

# YES Insider # 2

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Over the past 8 weeks since the launch of the YES Campaign at the Alexandria Summit, YES Networks and youth leaders have begun to move forward to implement YES Campaign Goals. Given below are some examples of their work.

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Editor's note: YES Insider is a monthly e-newsletter designed for YES 2002 delegates, members of the YES Global Alliance, YES Country Networks (YCNs) and friends and supporters of the Youth Employment Summit. Our goals are to provide you with timely information regarding YES and our Decade Campaign of Action as well as share effective practices.

- Magic in the Air for Romanian Youth Org

YES Network member, the Children for Peace Foundation, is excited to announce it has won a sizable grant from the European Union to create and operate two new Youth Employment Centers in Northwest Romania. YES Network Coordinator, Ms. Rodica Pop, will head the project. Click here to read the status report.

<http://projects.takingitglobal.org/YES-Romania>

- YES Moldova Launches Two New Projects

Moldova's Future Business Leaders Association has launched two new youth employment projects in the month of October 2002. The first, a Career Planning Program, aims to provide training and skills for young professional to aid their transition to the labor market. The second, the Young Women's Employment Center, intends to create a consultative, supportive and assisting infrastructure for young women from Balti district of Moldova. Click here to read more,

<http://www.youthemploymentsummit.org/campaign/docs/moldova.oct25.doc>

- YES 2002 Delegate Youngest Member of Parliament Ever Elected in Estonia

Ms Karoli Hindricks, 19 and a YES 2002 scholarship delegate, was elected to the Parliament of Estonia less than one month after returning home from Alexandria. The YES Secretariat would like to congratulate Karoli on behalf of the entire YES Global Alliance. This news is an inspiration to youth leaders everywhere. We congratulate Karoli and wish her well in her new career. Click here to read more about Karoli Hindricks (and there is a great photograph of Karoli on the YES website).

<http://www.youthemploymentsummit.org/campaign/docs/karolihindricks.doc>

- YES Introduces the "Youth Leaders Respond to the YES Campaign Challenge: A Series".

This component of the YES Campaign involves an interview with an innovative youth leader (who may not necessarily be a UN defined 'youth'). In our first installment of this occasional series, YES introduces Lockey White, recipient of the Youth Innovators Award at YES 2002. "I could just feel the synergy, the energy, the sincere commitment to action among the participants and in the air. Everyone was so excited to be there!"... click here to read more of Lockey White's response to the YES Campaign Challenge.

<http://www.youthemploymentsummit.org/summit/doc/lockey.doc>

- YES Hosts Microcredit Summit Workshop

YES Executive Director Ms. Poonam Ahluwalia hosted a workshop, "The Youth Employment Summit and Microcredit: Next Steps", Monday November 11th 2002, in New York City at the Microcredit Summit. Guest speakers included Mrs. C.S. Ramalakshimi, CEO - Employment Generation Mission and Dr. Puneetha S Palakurthi, School of Community Economic Development, Southern New Hampshire University.

## Upcoming Events

### 1. Mozambique

Next week, on November 21 the YES Mozambique Network will hold a press conference with the Minister of Youth and officials from the Ministry of Labor to announce their collective plans to work together to implement the YES Campaign. The event has already attracted press attention, with a number of articles appearing in the national media.

The press conference will detail the major goals of YES Mozambique in the short term. Significantly, the Minister will announce his support for a National Youth Employment Conference to be held in February 2002, which will bring together representatives from all sectors to address youth employment at a national level.

YES Coordinator Helder Martins says the Minister of Youth, H.E Dr Joel M Libombo, is very impressed with the YES Strategic Plan. The Minister encouraged the YES Network to continue the good work done thus far. "You should share the information and knowledge you have with those youth not fortunate enough to have it, so that young people in rural Mozambique can broaden their horizons and take advantage of the global market the internet can offer to sell their crafts in New York or Paris, just like the example of Ecosandals presented at the Summit. This translates a vision into reality and I bet you can do it..." the Minister said.

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