Youth Network of the "Alternative Nobel Prize"

Supporting and empowering youth initiatives and young activism

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The Youth Future Project... is a non-profit organization founded in 2009 by six students with the aim of bringing together young people with laureates of the Right Livelihood Award, the Alternative Nobel Prize, in order to enable a dialogue and encounter between great role models of our time and the young generation of the future.

The first event that the Youth Future Project organized was an international youth conference with the title: “Changing Course to the Future!” In September 2010, a group of 120 young people from 16 countries came together in Bonn with 30 Alternative Nobel laureates and formulated a manifesto for the future. The Youth Future Manifesto was presented at the United Nations Millennium Goals Summit by our UN-youth delegate only weeks later.

Since then, the Youth Future Project encompasses a number of different initiatives – on a local and international level – all pursuing one common goal: societal change for peace, justice, environmental protection and sustainable development in business, politics, and civil society.

The young people of the Youth Future Project recognize their responsibility for our future as well as the planet’s and see themselves as ambassadors of Right Livelihood – life and action for the benefit of humankind and nature.
The Right Livelihood Award Foundation honors those who find new solutions to the most pressing problems of our time with the Alternative Nobel Prize. Yet, it’s about more than just good ideas, but about action and accomplishments, realizing utopian concepts that used to be frowned upon. The Alternative Nobel Prize directly supports its laureates and provides international recognition for individuals and initiatives. Many laureates work in countries where hostile regimes suppress their work for human rights, peace and justice, and threaten activists with torture and oppression. The award provides a level of protection for activists, supports their work and ideas, and helps to get their inspiring solutions onto the desks of international decision-makers.

The Alternative Nobel Prize, officially called the Right Livelihood Award, is annually awarded to up to four laureates in December in the Swedish Parliament in Stockholm. Laureates come from all walks of life, since the Right Livelihood Award knows no boundaries of profession and discipline: environmentalists, human rights advocates, artists and cultural advocates, activists for children and development – the laureates of the Alternative Nobel Prize are as diverse as the global issues we face today.

The Youth Future Project has been the official youth outreach network of the Right Livelihood Award since 2009. The youth initiatives are supported under the auspices of the Alternative Nobel laureates and the Right Livelihood Award Foundation in Stockholm. Regular workshops and conferences enable young people and laureates to meet, get inspired, exchange professional experience, motivate each other, and find new ways to get involved in future projects.
Young Visionaries...

- We are a team of about 20 students, from diverse backgrounds and disciplines, from Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands.
- We regularly meet in different cities to work on projects or meet with Right Livelihood Award laureates in workshops.
- Everyone from 16 to 28 years of age is particularly welcome to join us!
- Most of our project teams are open and you can join us any time you would like to participate.
- We believe in flat hierarchies and taking everyone’s voice into account.
- We are intercultural, interreligious and politically, economically, and socially independent. Everyone is welcome to listen in, join in, and take part!
...in Action

Our projects and events are as diverse as the young people participating in the Youth Future Projects:

We have organized international youth conferences addressing issues of sustainability, peace, justice and environmental protection. Whether it is conducting experiments with do-it-yourself renewable energy toolkits in our Open-Laboratory, organizing workshops with Right Livelihood Award laureates in schools and businesses, or conceptualizing and carrying out educational seminars – the young teams of the Youth Future ambassadors address a wide range of challenges of sustainability. We also currently support humanitarian projects, development cooperatives, initiatives for intercultural exchange, as well as a permaculture project with the resources and know-how of the Youth Future network.

Currently, we are working on a scholarship and trainee program for students called “Right Livelihood Youth Ambassadors” as well as a workshop series called “Youth and Entrepreneurs dialogue”.
Join in...

- There is always lots to do in our numerous ongoing projects. Whether you are interested in or already have skills in **project management and conceptualization, design, video editing, press work, fundraising, moderating, coordinating and communicating** – you will be sure to find some inspiring and challenging tasks to expand, discover, and realize your potential.

- **Internships at the Youth Future Project** are open to all students at the Bachelor’s level. The internship is recognized for credits in most humanities, sciences, and social sciences curricula. As an intern, you can work from home and attend our regular weekend meetings.

- You have a project in mind but you need a platform, a non-profit partner, and a network of contacts to realize it? Then you can **start your own Youth Future project** in our network. We can support you with advice, technical resources, know-how, and valuable connections.

- If you want to get involved more deeply, you can join Youth Future Project e.V. as a member. As a **member** you can participate in all decisions concerning future projects, you elect the organization’s board members and you can stand for election as a Youth Future Project board member.
...get involved

The youth Future Project is funded by a number of charitable foundations, public bodies, supporters, as well as individual donations. The young people of the Youth Future Project themselves responsibly manage the annual budget. For each of our large conferences, in Bonn 2010 and in Mannheim 2012, we were able to raise more than 40,000 Euros in funding. On top of that, we need to cover annual fixed costs of about 3,000 Euros, for web server fees, insurance, accounting, office and print costs, and mailing.

Thanks to the generous help of our supporters and donators, we can carry on with our work.

We need your support. Become a supporter of Right Livelihood and Youth Future Project e.V. now!

There are several ways to get involved and support our work:

• Become a member of the Youth Future Project.
• Make a donation to our funding-pool at the Klimaschutz+ Foundation. All donations to this fund will be invested in civil renewable energy projects. The profit from the EcoEnergy projects the directly benefits our ongoing work.
• Make an individual donation.

Partners and supporters cooperating with Youth Future Project e.V.:
You want to be part of the Youth Future Project network? Would you like to become a “Right Livelihood Youth Ambassador”? You have a question or an idea? Would you like to support our work?

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