. We must carry Jacob's spirit with us as we continue our important work, and celebrate his memory by seeking solutions to the challenges we face as a movement and as a country that honor his commitment and passion for social justice.

The YP4 team is working on finding a way to remember



**We're building for the future...
now.**

If you would like to help guarantee that none of our Fellows miss out on the opportunity to participate in the Fellowship Program this year, [click here to make a generous donation](#). Your contribution will help cover the cost of transporting, feeding, and housing over 150 fellows as they travel to regional trainings from nearly 100 campuses across the country.

[Support the newest generation of progressive leaders by making a generous gift today.](#)

Watch videos, upload your YP4 pictures and more! YP4's on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, Future 5000... you name it.

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Jacob as a group – if you have any thoughts for a project that we can work on as a network in his honor, please contact Zach <<mailto:zdryden@pfaw.org>>.

We want to leave you with a note from the YP4 Love Box that a Fellow wrote to him, because it says so much about why we love and miss him: “Jacob, thank you for your positive attitude. You’ve helped me create a better vision and perspective on life.”

All the best,



Rebecca Thompson



After an incredibly successful summer of regional trainings (read all about it in our [2011 Comprehensive Regional Training Debrief Report](#)), the YP4 staff is settled back into the office and getting ready for an exciting semester. We’ve finalized 134 mentor matches for the 2011-2012 Fellowship class, and work on each Fellow’s Individual Leadership Development Plan is beginning this month. Fellows were matched with mentors based on their specific needs – issue knowledge, skills expertise, geographic experience, etc. We’re excited to have a network of over 50 dynamic staff, alumni, and partners working with the new Fellowship class this year!

NEED A JOB?

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[Planned Parenthood Federation of America-NY/DC, Manager, Youth Organizing](#)(DC)
[The Young Women’s Project, Program Manager: Foster Care Campaign](#)(DC)
[Ability Housing of Northeast Florida, Inc, Executive Assistant](#)(FL)
[City Year, Program Manager](#)(FL)
Educate Tomorrow, [Program Coordinator](#) (FL)
[Alternatives for Girls, Development Coordinator](#)(MI)
[buildOn, Regional Program Manager](#)(MI)
[Service Employees International Union \(SEIU\), New Media Campaign Director](#)(MI)
[Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law, Executive Assistant to the Vice President for](#)

In other exciting news, the application for the [2012-2013 YP4 Fellowship program is now open!](#) We need your help to identify the newest generation of progressive leaders – please help us do so by nominating a campus organizer or activist today. If you have any questions about the program or the recruitment process, [please contact Zach](#).



Each year, a select number of current Young People For Alumni are asked to serve on the Young People For Alumni Board. the Alumni Board is a leadership development and capacity-building initiative that will provide alumni with an opportunity to enhance their leadership skills and contribute significantly to YP4.

The board consists of 12 diverse members from across the country and provides alumni with the opportunity to plan networking events, serve as YP4 trainers, participate in advanced leadership trainings, mentor current YP4 Fellows, and much more. If you're a 2005-2011 YP4 Fellow and interested in serving on the Alumni Board. [Apply today!](#)

2012 will be Scout Banana's 10th year! Started by **2007 Fellow Alex B. Hill**, SCOUT BANANA is a non-profit organization, run by young people, dedicated to raising awareness about the lack of basic health care in Africa and providing support to projects and organizations working in communities to effectively reach people in need.

[Programs\(NY\)](#)

[The Children's Aid Society, Center Director\(NY\)](#)

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[YouthBuild Philadelphia, Director of Curriculum & Instruction\(PA\)](#)

[Asia Society Texas Center, Director of Finance and Administration\(TX\)](#)

[Uplift Education, Director of Financial Planning and Analysis\(TX\)](#)

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Congratulations to **Mayra Hidalgo, 2011**, for making it on the [front page of The Ledger](#) and sharing her story as a DREAMer. Her work has, and will continue to inspire others around the nation.

Congratulations **Katie Kramer, 2007**, for being honored as one of MinnesotaToday's Women Alliance's 11 "Phenomenal Women".

Want to be featured? [Tell us](#) about the great things that you're doing!

EVENTS & TRAININGS

As a leadership development program we understand the importance of attending conferences and skills trainings to better hone your leadership skills. Unfortunately, we've run out of conference funding at this time. We'll be announcing it again if we're able to provide any additional resources. We put together a toolkit on [fundraising for conferences last year](#), which might be helpful for you if you're trying to get somewhere. Let us know if you need any other support!

[Global Conference on Disaster Management](#) | **New York. NY October 13th | San Francisco November 10th**

The Global Conference on Disaster Management is the premier event that addresses issues common to all aspects of disaster and emergency management. The

[How To Be Relevant in a Job Interview](#), Jessica Simko
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Global Conference on Disaster Management includes various speakers and provides excellent opportunities for training and networking with experts and practitioners in Disaster Management Research, Business Continuity, Emergency Management, Emergency Communications, Emergency Response, Risk Management, Security, IT, HR, Environmental, Community Planning and the organizations which supply and service these professions. The conference will address lessons we have/ or not learn as well as looking into future trends and threats to the safety and well-being of our communities.

[National Hispana Leadership Institute](#) | **Executive Leadership Training Conference and Mujer Awards | Los Angeles, CA | November 3-4**

The National Hispana Leadership Institute's 2011 Executive Leadership Training Conference and Mujer Awards brings together Latinas and NHLI's accomplished alumane from across the nation for two days of cutting-edge leadership and professional development, networking, educational and inspirational keynotes and workshops facilitated by top-level Latinas from across the country. At the Mujer Awards Gala, celebrated since 1993, which will be held on Friday, November 4, NHLI will close the conference by paying tribute to the achievements and contributions of exceptional Latina leaders. Past honorees have included journalist and TV anchor Maria Elena Salinas, NCLR's President Janet Murguia, and actresses Rosario Dawson and Eva Longoria. [Click here](#) to learn about past honorees. The conference also features Health & Wellness Expo and Career Recruitment Fair; distinguished Latina authors and artists at book signing

and art exhibit, and a Community Marketplace with local artisans promoting their beautiful crafts. Conference attendees include local and national leaders in corporate America, non-profits, government, media, higher education, as well as entrepreneurs, students, artists, authors and others.

[Southeast Student Renewable Energy Conference](#) |
Southern Energy Network University of North Carolina, Asheville | November 4-6

The SSREC is a week-end long conference for students and young people to come together for grassroots training, key note speakers, workshops and panels for hands on learning and gaining experience. Equity Summit Healthy Communities, Strong

[Equity Summit Healthy Communities, Strong Regions, A Prosperous America](#) | **Policy Link | Detroit, Michigan | November 8-11, 2011**

Equity Summit 2011 is the fourth national PolicyLink Summit, bringing together the nation's equity movement—your fellow advocates, activists, policymakers, foundation officials, and equity leaders—to advance a truly inclusive policy agenda. Join us in Detroit to share in a vision for more sustainable and equitable development with access to jobs, transportation, education, health, and housing for all.

[Organizing For Social Change Midwest Academy](#) |
Chicago August 15 – 19, October 24 – 28 | Washington, D.C. November 14 -18

The Midwest Academy offers a five day, residential, comprehensive "Organizing for Social Change" training throughout the country. Participants come from a wide

variety of organizations. Most are working on specific issue campaigns and building powerful, progressive organizations. The training helps them to be more strategic in their fight for social, economic, racial and environmental justice.

There are different methods of organizing or ways of making social change, and all have their uses. Midwest Academy uses and teaches the "Direct Action Organizing" concept. Direct Action Organizing is based on the power of people to take collective action on their own behalf. The point is not that one approach is better than others. In fact, often many kinds of organizing are needed, but the Midwest Academy focuses on Direct Action Organizing.

[Greenpeace Semester](#) | **Washington, DC | September 19th- December 16th**

The Greenpeace Semester is a 5- or 10-week training program in DC for college students who want to become organizers and activists in the environmental movement. It's action-filled and the best hands-on training for students to become environmental leaders. The program combines classroom-style workshops with hands-on field training and travel. You will learn grassroots organizing, how to plan effective campaigns and the principles and practice of non-violent direct action.

You will receive training by some of the best professional activists in the environmental movement: organizers, campaigners, and experts committed to saving the planet and teaching the next generation of environmental leaders how to solve some of the world's biggest environmental problems. You will also receive briefings

from issue experts on climate change, ocean protection, nuclear energy, forest conservation, toxic pollution, and corporate abuse of the environment.

Deadline July 27, 2011

**SAVE THE DATE | YP4 2012 National Summit |
Crystal City, VA | January 13-16, 2012**

YP4 Fellows and alumni from across the country will come together for four days of essential trainings, workshops, strategizing and networking on how to be more effective on campus and in their community promoting social justice issues and progressive values. At the Summit, Fellows meet other young progressive leaders and learn powerful strategies and tactics for creating sustainable social change. At the Summit, all fellows will learn the key tools for developing a Blueprint For Social Justice proposal.

On Friday, January 13th Young People For (YP4) will be kicking off its 2012 National Summit by hosting an Awards and Cocktail Reception at the Marriott Crystal Gateway in Crystal City, VA. We hope that you will be able to join the YP4 team-- and over 200 young progressive leaders-- as we recognize and honor YP4 alumni, partners, and donors who have been dedicated to youth leadership and the progressive movement. If you're a YP4 alumni and would like to participate in the 2012 National Summit please contact [Joy Lawson](#).



FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Are you a YP4 Fellow or alum interested in doing nonpartisan youth vote work (registration, education, or

mobilization) with YP4 in 2012? Help inform our planning process by [filling out our vote survey!](#)

The Roosevelt Institute | Campus Network's search for the best grassroots policy ideas coming out of campuses this year is gearing up. [Roosevelt](#) is a student policy organization that engages new generations in a unique form of progressive activism that empowers young people as leaders and promotes their ideas for change.

Help build the New Deal 2.0! We're talking [10IDEAS RECRUITMENT](#).

- [Intent to Submit](#) is due Nov. 1
- Submissions are due on Dec. 1

This year, the New York City staff will recognize the top 10 ideas submission from each policy center by bringing the authors to New York City in January. Awardees will participate in a writing workshop and meet with leading progressive thinkers and stakeholders to share their ideas for change.

Seed Grants

Are you working to start a community action project or program? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? If you answered, "YES!", you are eligible to apply for a [Do Something Seed Grant](#). Do Something gives out a \$500 Do Something Seed Grant every week to help young people just like YOU!

Do Something Seed Grants are targeted towards project ideas and programs that are just getting started. These grants can be used to jump-start your program or to

realize your ideas for the first time.

If you are looking for funding to help take your project to the next level, check out the [Do Something Growth Grants!](#)

[Boren Fellowships](#)

Boren Fellowships provide up to \$30,000 to U.S. graduate students to add an important international and language component to their graduate education through specialization in area study, language study, or increased language proficiency. Boren Fellowships support study and research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are excluded. For a complete list of countries, [click here](#).

Boren Fellows represent a variety of academic and professional disciplines, but all are interested in studying less commonly taught languages, including but not limited to Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Swahili. For a complete list of languages, [click here](#). Boren Fellowships are funded by the National Security Education Program (NSEP), which focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security. Applicants should identify how their projects, as well as their future academic and career goals, will contribute to U.S. national security, broadly defined. NSEP draws on a broad definition of national security, recognizing that the scope of national security has expanded to include not only the traditional concerns of protecting and promoting American well-being, but also the challenges of global

society, including sustainable development, environmental degradation, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic

Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship Program

The PPIA Junior Summer Institutes (JSI) have been the hallmark of the PPIA Fellowship Program for over 30 years. JSI is an intensive seven-week summer program that focuses on preparing students for graduate programs in public and international affairs and careers as policy professionals, public administrators and other leadership roles in public service. The JSI curriculum includes economics, statistics, domestic/international policy issues and leadership topics, all designed to sharpen the students' quantitative, analytic and communication skills. Extracurricular activities are also included. These skills are vital for admission into the top graduate programs in public and international affairs. The successful completion of a summer institute is a requirement for PPIA Fellows.

[UC Berkeley](#) | [Michigan](#) | [Carnegie Mellon](#) | [Maryland](#) | [Princeton](#)

As a PPIA Fellow you are entitled to the following benefits:

- Full tuition at a PPIA Junior Summer Institute.
- Eligibility to receive assistance with travel expenses.
- A stipend of up to \$1,500 (funding determined by each JSI).
- University housing with a meal plan.
- Books and related course materials.

- GRE preparation (may require cost-sharing by participating students).

Asia Pacific Leadership Program Fellowship

The APLP is a nine-month program (mid-August to mid-May) that begins with a four-and-a-half-month period spent living and working within a diverse international community at the East-West Center in Honolulu (August to December). During this period, activities include workshops, discussion seminars, outdoor challenges, lectures, simulations, field exercises, independent work, and online activities. Joining the program each year are over 50 world-class guests who deliver specific areas of program content and provide mentorship.

In the program's second phase (January to May), participants activate and further develop the first term's learning by engaging in a range of flexible, customized activities. These activities include: continuing or new employment, graduate coursework at the University of Hawai'i, applied leadership projects, or extended field studies in Asia or the Pacific. In all cases, the program continues through online and/or face-to-face meetings. A capstone reunion is held at graduation in Honolulu in May.

The 40 participants selected each year have strong leadership experience or exhibit high leadership potential. All participants have at least a bachelor's degree and most have a master's degree. APLP participants come from virtually all Asia Pacific countries and a tremendous range of professional backgrounds (for example, science, business, development, politics, government, civil society, medicine, religious orders, art,

finance, academia, and research). The age of participants ranges from mid-20s to mid-40s, with an average age of 32. Peer learning between participants and alumni is a centerpiece of program design.

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