



Dialogue and Mutual Understanding

**The UN Programme on Youth
together with
Search for Common Ground**

are pleased to invite you to a side event on

**Youth-led Social Development and Young Philanthropy
8 February 2011, Tuesday, 1:15 to 2:45 p.m
in Conference Room D, North Lawn Building, UN Headquarters, NY**

The side event will compose an interactive panel discussion, aiming to raise awareness about young philanthropy and the possibilities for young wealth holders to engage in youth-led social development.

Youth are a major human resource for development and key agents for social change and economic growth. In their involvement in achieving the MDG's, youth need the support of public and private sectors. While the potential of youth volunteerism, youth participation and youth-led organizations is being promoted at global, national and regional levels, there continues to be a substantial lack of financial resources supporting youth in their contribution to society and its overall development. One of the resources that can help to catalyze youth participation and volunteerism is the recently generated and recently inherited wealth. Youth-to-youth philanthropy has the potential to create possibilities and foster models of partnership. The United Nations Framework approach for the International Year of Youth underlines the fundamentality of collaborative partnerships with young people, as well as the need to increase commitment and investment in youth. The side event will discuss these new possibilities when it comes to youth investment, and how we can create incentives for young wealth holders to engage in youth-led social development.

Moderator: Ms. Susan Raymond: United Nations Development Programme

Mr. Ryan Allis: one of the "Top 25 Entrepreneurs Under 25" and Ernst & Young's "Entrepreneur of the Year" for the Carolinas in 2008, co-founded "iContact", a socially responsible company.

Mr. James Eberhard: founder and chairman of Mobile Accord and founder of 9 Squared Inc. Mr. Eberhard has a mission to enable social good, by utilizing the power of the mobile phone.

Mr. Ryan Richards: Executive Director of Nourish International, a student movement to address global poverty.

Mr. Ian Thorne Simmons: real estate investor, initiates projects that seek to enhance democracy. He is also a co-founder and seed-funder of ActBlue. Mr. Simmons volunteers as director of the Foundation for Civic Leadership.

Mr. Ben Bronfman: environmental entrepreneur, progressive thinker and musician. Co-founded Global Thermostat.

Mr. Kalu Ugwuomo: founder and original member of the Hip Hop Caucus, a national non profit organization whose mission is to foster civic engagement among young people of colour.

Ms. Mary Galeti: serves as the Vice-Chair of the Tecovas Foundation, a foundation dedicated to social change by supporting equitable economic development, innovation and entrepreneurship locally and internationally.

Mr. Matt Tranchin; Executive Director of Kundavi, an international community of people, projects and places designed to amplify the good in the world.