



YOUTH FUTURE PROJECT

**Concept of the Youth Conference on
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Defending human rights, fighting poverty, solving conflicts, creating religious tolerance, protecting nature and the environment, developing alternative economic concepts, conserving resources, promoting disarmament, implementing ethics in politics and everyday life...

These are the great challenges of our times. We have to face these challenges with bold courage on our way to the future.

The Right Livelihood Award Foundation annually awards the Alternative Nobel Prize. The award is given to individuals who have offered solutions to today's challenges and have successfully put them into action.

The Right Livelihood Award recognizes projects that go to the core of the issue, taking a closer look at the reasons behind the problem. Laureates are honored not only for recognizing the calamities of current global and local trends. They have also developed unique solutions and realized their visions against all odds. Experiencing such commitment and courage gives hope and is extremely valuable to young people like us.

In September 2010, the Alternative Nobel Prize laureates will get together in Bonn on the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation. This meeting is a unique opportunity for young people to get in touch with the laureates, to exchange ideas, discuss solutions, and to inspire new youth initiatives.



To create a platform of dialogue between Award holders and young people, we are organizing a Youth Conference that will be held during the anniversary meeting in Bonn.

- Our conference shall cover a wide scope of global challenges and local issues
- We will learn immensely about the causes of many global and local crises
- We will hear about inspiring and innovative solutions and projects
- and, last but not least, we have the opportunity to meet people, such as the Right Livelihood Award laureates, who are actively making a difference, and who set inspiring examples of hope

Far-reaching long-term projects have to engage young people for many vital reasons:

It is easier to change and shape your way of life and to live according to moral and ecological values while you are still young.

Today's youth are the decision-makers and trend-setters of tomorrow.

Young people want to know the facts, they want to honestly discuss and actively shape our future.

We want to make it possible for interested young people from Germany and all of Europe (and beyond) to enter into a dialogue with the Right Livelihood Award laureates. In this dialogue, we want to create a basis for joint learning and discussion among the youth conference's participants. We want to work as much as possible with the laureates. The final aim of our conference is to inspire participants to form their own initiatives, inspired by the exceptional work of the laureates.

The main-question, we want to ask and work out together with the laureates is: "What can everyone (by himself) do, to stop climate change, fight poverty, initiate nuclear disarmament or religious tolerance?"

Together with the Laureates we want to found new, and support existing initiatives and projects who work onto the different issues of the big goal "changing course".

Our youth conference "Youth Future Project" will meet during the anniversary conference of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation in Bonn. The team of organizers is currently composed of 6 students, aged 19 -23. The Right Livelihood Award Foundation supports and welcomes our initiative.

The "Youth Future Project" conference's aspiration is to create a network among young people who strive to make a difference. This network could serve as a platform for solution-oriented analysis as well as for the development and support of projects taking on today's great challenges. It is crucial for young people to learn about encouraging initiatives all over the world. The "Youth Future Project" network strives to inform people about the urgent necessity and obligation to ACT NOW...

Our conference concept encompasses the following main points:

- The "Youth Future Project" conference will be an independent event under the patronage of the Right Livelihood Award Foundation
- The details of our program and schedule as well as all official actions are closely coordinated with the organizers of the Foundation's 30th anniversary meeting
- Some participants of the youth conference will attend the cluster-events of the laureate's conference as "representatives". Likewise, selected laureates will host the youth conference's workshops.
- The focus of the conference is on the interaction of the young participants with the Alternative Nobel laureates (including politicians, economists, scientists, and activists). Workshops, discussion groups, panel discussions and lectures by laureates will promote the dialogue
- There will be public events, spontaneous initiatives (like seed-planting) and flash-mobs (like "stand up and make noise against poverty") in the city of Bonn to encourage more people to join us in "changing course – reclaiming our future".



- The “Youth Future Project” is independently organized on a voluntary basis by young people (and supporting adults)
- We aim to have around 120 young participants. The conference is open to young people, independently of their origin or confession
- The venue of the “Youth Future Project” conference will be the youth hostel (DJH-Bonn)



The organisers of the youth conference together with Alyn Ware (RLA 2009), Jakob v. Uexküll (Founder, RLA) and Ole v. Uexküll (Director, RLA)

We would be very happy to welcome you at the Youth Conference.

Please get in touch with us if you are interested, want to learn more about different ways to contribute, or with any questions about the Youth Future Project.

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