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Connecting Children with Nature Action Forum

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A team of teachers, plant experts, aide workers, and researchers will launch a project to help young Afghans regain a feeling of responsibility and appreciation for native and medicinal plants and herbs. As decades of war have devastated Afghanistan's infrastructure and natural environment, traditional methods of using plants for soaps, dyes, and medicine have been lost. The project's goal is to help children "learn about the way things were done in Afghanistan before the wars: how people were able to live off the earth, respecting every living thing as a useful part of a healthy life." More than 70 other teams with equally inspiring projects will be joining them at the Forum, which is sponsored by the Nature Action Collaborative for Children, a World Forum Foundation Working Group.

Multi-disciplinary teams of educators, environmentalists, design professionals, and health care workers will begin projects focused on helping children develop the kinds of deep connections with the natural world that will inspire them to become our world's next generation of committed environmental stewards. Teams from Fiji, Australia, Denmark, Belize, the United States, México, Kenya, Nepal, Canada, Uganda, India, New Zealand, Brazil, and over 20 more countries will meet together to share ideas and resources, receive technical support, and inspire each other to take important actions — planting seeds of change.



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World Forum National Representatives are our key leaders, networkers, and voices for the World Forum. They are the energy of the World Forum and our work for young children in their nations. National Representatives are appointed for 2-year terms to share, excite, update, and encourage all to be involved and to become a part of our global World Forum initiatives. In April of this year we commenced a new 2-year term of appointment with new National Representatives joining our team and some past National Representatives re-establishing their commitment for the 2010 to 2012 term. This new term will include our World Forum event in Honolulu, Hawaii, on May 3 - 6, 2011. Currently, National Representatives are actively sharing World Forum developments and information throughout their nations, reaching out to government departments, policy workers, early childhood colleagues, and their professional communities. We look forward to a rich diversity of delegates at our upcoming World Forum due to our National Representatives' networking and advocacy.

To be introduced to our
National Representatives see
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In September 2010, the 22 members of the current class of Global Leaders for Young Children from India, Indonesia, Lebanon, Poland, the Netherlands, México, Brazil, Kenya, Ghana, and South Africa will gather for their second meeting at the International Conference Center of Reggio Children in Reggio Emilia, Italy. Since their first meeting at the 2009 World Forum on Early Care and Education in Belfast, Northern Ireland, they have been carrying out advocacy projects with their newly acquired advocacy skills. At the meeting in Reggio, the Global Leaders will report on their projects as well as participate in additional training on advocacy and leadership.