



MEDIA ADVISORY INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF YOUTH BRIEFING SESSION

Tuesday 12 April 2011
1.15 - 2.45 p.m.

UNICEF House - Danny Kaye Room

Youth Participation

The UN Programme on Youth (UNPY), together with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), is hosting a briefing session on Youth Participation in the context of the International Year of Youth. Kicking off the session will be the presentation of a joint UNPY and UNICEF video entitled 'Young People in Action: A Film on Young People's Participation', followed by a panel discussion with young people, civil society and UN experts.

Premiering at the session will be a special message by actor Ewan McGregor on the International Year of Youth and youth participation, prepared by UNICEF.

Please join us in discussing the importance of youth participation and highlighting the many examples of effective youth engagement.

- **Mr. Ravi Karkara, Moderator**, Specialist in Child and Adolescent Participation, UNICEF
- **Ms. Pamela Wridt** and the Child Friendly Communities East Harlem Team
- **Ms. Mahroo Moshari**, Director of Manhattan Multicultural Counselling
- **Mr. Prateek Awasthi**, Programme Analyst, Adolescent and Youth Programme, UNFPA
- **Ms. Nicola Shepherd**, UN Focal Point on Youth, UN Programme on Youth

Through active participation, young people are empowered to play a vital role in their own development as well as in that of their communities, helping them to learn vital life-skills, develop knowledge on human rights and citizenship and to promote positive civic action. To achieve this, there is a need for a collective and better understanding of what youth participation involves and how it can be implemented for all youth ages.

The UN Programme on Youth has organized this session as one of a series held to celebrate the International Year of Youth (2010-2011) under the theme "Dialogue and Mutual Understanding".

This event is open to all those interested in attending. To register your attendance please email Ms Maryam Moeini Meybodi at moeinimeybodi@un.org

