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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Capacity Building Blueprints Available NOW!

Capacity Building is important to Young People For because it is necessary in order to build a strong, diverse, and sustainable progressive movement. YP4 will select up to 25 Fellows who are at points of transition in their lives and could use additional support helping them to determine how to maximize their effectiveness within the progressive movement.

FEATURED FELLOW



Eastern Michigan University

Fellow Jessica Klein

continues her passionate activist work surrounding women's rights and women's issues. Read YP4 intern

Elizabeth Bartfield's

interview with Jessica and show your support for her work. [Read More](#)

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These Fellows will work with the YP4 staff and some of YP4's consultants and progressive partners to find their role in the progressive movement. [Read More](#)

If you are interested in being considered for this opportunity please answer the following question in a paragraph to a half page. Submit your answers to salvarez@pfaw.org by April 15, 2007.

How would you benefit from the opportunity to participate in a Capacity Building Blueprint? Explain how this will make you more effective in your social change work.

The Leadership Academy

Young People For is proud to announce the launch of our Leadership Academy.

The Leadership Academy will recruit, identify, engage, empower, and support the next generation of professional, vision-oriented and entrepreneurial leaders in the progressive movement to build a sustainable social justice movement.



The Year-Long Leadership Academy will include a three week-long retreat for 15 young leaders including a combination of leadership training, idea-generation and innovation training, networking,

YP4's intern, Elizabeth Bartfield interviewed 2007

Fellow Reem Rahman about her commitment to social justice and promoting tolerance. In this interview, Reem shares her strategy for making change, "We need to make our story known and not stay silent. The culture of silence is the problem. When you have that knowledge base you can organize."

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Pride and Prejudice: Kyle Devries fights discrimination on Soulforce's Equality Ride

By Elizabeth Bartfield, YP4 Communications

Intern



Kyle Devries, a 2007 YP4 Fellow is the president of Florida State University's Equality Alliance, the

personal ecology and professional development coaching, and two paid project-based fellowships

(Fall 2007 and Spring 2007) in progressive and social justice organizations.

Contact Shaunna Thomas, Deputy Director of Education and Leadership to learn more about the program. E-mail Shaunna at sthomas@pfaw.org, or call (212)-420-0440 x14. [Read more](#) about additional leadership development opportunities.

Don't miss out on YP4 Forums!

Do you have any upcoming campus or community events planned that may be of interest to other Fellows in your region? Perhaps you are looking for an amazing internship with progressive organization in the upcoming semester... Or maybe, there is a leadership or networking conference that you would like to attend.

This is exactly why *Young People For* launched the Progressive Academy Online state and issue forums. Post your activities and events on your *forum calendar*. Find out the newest internship, conference, or leadership training available on the *Latest News* section!

We don't want you to miss out! Upcoming events for the month of March include:

SUNY Binghamton's Katrina Awareness Week

National Young Women's Leadership Conference

Screening and Discussion on *Hip Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes*

If you don't want to miss out on these—or any other—exciting opportunities, then sign up for the Progressive Academy Online state and issue forums for more information!

vice president of Proud of Who We Are, and the vice chair of the College Democrat GLBT Caucus on his campus. Recently he has been involved in organizing the 2007 Soulforce Equality Ride. The Equality Ride is a bus tour inspired by the civil rights movement's freedom rides.

The Equality Ride bus tour travels to Christian colleges and Universities in an effort to engage "students, faculty, and administrators in conversations about the damaging effects of homophobic doctrine, and the false notion that lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender identities are sick and sinful." Fifty young adults will be traveling cross-country for the next two months working to eradicate homophobia and prejudice on campuses. Kyle serves as the media director for the east coast bus.

Their first stop was Dordt College in Sioux Center, Iowa. On the evening of their arrival in Sioux Center, Kyle recalls seeing several vehicles driving around the hotel with two passengers gracing the world with a vision of their backsides. Unfortunately this opposition to the cause was not where it ended. [Read More](#)

Shout Out: Congrats DMI Finalists and Semi-Finalists

The YP4 team would like to congratulate the Following Fellows and Senior Fellows for participating in the Drum Major Institute (DMI) Scholars selection process. All YP4 students that were selected as semi-finalists or finalists and DMI scholars will be announced shortly. YP4 Director Iara Peng was honored to participate in some of the interviews, but was not involved in any selection decisions.

Congratulations are in order for:

Imran Battla
Juliana Bradley
Elizabeth Camuti
Jessica Carter
Kevin Killer
Colin Koffel
Kathryn Kramer
Kayla Moreland
Nekpen Osuan
Nicholas Pastan
Kyle Pendergast
Reem Rahman
Christopher Ramos



An excerpt from a February 23 post.

By, cjohnson

This week Minnesota state legislature passed a 25% Renewable Energy Standard making it the most progressive energy legislation in the country. The state and their main energy provider Excel are expected to find a quarter of their energy from clean sources such as solar, wind and water. Currently half the state's energy comes from coal and only 8% is renewable.

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Join Our Team!

YP4 IT Project Manager

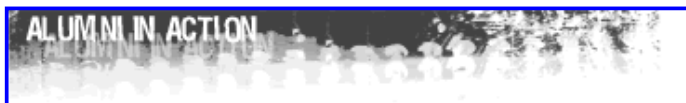
The core responsibilities of this position are related to web application development, but our



Jessica Klein, '07 Fellow- Eastern Michigan University

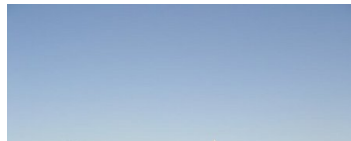
YP4 would like to give a shout out to Jessica Klein! Jessica Klein is breaking the silence on the issue of sexual assault at Eastern Michigan University. Jessica is the Student Program Coordinator for the Women's Center on EMU's campus and has organized a series of awareness events to mobilize her campus and community around the increasing number of sexual assault cases occurring on campus.

In organizing this month of action, Jess has successfully engaged a diverse set of coalition partners from sororities and fraternities to academic departments to community interest groups. She is targeting students, professors, administrators, and community members and is demanding that everyone become involved in the capacity in which they feel they can most comfortably manage. Planned events include a benefit concert, a workshop on what men can do to stop violence against women, a discussion about sexual violence in the media, and a Take Back The Night event.



Manisha Bhalesha, '06 Fellow—University of Houston

For 2006 Fellow Manisha Bhalesha, what began as an international internship turned into a



small team environment will require flexibility in taking on other IT related projects. The IT Project Manager will work in collaboration with the online team in Washington, D.C., and will report to the YP4 Director. This position is located in the New York office.

Develop modules and enhancements for an existing extranet system built on open source software (Sugar Open Source CRM and Moodle, an e-Learning system).

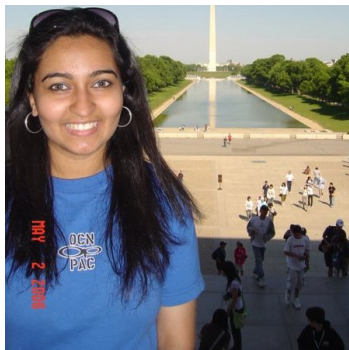
Integrate Sugar CRM and Moodle into a seamless system with a single logon for users.

Maintain the extranet; administering users, configuring the web server and migrating code from the development server to production.

Manage the YP4 website (www.youngpeoplefor.org) using the content management system ARCOS, including updating web content, assembling and sending out the monthly newsletter, and managing mailing lists and system users.

published article in ISHAM magazine on

humanitarian assistance. Last summer, Manisha was one of four interns from North America selected for an internship with Focus Humanitarian Assistance in Tajikistan where she educated local communities on disaster risk management. Manisha explains her interest in



the region and her role as a YP4 Fellow, "The resilience of the indigenous people despite decades of oppression inspires me to partake in their cause of civil and educational betterment. By continuing to gain resources and networks through YP4, I would like to contribute further the progressive virtues of development and assistance to the developing countries of Central Asia."

Congratulations on translating an internship into such an amazing accomplishment!



This [edition of campus clips](#) features fellow Dustin Cox's senate victory, Calvin Hayes' senate action, and the most recent installment of Senior Fellow Nyron Crawford's Project Voice column, which also features 2007 YP4 fellow Sable Nelson. Senior Fellow Liz Funk makes an observation on relationships and fellow Kyle Devries forges ahead on his Equality Ride, despite a major setback on the bus's first stop.

[More Campus News](#) on the YP4 site!

Manage user administration for the YP4 blog.

Assist with other IT projects and program activities, as needed.

[Read more](#)

YP4 Web Development Associate

The core responsibilities of this position are related to web application development, but our small team environment will require flexibility in taking on other IT related projects. The Technical Associate is a key member of the Young People For team; will work in collaboration with the online team in Washington, D.C.; and will report to the YP4 IT Project Manager. This position is located in the New York office.

[Read More](#)

SENIOR FELLOWS PROGRAM

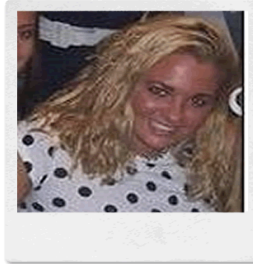
The **Senior Fellowship** program is designed for a select group of Fellows who successfully completed the year-long YP4 Fellowship program and who remain on a campus as an undergraduate or graduate student. Senior Fellows are individuals who demonstrate an understanding of and commitment to YP4's mission, as well as the desire to utilize the resources that YP4 has to offer.

Congratulations Liz Funk! Senior Fellow Liz

Funk is the winner of the 2007 Choice USA:

Setting the Message Straight

Generation Next Award.



According to **Choice USA**, "Recipients of Setting the Message Straight Awards play an important role in challenging assumptions, educating peers, and tackling misinformation around reproductive choices."

EDUCATION AND LEADERSHIP

Ideas Sector Academy

We are also excited to announce the launch of the **Ideas Sector Academy**, the second of three six-month Sector Academies that will launch this year for Fellows who have completed the first year of their Fellowship Program. Applications will be available online on March 26th. Contact Shaunna Thomas, Deputy Director of Education and Leadership to learn more about the program. E-mail Shaunna at sthomas@pfaw.org, or call (212)-420-0440 x14. [Check out additional leadership](#)

The Advocates For Youth "Youth Activist Network" is seeking an intern to support online advocacy and organizing work as well as to assist with the general operations of the Youth Activist Network.

The YAN intern will work within Advocates' Communications and Marketing Division. The internship program, based in Washington, D.C., is designed to give students an opportunity to conduct research, writing, and grassroots activism, and organizing.

The Young People For Sustainability Center

The YP4 Sustainability Center houses a variety of professional development programs and resources designed to assist Fellows in being life long members of the progressive community. The Center's Resources section equips Fellows with informational tip sheets and publications—valuable resources for anyone seeking a job in the movement or seeking advice on how to develop and maintain their progressive career.

development opportunities

The **Ideas Sector Academy** focuses on building knowledge for Fellows pursuing careers that use thought and creativity to produce positive social change. Long-term careers in the Ideas Sector range from being a blogger to working at a think tank, to creating socially conscious culture and art. The Sector Academy model is designed especially for Fellows still in school or just starting out their careers --allowing participants to balance their academic and personal interests with the unique opportunities offered through the program. For more information contact rmayer@pfaw.org.



YP4's

LBB staff liason, Verena Arnabal reports that the new **LBB Board** "is set and ready to go":

Alex Flores, Co-Chair

Elizabeth Camuti, Co-Chair

Liz Fossett

Nyron Crawford

Megan Hanner

Linda Rigas

Ryan Miller

The board is convening in the YP4 office on 3/23 to discuss their strategy for the upcoming year.

Fellows with questions about the LBB Board or who are interested in submitting case studies or being involved in content development for a Little Black Book should contact Verena Arnabal, YP4

Staff Liaison to the LBB Board at varnabal@pfaw.org

[Read More](#)

Generation Change

Generation Change is the Center for Community Change's exciting new program to recruit, train and support a new generation of community organizers and grassroots nonprofit leaders.

Generation Change will recruit 25 interns in the summer of 2007. Internship placements will be focused in 4 locations: the New York and Washington DC metropolitan areas, North Carolina, and Tennessee. E-mail:

intern@communitychange.org for more information or log-on to www.communitychange.org

Youth Radio is seeking a professional, energetic Development Director to lead the Campaign and to oversee the Development Department. The Director will work closely with the Campaign Consultant, the President, the



WITNESS is pleased to announce a call for applications to participate in their inaugural Video Advocacy Institute (VAI).

The Video Advocacy Institute, their newest initiative and the first of its kind, is an innovative program that will train human rights defenders to successfully integrate video advocacy into their social change campaigns. The VAI will be held in association with Concordia University's Communication Studies Program and Documentary Centre.

When: July 15 – July 27, 2007

Where: Montreal, Canada

Application Deadline: March 25, 2007

For more information & the application form [click here](#)

Resource Generation local dinners are informal community events that provide an opportunity for young people with wealth and their partners to meet, share stories, experiences and questions related to wealth and class, and learn more about Resource Generation. Local dinners are a great setting to introduce other young people with wealth to Resource Generation and the local community, so let us know if you have any questions about bringing someone. Local dinners are a confidential space.

Contact Elspeth for more information. elspeth@resourcegeneration.org

Board, and the Campaign Steering Committee to coordinate fundraising of 6.5 million dollars from individuals, foundations, corporations, and government agencies. The successful candidate will be a strong communicator with a hands-on, solution-oriented approach. The candidate will possess strong leadership skills and the ability to manage multiple tasks simultaneously.

Eligible candidates please send resume and cover letter by email to hr@youthradio.org

UC-Davis Women's Center

Programs Coordinator Vacancy Listing # 7546

\$38,640-45,402 year

Deadline to Apply: April 9, 2007

Get the full job description and learn how to apply at: <http://wrrc.ucdavis.edu>

You will have the chance to work in a highly collaborative organization which serves students, staff, and faculty of all genders in pursuit of women's empowerment on many levels. You will plan programs and events; create strong and meaningful collaborative relationships; and have the opportunity to present workshops and

Click here to see the Brave New Foundation's [Iraq Veterans Memorial](#).

Over 500 groups, bloggers, and individuals have signed up to host the memorial on their websites and send the link to their members. We encourage you to share this link with everyone you know.

There will be some local events and screenings of the memorial which are listed on the website.



Latinas Organizing for Leadership & Advocacy (LOLA) Training

Miami, Florida: April 13-15, 2007

Florida International University (FIU)

ligia@latinainstitute.org

Voicing Your Opinion

Wednesday, April 4

6:30 to 8:00 pm

Op-Ed pages are a powerful forum for public discourse, and a well-written piece can affect social change. But with limited page space, editors tend to favor the powers-that-be. Enter the Blogosphere and on-line citizen journalism, opening the field to a broader range of voices. Media opinion-makers explore the impact of this new phenomenon.

Gail Collins, Op-Ed Columnist, *New York Times*

trainings on areas of your own interest and expertise.

AVODAH is looking for budding Jewish activists for the program next year in Chicago, DC and NYC. If you know someone aged 21-26 who would like to combine front-line anti-poverty work, Jewish learning, and community building, please let them know they can contact me at 202-842-4033 or jrtemsky@avodah.net, or go to <http://apply.avodah.net> to download an application.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to everyone born in March and April!

Did we miss your birthday? Be sure to let us know.

Staff Updates

Robert Mayer has been promoted from Leadership Development Associate to Training and Leadership Coordinator. *Congratulations Robert!*

We are also saying "Farewell" to Jessie Grenfell who is leaving the Young People For team later

Tunku Varadarajan, Editorial Features Editor, *Wall Street Journal*

Matt Stoller, political activist/blogger

Sheryl McCarthy, Columnist, *Newsday*; Board of Contributors, *USA Today*

Andrzej Rapaczynski, Editor and Director, Project Syndicate

Catherine Orenstein, contributor, *New York Times*, *Washington Post* (moderator)

New York University

Steinhardt Barney Building

34 Stuyvesant Street

(between 2nd & 3rd Avenues, at 10th Street)

This is a FREE media event. To register, go online at www.cencom.org or call 212-686-5005

Native Philanthropy Institute & Emerging Leaders Summit

April 3 - 5, 2007

Fort McDowell Resort - Home of the Yavapai Nation

Scottsdale, Arizona

For more information contact Neely Snyder nsnyder@nativephilanthropy.org

Be The Change grants for small youth-led projects are available. Please note that only applications costing no more than \$1,000 and submitted by people under age 25 years at the time of application will be considered. There are two deadlines each year: March 31st and October 31st. Guidelines are available at www.peacechild.org



this month to pursue new IT opportunities.

Jessie joined the staff last April as YP4's IT Project Manager and has made an outstanding contribution by managing and expanding YP4's online presence. A strong developer and creative mind, Jessie was instrumental in creating YP4's extranet – an important tool for the program's many and varied activities. Please join us in thanking Jessie for her efforts and wishing her much success in her future endeavors.

Social Networking

Why not join the YP4 group on [MySpace](#) or [Facebook](#)? Another great way to network with like-minded progressives from around the country!

In [this edition of Right Wing Watch](#), we take a look at right wing extremists organizing youth against muslims, "climate hysteria", and a right wing campaign to prohibit yoga in schools.

YP4 needs your help monitoring right wing news on your campus. Please send notice of right wing events, speakers, programs or groups to Verena at varnabal@pfaw.org and look out for Right Wing Watch news online and in future newsletters.

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