

**DISCOVER TO INSPIRE:
YOUTH ACTIONS ON THE MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS**

*Dundee, Scotland
18th–21st May, 2012*

I am delighted to invite you to take part in the first of series of youth empowering conferences, entitled Discover to Inspire. Over 100 young people will gather in Dundee, Scotland seven years after the historic G8 Summit in Gleneagles and the Make Poverty History Campaign to manifest youth's determination to be actively engaged with the United Nations global solidarity project, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

In the course of three days young people aged from 16 to 26 will meet peers from across the globe, who have dedicated their time and spirit to helping the global community achieve the goals it has set alongside prominent academics and professionals working on this topic (for a detailed schedule, please, refer to the attached file). At the end of the conference an instruction booklet will be produced with sets of easy to follow steps to youth's engagement with the MDGs through various mechanisms (volunteering, social entrepreneurship, etc). This booklet will later be circulated through the appropriate bodies to all interested parties, such as non-governmental organizations or institutions, whose work focuses on the issues that the MDGs aim to tackle.

The event will be an incredible opportunity for everyone with experience or interest in the MDGs to offer their opinion on how to engage youth more effectively in the process of achieving the goals by 2015. It will also result in the creation of a useful tool that will bring the immense opportunities for personal development in that sphere to young people, who were previously unaware of them.

To participate, please, fill in the attached application form and send it back to the email indicated at the bottom of the email by the **8th of April**. Please, be specific and short in telling us why you feel related to the subject of the MDGs and how you would be able to contribute to the creative process planned. The only eligibility criterion for participants is for them to be aged from 16 to 26 years. You will be notified of the decision on your participation by the **18th of April** and you will have to reserve your place by paying your participation fee of **£200** by the **27th of April**.

Your participation fee will cover for:

- 3 nights stay in Dundee (please, be advised logging is based on rooms of 3 people sharing)
- 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 3 dinners
- Full delegate info pack (pen, writing pad, bag, t-shirt)
- Printed copy of the final instruction booklet

We, the Discover to Inspire team, believe in the potential of young people to be the change we want to see in the world. With an average age of 22, our team proves that young people's compassion and determination to take ownership over global issues can produce impact beyond expected. Giving a twist to what J.F Kennedy said, we ask not what the world can do for us, but what we can do for the world.

We are looking forward to facing the challenges with you! Should you have any questions, please, contact us as soon as possible and we would be happy to provide you with the answers. As the project is in its development stage our website and logo are currently under development, but the moment they will be on air, you will be notified.

Yours faithfully,

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