
Youth Creating Digital Opportunity (YCDO) --

The wider framework of the GKP Youth Strategy

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Recognizing youth leadership in building information societies

- Youth as leaders in ICTs
- Youth as social entrepreneurs



Challenges of young ICT4D champions

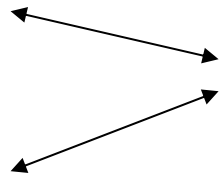


- Lack of continuity
 - Lack of communication
 - Lack of mainstream support
 - Lack of participation in decision-making
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Connecting the dots

Policy

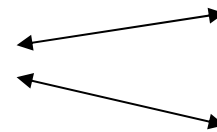
- G8 DOTforce
 - AISI
 - WSIS
 - ITU Telecom Forums
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- Jr. Summit
 - Youth Employment Summit
 - Oxfam International Youth Parliament
 - UNESCO Youth Forum



**Network of
young people
involved in
these
initiatives**

Practice

- **IICD** Global Teenager Project
 - Mandate the Future
 - UNITES
 - Open Knowledge Network
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- Paradigm Initiative
 - **TakingITGlobal**
 - Girls movement
 - Young Journalists Group
 - Young Asia Television



Areas of Focus and Current Activities

- Enabling youth participation in ICT decision-making
 - Closing the loop: DOTforce, WSIS, MIYD, YES, WSSD, UN ICT
 - Empowering youth working on concrete ICT projects
 - GKP Youth Awards, GKP Youth Focal Point
 - Fostering a global network of young people involved in ICT policy and practice
 - Partnerships with ITU, UNESCO, Mandate the Future, YES, etc. to integrate networks of ICT-active youth and their supporters
 - Design and launch of YCDO Web site; pilot portal at <http://ict.takingitglobal.org/>
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YCDO – Vision for the future

- Framework for action of a “Loose coalition with substantial commitment”
 - Identification of complementary activities and reduction in duplication of effort
 - Identification of gaps and formation of partnerships to close them
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GKP Youth Strategy & Activities

- Identifies with a collaborative Youth Strategy
- Supports Youth in Advocacy
 - Youth Focal point at GKP Secretariat
 - WSIS : Youth Caucus and GKP Youth Award
 - Recommendations to G8 DotForce including Youth Issues
- Stimulates information exchange on Youth projects in ICT4D and fosters collaborative opportunities
 - 45 GKP members have Youth projects (Health, Education, Skills training, Social change for marginalised youth)
 - ICT4D Conferences, ie. E-Conference on “Youth Building Knowledge Societies”

check: www.globalknowledge.org
