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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 Campaign. Our goal is to provide you with timely information regarding the YES Campaign as well as share effective practices.

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1. YES Renewable Energy Fellowships Launched

In January YES announced the launch of the YES Renewable Energy Fellowships. The Fellowships are designed to attract innovative proposals matching renewable energy technologies with the entrepreneurial spirit of youth. Five Fellowships are available, each valued at USD\$7,000. The deadline for applications is February 28 2003. Please read about the application process and download an application form at the YES website, <http://www.youthemploymentsummit.org/projects/re-apply.html>

Each YES Fellow will be trained using the Renewable Energy Toolkit exclusively prepared for this program by the African Rural Energy Enterprise Development initiative (AREED). AREED's expertise and website is an extremely good resource for young entrepreneurs interested in this field. Visit AREED's website, <http://www.ared.org>

In other renewable energy news, the YES-Romania Network announces it has completed translation of the Renewable Energy Toolkit into Romanian. This toolkit is currently available in English on the YES website. YES hopes to make this extremely useful tool more widely available – offers to translate this toolkit into other languages are most welcome.

2. World Bank and UNDP Partner with YES Paraguay

YES Paraguay hosted a workshop on "Exclusion and Youth Employment" on February 13 2003 together with the World Bank and UNDP offices in Paraguay. Also, YES Paraguay is organizing a workshop in April with the candidates for the presidential election in Paraguay to place the theme of youth employment on the national agenda of the two main parties. Please write to the YES Coordinator in Paraguay, Ms. Mirian Nunez for more information, or visit the YES-Paraguay website.

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3. Philippines Government Stages National Convention with YES Network

YES-Philippines announces it has finalized a partnership with the President's Office of Special Concern to host a National Convention on Youth Employment, April 23-26, 2003, ECOTECH Conference Center, Cebu City.

YES-Philippines, a youth-led and youth-serving network, includes the following multi-stakeholder partners: 1. Office of the President for Special Concern, 2. National Youth Commission, 3. Department of Labor and Employment, 4. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, 5. Employers Confederation of the Philippines, 6. International Labor Organization, 7. Youth for Sustainable Development Assembly, and many other groups.

Visit the YES-Philippines website - an excellent source of planning and analytical documents.

Website. <http://projects.youthemploymentsummit.org/YES-Filipino>

4. Youth Employment on the European Union Agenda

In Greece, the Hellenic Ministry of Labour and Social Security hosted a European Conference, The Future of Work: Key Challenges for the European Employment Strategy, held in Athens on 13-14 February 2003.

The key item of the agenda is to push for more substantive references to youth employment in the next European Employment Strategy. "Throughout 2002 youth unemployment rates for the EU Member States were almost double the general unemployment rates. Young people are particularly affected by unemployment. The transition from school to the labour market is a crucial one for social integration. Unemployment is one of the key issues affecting young people in Europe today," says Giacomo Filibeck, President of the European Youth Forum (www.youthforum.org)

Read more about this conference at,

Website. http://www.y-europe.gr/index.asp?a_id=267

5. YES Campaign Contributes to UN Experts Meeting

In more news from Europe, the United Nations European Economic Commission (UNECE) held an Experts Meeting on "Entrepreneurship in Poverty Alleviation" in Geneva, February 12, 2003. Mr PK Joseph, YES Asia Region Coordinator, represented the YES Campaign. For more information on this meeting please visit the UNECE website,

Website. <http://www.unece.org/operact/enterp/youthen.htm>

6. UN Publishes YES 2002 Regional Youth Employment Papers

In addition, the UN's Division for Social Policy and the International Labour Organization have recognized the value of the UN Economic Commission Regional Papers commissioned for the Youth Employment Summit. These excellent papers are available on the following websites,

YES Website. www.youthemploymentsummit.org/summit/bgpapers.html#rg

UN Website. http://www.un.org/esa/socdev/poverty/youth_egm.htm

7. Transition to Work Project Launches in Angola

The Vida Abundante School in Luanda, Angola (where 4,500 students study in shipping containers) is partnering with the Shirley Ann Sullivan Educational Foundation to launch Job Bank. Job Bank will provide peer-mentoring, job-search, work-placement and scholarship opportunities to students at Vida Abundante School. The scheme includes a self-sustaining mechanism where students who have successfully found work through the program will contribute their skills as mentors to younger students. For more information please visit the Shirley Ann Sullivan Educational Foundation website.

Website. <http://www.sasef.org>

8. Online Youth Entrepreneurship Service Portal launches in Australia

Y-Biz Hothouse, launched January 23 in Sydney, Australia provides online and offline services to aspiring youth entrepreneurs nationwide. Online, members can access a library of business information written specifically for youth; connect through discussion boards and a virtual marketplace of young entrepreneurs; sign up to be workshop mentors or event speakers; and access special features such as competitions, award schemes, members-only events and more. Offline, members can attend social and networking events that tour the country. To read more visit the Y-Biz Hothouse website,

Website. www.youth2youth.com.au/hothouse.asp

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10. YES Campaign Brochure Now Available Online

This very colorful and informative glossy publication explains what the YES Campaign is, what its goals are, and case studies of how the YES Campaign is rolling out. It's an excellent marketing tool and it's available as a PDF file at the YES website. Print it out in full color and distribute it to your sponsors.

<http://www.youthemploymentsummit.org/tony.pdf>

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