

Dear Friends,

We hope you enjoy this week's edition of the Newsflash! Happy World AIDS Day!

Sincerely,

The Firelight Team

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(Call for Nominations) Women of Peace Award

The Women of Peace Award recognized women in the US and other countries that:

- * demonstrate how violence against women and children is at the root of other forms of violence that tear at the fabric of the world
- * hold officials, institutions and governments accountable for their brutality against women and children
- * teach future generations the power of non-violence

Print the nomination form from this website and email or mail the nomination to the address provided. Include information and a photo demonstrating the types of activities the person has been involved in either through work, or as a volunteer. Talk about how you think your Women Of Peace Award nominee has taken action in an area of violence against women or children. Don't forget to include a contact name, address, and phone number for yourself and your nominee so that we can gather further information.

Women of Peace Award recipients will also be eligible to receive technical assistance in fundraising and long range planning. Our goal is to help small projects gain stability. Award nominations must be received before May 31st. Awards are announced the last quarter of the year.

For more information visit:

<http://www.womenspeacepower.org/awardguidelines.htm>

(Call for Applications) UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence against Women is accepting applications for its 16th grant cycle (2011) from government authorities at the national and local levels, civil society organizations and networks — including non-governmental, women's and community-based organizations and coalitions and operational research institutions — and UN Country Teams in partnership with governments and civil society organizations. The deadline for submissions of applications is 19 January, 2012

For more information visit: <http://www.unwomen.org/how-we-work/un-trust-fund/application-guidelines/>

(Funding Resource) Commonwealth Foundation Grants

As part of our work to support civil society, we award small grants to civil society and cultural organisations in Commonwealth Foundation member countries. This document provides information about these grants awarded under the Civil Society Responsive Grants programme. It sets out what we do and do not support, how much you can apply for, and how you can apply for a grant. You can apply for up to £12,500. In exceptional cases, the Foundation can award grants of up to £25,000. The average award is about £5,000. Applications for grants of over £12,500

must be considered by the Foundation's Grants Committee which meets biannually in September and March.

The Foundation prefers not to be the sole funder of projects.

Your organisation must be:

- registered or incorporated as 'non-profit' civil society, cultural or human rights organisation, trade union or social enterprise;
- engaged in work relevant to Commonwealth values, strategic objectives and priorities;
- able to demonstrate accountability and good governance;
- able to provide evidence of obtaining funding from sources other than the Foundation.

For more information visit: www.commonwealthfoundation.com/grants.

The 2011 Theme for World AIDS Day is Getting to Zero: Zero Deaths, Zero New Infections Zero Discrimination.

UNAIDS has issued a list of ten goals for the Getting to Zero Campaign that will be a focus of the World AIDS Campaign until 2015:

1. Sexual transmission of HIV reduced by half, including among young people, men who have sex with men and transmission in the context of sex work;
2. Vertical transmission of HIV eliminated and AIDS-related maternal deaths reduced by half;
3. All new HIV infections prevented among people who use drugs.
4. Universal access to antiretroviral therapy for people living with HIV who are eligible for treatment;
5. TB deaths among people living with HIV reduced by half;
6. All people living with HIV and households affected by HIV are addressed in all national social protection strategies and have access to essential care and support.
7. Countries with punitive laws and practices around HIV transmission, sex work, drug use or homosexuality that block effective responses reduced by half ;
8. HIV-related restrictions on entry, stay and residence eliminated in half of the countries that have such restrictions;
9. HIV-specific needs of women and girls are addressed in at least half of all national HIV responses;
10. Zero tolerance for gender-based violence.

The global response to HIV and AIDS is at a pivotal moment. Funding for HIV and AIDS is declining while only one third of those who need treatment are receiving it; new infections continue to outpace the number of new people accessing treatment.

There are several resources to help you think through what action you can take:

1. www.worldaidscampaign.org

This website provides resources and information about the World AIDS Campaign. You can receive updates about efforts from all around the globe to raise awareness and increase support and funding for treatment, prevention, care and support.

2. <http://www.whatspreventingprevention.org/about-this-campaign/>

With five new HIV infections for every three people that receive treatment, the International HIV/AIDS Alliance is launching a campaign to ensure (1) better funding; (2) removing political and social barriers that stop people accessing prevention; and (3) increasing the voice of those who are most affected in

decisions around HIV prevention programs. Learn more about what you can do by clicking on the link.

3. www.crowdoutaids.org

The CrowdOutAIDS Open Forum are events where young people bring together youth in their communities to discuss some of the key issues they are facing in the AIDS response today, as well as coming up with recommendations for UNAIDS on how we can work better with young people.

These meet-ups are crucial to ensure that the new UNAIDS strategy on HIV and young people truly represents the diverse perspectives of young people, in particular in areas and among communities where internet penetration is low.

See the document attached to this email for their "Open Forum: How To Guide"

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.