



WORLD FORUM IN ACTION



World Forum National Representatives

Henry Manani, Coordinator

National Representatives are the eyes, ears, feet, and voices of the World Forum in all nations worldwide. These are highly committed, passionate, and motivated individuals who have volunteered their services to benefit the needs of the children and communities in their respective countries. They also serve to meet the objectives of the World Forum — bringing together expertise, resources, experiences, and people from all corners of the globe during the World Forum on Early Care and Education, to share the rich and varied ideas and information through deliberate networks during the Forum and thereafter.

So far, 67 individuals from all over the world have volunteered to represent their countries and this is an ongoing process. I am appealing for proposals and individuals who wish to represent their countries to email their applications to henry@worldforumfoundation.org for consideration. Visit the World Forum Foundation's website to become acquainted with your National Representative or to determine if there is an opportunity for you: WorldForumFoundation.org/nationalreps.

The World Forum welcomes these first-time National Representatives:

Solomon Islands: Bernadine Ha'amori; Myanmar: K. Seng Raw; Zambia: Gibson Nchimunya; Ghana: Stella Etse; Wales: Karen Graham; Ukraine/Russia: Natalie Berg; Mongolia: Munkhzul Hoovoi; China: Zhao Dongyu; Estonia: Maria Jyrimae; Canada, East: Glory Ressler.



World Forum Global Leaders

Christa Grist, Administrative Coordinator

The Global Leaders of the African, Caribbean, North American, Asia/Pacific, and Arab regions have been hard at work these many months planning and creating their early childhood advocacy projects to implement in their communities and countries. As an example of some of these projects, in the United Arab Emirates, Dr. Tariq Qashmiri and Samia Kazi made the case for investing in early childhood to create tomorrow's leaders at a TEDx talk in Dubai. In Guyana, Michelle McBean is working to create a toolkit of information, education, and communication materials to promote culturally appropriate adult/child interactions for the Guyanese population. And in Mongolia, Narmandakh Adiya created a Parent Club to promote parents' knowledge about child rights, protection, and development. Planning is now in progress for the Global Leaders Regional Meetings. In the fall of 2012, Global Leaders will come together in regional groups to share their projects, receive further advocacy training, and celebrate the tremendous impact of their work. To learn more about Global Leaders for Young Children, visit WorldForumFoundation.org/globalleaders.

Start Planning



JUNE 29, 2012

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*Join Us!



International Working Forum of the Global Collaborative OnDesign for Children

June 27-29, 2012

Berkeley, California, United States

Be a part of in-depth discussions with global leaders about the latest trends and research in the development of environments and the integration of educational principles into spaces for young children.

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World Forum Working Groups

Kirsten Haugen, Coordinator

The members of our World Forum community have now established over a dozen Initiatives or Working Groups, each developing projects that focus on a distinct issue affecting children. In 2012, the newly formed Global Collaborative OnDesign for Children will host its first Working Forum, June 27-29, 2012, in Berkeley, California. At a smaller working meeting in Moss, Norway, also in June, the Children's Rights group, in collaboration with OEMP, will determine next steps for the World Forum community in advocating for the rights of children with the UN Conventions on the Rights of the Child as the foundation for this work. The Indigenous People's Action Group has announced a new administrative partner in CDI, while the Nature Teams, part of the Nature Action Collaborative for Children, are gearing up to share their projects on our website. And we continue to receive news and updates from individual members of all our groups about the unique challenges and accomplishments of their work. Behind the scenes, the World Forum staff is exploring ways we can expand such opportunities to share and discuss diverse ideas on caring for children through more interactive features for the website. We will keep you posted! Learn more about our Working Groups by visiting the "Initiatives" tab at www.WorldForumFoundation.org and write to us at info@worldforumfoundation.org.



Global Working Initiative on Children's Rights

June, 2012 • Moss, Norway

During the 2011 World Forum in Honolulu, a group of delegates began talking about the possibility of developing a Working Group on Children's Rights.

Organizers are initiating this

Working Group with a "Global Working Initiative." Goals for the Global Working Initiative include researching the work of existing groups surrounding children's rights, determining the mission and goals for this World Forum Working Group, and planning strategies for accomplishing these goals. The initiative will be held in Moss, Norway, from June 1-4, 2012. An article in the May/June issue of *Exchange*, titled, "A Conversation About Children's Rights," written by Ellen Hall and Alison Maher, with a response by Pam Boulton, elucidates current thoughts and questions of members of this fledgling group.

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WORLD FORUM STORY PROJECT

Christy Spencer, Coordinator



"Over the past several weeks I have been reaching out to the World Forum community to capture stories about powerful experiences and memorable moments. I have been working together with individuals to tell their World Forum stories and will be reaching out to others to keep moving forward on this project. These stories will eventually be posted on the website and everyone will be invited to share their own life-changing experiences."

If you have a story that you would like to share, please visit WorldForumFoundation.org/story