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Dear friends,

Welcome to May! We send this Newsflash! with warm greetings. As always, please enjoy.

Sincerely,
Firelight Team

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(Call for Nominations) BBC's World Challenge: Nominations open for projects or small businesses at grassroots level
Deadline: 13 June 2011

The BBC World Challenge 2011 seeks to provide recognition to projects or small businesses demonstrating enterprise and innovation at the grassroots level. BBC World News Limited and Newsweek are looking for nominations of social entrepreneurs who are making a difference without costing the earth.

Nominations of projects or ideas that demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit working for the benefit of the community whilst adopting a responsible approach can be submitted. The entries have to show initiative especially the use of technology or an invention in an innovative manner. The projects/business should increase investment into the local community and take a responsible approach towards environment.

Nominations submitted should fall under one of the following categories:

- * Community Welfare and Enterprise

- * Health and Education
- * Sustainable Farming
- * Energy
- * Water
- * Environment

The World Challenge 2011 provides recognition to the winner of the competition with an award of US \$20,000. The second and their Finalist also receive grant of US \$10,000.

For more, go here: http://www.theworldchallenge.co.uk/the_rules

(Call for Nominations) AGFUND International Prize for Pioneering Human Development Projects
Deadline: 31 May 2011

The Arab Gulf Program for Development (AGFUND) based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia is regional developmental funding organization that works with UN agencies, international organizations and local NGOs around the world for the sustainability of human development and poverty alleviation. It annually offers the AGFUND International Prize with the aim of inciting and encouraging innovation and creativity in the areas of human development. The Prize identifies successful human developmental projects, provide them with substantial funding and disseminate their best practices and innovation to replicate in other areas. It has a particular focus on supporting projects that improve the living conditions of vulnerable groups, particularly women and children in developing countries and covers a range of issues such as poverty, social exclusion, socio-economic marginalization, education and health. NGOs, INGOs, Government & Individuals can be nominated.

For more, go

here: http://www.agfund.org/en/prize/annual_prize/Pages/Prize_Subject_2011.aspx

(Call for Nominations) Mario Savio Young Activist Award

This award, which carries a cash prize of \$6000, is presented each year to a young person (or persons) with a deep commitment to human rights and social justice and a proven ability to transform this commitment into effective action. The recipients should have demonstrated leadership ability, creativity, and integrity. The cash award is divided equally between the individual recipient and an organization of his/her choosing.

Nominations for the Young Activist Award may be submitted at any time by filling

out the Nomination Form. Nominations for the next award are due by June 30 of the current year. Finalists will be asked to submit further supporting documents (letters of recommendation, articles by or about the candidate, etc.) Anyone may nominate a candidate, including members of the general public. The Lecture Board may also solicit nominations for activists who have come to its attention. All material should be submitted by e-mail to savio at sonic dot net.

Preference will be given to candidates who have not been widely recognized and do not have personal privilege or a strong institutional base of support.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Nominees should be:

- * Between ages 16-26 by 9/1 of the current year;
- * Engaged in activism for social change in the U.S., promoting the values of peace, human rights, economic or social justice, or freedom of expression;
- * Acting not alone but within the context of an organization, social movement, or larger community effort;
- * Considered by others within that context as an inspirational leader or motivating force;
- * Willing to attend award ceremony in Berkeley, California (expenses paid).

For more information, go here: http://www.savio.org/young_activist_award.html

(Call for Applications) WISE Awards 2011

Submission period is open until 31 May 2011

The WISE Awards are designed to identify, showcase and promote innovative educational projects from around the world. Every year, since 2009, six winners are selected by a prestigious Jury for their concrete and positive impact on education. In addition to this recognition given by eminent experts from the education world, they receive \$20,000 and are given access to international exposure.

The 2011 edition of the WISE Awards will continue to celebrate successful models and innovations from around the world within the theme Transforming Education: Investment , Innovation and Inclusion.

Application forms should be downloaded from the website and submitted online, once completed, before 31 May 2011.

For more, go here: <http://www.wise-qatar.org/en/awards>

(Resource) Reflections On Building CSO Capacity To Integrate Gender And Diversity Equality

By: Elsa Dawson (Gender and Development Consultant)
Published: February 2011
Published by: INTRAC

"Civil society organisations (CSOs) throughout the world are making efforts to enhance organisational and staff capacity with regard to gender and diversity equality, as part of the overall effort to raise levels of effectiveness of development and humanitarian interventions. Such efforts have been concerned with how to secure the greatest long-term sustainability of their impact, but are also based in organisational objectives to promote women's human rights. This Praxis Note provides an overview of current thinking about capacity building of CSOs in this area.

It explores practice to date and identifies key areas for further exploration based on the author's experience of over 20 years working on the issue, particularly with the UK development sector.

This paper highlights gender capacity building as that is where most effort has taken place up to now, but other strands of diversity are covered where work has been carried out. It also includes much information about donor aid agencies, about which we have currently the most information. However, INTRAC intends to develop a new Praxis learning theme on this issue, bringing together civil society practitioners from around the world..."

For the resource, go
here: <http://www.intrac.org/resources.php?action=resource&id=700>

(Article) Strengthening advocacy by documenting the experience of people living with HIV

Theo Smart

Aidsmap Published: 21 April 2011

"People living with HIV are experts in their own lives and know first hand about stigma, discrimination they experience and other barriers to accessing services," said Rahab Mwaniki of the National Empowerment Network of People living with HIV/AIDS in Kenya (NEPHAK) (pictured above), at a board meeting of the Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GNP+) held in Cape Town on April 2.

"Our big discovery [about HIV-related stigma and discrimination in Kenya] was that more than 60 per cent of the people living with HIV we surveyed said they have been gossiped about because of their status; more than half have been verbally insulted, harassed, threatened and a very high number have been physical assaulted: 42.8 per cent," she said. She went on to describe villages where HIV-exposed children have been abandoned by the community, examples

where HIV-positive women were sterilised without their knowledge and many other cases of flagrant human rights violations of people living with HIV.

Documenting such experiences, by participating in the 'HIV Leadership through Accountability Programme,' has helped NEPHAK grow as an organization, develop an evidence base for its advocacy and start to engage in policy work in Kenya, Ms Mwaniki told those at the meeting.

For the article and a list of resources, go here: http://www.aidsmap.com/page/1772528/?utm_source=Open+Society+Institute&utm_campaign=256f5573f6-health-20110428&utm_medium=email

(Resources) FundsForNGOs.org's top guides

For guides on various topics from www.fundsforNGOs.org, see the links below:

Organizational Policies & Systems for NGOs

A Short Guide on Human Resource Management for NGOs

How to develop Logical Framework Analysis (LFA) in a Grant Proposal

How to train NGO staff in Fundraising

NGO Fundraising & Sustainability

For more, go here: www.fundsforngos.org

Fraudulent Conference Warning

Please be weary if you receive an invitation or message similar to the one posted below. It is being circulated and has been flagged as a fraud or scam message:

Dear Sir/Madam

We hereby inform you that Bridge Medical Research Foundation in partnership with, Randolph Foundation, Bank of America, the American Social Affairs, Allegheny Foundation, Brady Education Foundation and Rodney Fund organize the 4th International Workshop for Development and Funding which is scheduled from 23rd to 28th May 2011 in Georgia-Atlanta, United States of

America, (U.S.A).

Your Honourable Institute is invited to take part in the Summit .

We kindly plead you to find the Invitation Message in your attachment file.

Attached is the Invitation Message (PDF Format).

Looking forward to meeting you at the summit.

Best regards,

Mrs. Lynn Albright
In charge of Institute and Organization out of USA
International NGO Summit

As usual, please refer to the following website if you are suspicious of email
scams: http://www.uia.be/fraud_monitor

(Website) TechSoup.org and free resources

TechSoup is a nonprofit with a clear focus: providing other nonprofits and libraries with technology that empowers them to fulfill their missions and serve their communities. As part of that goal, we provide technology products and information geared specifically to the unique challenges faced by nonprofits and libraries.

Learning resources, including articles, blogs, free webinars, and forums led by expert hosts are available to all users. Once qualified with TechSoup, nonprofits and libraries can access 400+ technology products from more than 40 donor partners — including Microsoft, Adobe, Cisco, Intuit, and Symantec. All donated and discounted products are available for a small admin fee that supports our work in the United States and around the world.

-*'A Nonprofit's Guide to Building Simple, Low-Cost Websites'* go here:
http://www.techsoup.org/learningcenter/webbuilding/page11890.cfm?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=lc&utm_content=apr4&utm_campaign=btc

-Foxit Reader is a free portable document format (PDF) document viewer and printer with a compact size and a rich feature set. For the download, go here: http://www.techsoup.org/learningcenter/downloads/productivity/page7725.cfm?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_term=lc&utm_content=apr4&utm_campaign=btc

For more, go here: <http://home.techsoup.org/pages/default.aspx>

As part of the Firelight Foundation's Capacity Building Program, Firelight provides "Newsflashes" to share relevant resources and information with our active grantee-partners via weekly emails and via post on a monthly basis. We hope that by facilitating access to information for grassroots, community-focused organizations, programming for children and families, as well as organizational development, is enhanced. Past editions of the Firelight Newsflash can be found on our website: <http://www.firelightfoundation.org/newsflash.php>.

We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas for upcoming Newsflashes at newsletter@firelightfoundation.org.