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# JOIN A GLOBAL FORCE FOR CHANGE



**Oxfam International**  
Youth Partnerships



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**300 YOUNG PEOPLE**  
**100 COUNTRIES**  
**3 YEAR PROGRAM**

*"I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT WITH COMMUNICATION, COOPERATION, COMMITMENT, UNITY AND FRIENDSHIP WE CAN OVERCOME ALL BARRIERS."*  
OIYP ACTION PARTNER, TONGA

## What is OIYP?

Oxfam International Youth Partnerships is a global network of young people working with their communities to create positive, equitable and sustainable change.

If you are working with your community to create a positive future then you can apply to be a part of the Oxfam International Youth Partnerships.

## How does it work?

Between 2007 and 2010 you will have opportunities to develop your skills, knowledge and understanding and to talk and share with other young people. You will be able to use these opportunities to support your work with your community.

Your participation in OIYP will start in April 2007. If selected, you must be available to attend an event in October 2007 in Sydney, Australia.

*"As a young person, I'm taking action to make sure the future is better. In addressing this, I work to empower women and young people because to me, these are the backbone of the future."*

OIYP ACTION PARTNER, UGANDA

## Who are we looking for?

Are you a young person who cares about what is happening in your community?

Are you committed to working with others to overcome social, political and economic injustice?

Do you want to learn from other young people working with their communities all around the world?

**If you answered YES to these questions we want to hear from you.**

OIYP is open to all nationalities, Indigenous and ethnic groups. It is open to young people with any level of education and who live in rural or urban areas. We aim to recruit equal numbers of young men and women. We have a strong focus on the participation of Indigenous young people and those marginalised in their communities.

## Apply to be part of OIYP

To apply, fill in the attached application form or download one from [www.iyp.oxfam.org](http://www.iyp.oxfam.org). See next pages for more information, instructions and selection criteria.

To apply you must be:

- aged between 18 and 25 as at 1 October, 2007
- speak English or Spanish

Your application will be assessed against selection criteria. See the application form for more details. Applications close on **31 January 2007**.

*"The OIYP builds a network of like minded young people working in different communities all over the world."*

OIYP ACTION PARTNER, SRI LANKA

## OXFAM INTERNATIONAL YOUTH PARTNERSHIPS 2007-2010

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## What do I need to know before applying for the Oxfam International Youth Partnerships?

### 1. How are participants selected?

Oxfam selects 300 young people according to selection criteria. OIYP is open to all nationalities, Indigenous and ethnic groups. It is open to young people with any level of education and who live in rural or urban areas. We aim to recruit equal numbers of men and women. We have a strong focus on the participation of Indigenous young people and those marginalised in their communities.

#### Selection Criteria for OIYP 2007-2010

##### Eligibility

- Age: 18-25 at 1 October 2007
- Speak English or Spanish
- Not previously a participant with OIYP (an 'action partner')
- Available to attend an 8 day event in October 2007 in Sydney, Australia

##### Core Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated resilience
- Commitment to positive and sustainable change
- Analytical ability
- Community or organizational support

##### Diversity Criteria

- 50/50 males and females from a diversity of communities and countries.
- We are looking for people working on a diversity of issues including issues considered strategic by Oxfam International.

Our selection process involves:

- Checking applications for eligibility;
- Review of applications by Oxfam staff;
- Review of short-listed applications by selection panels with regional knowledge.

If you want more information about selection write to [oiyp2007@oxfam.org.au](mailto:oiyp2007@oxfam.org.au).

Past participants have been from 150 countries and have worked with their communities in many different ways:

- *A young man in the Solomon Islands set up a drama group with unemployed young people to communicate about HIV/AIDS with other young people.*
- *A young woman from Mexico worked with mothers of disappeared and murdered women to achieve justice.*
- *A young man from Ghana supported small scale farms in his community.*
- *A young woman from Cambodia worked with garment workers to campaign for better labour conditions.*

Young people in the OIYP network create change in partnership with others in their communities.

### 2. When will I know if I've been selected?

Oxfam will be in contact in April 2007 to advise you if you have been selected for OIYP.

### 3. What will happen if I am selected?

If you are selected you will join the OIYP network as an OIYP 'action partner'. Between 2007 and 2010 you will have opportunities to develop your skills, knowledge and exchange with other young people from across the world. There will be three stages to your involvement in OIYP.

#### **a) Getting to know each other - April– August 2007**

Your participation in OIYP will start in April 2007 when you are selected. From April until August 2007 you will have the first opportunities to get to know and to learn from other young people in the OIYP network. During this time Oxfam will be in contact with you to learn more about you and your community. Oxfam will also give you more information on Oxfam and OIYP.

At this point you will also be informed of how OIYP will support you to attend the event in October 2007. All participants will be required to do some fundraising. There is a limited scholarship pool which will be allocated and Oxfam will provide support letters and training on fundraising.

#### **b) Coming together – Kaleidoscope 2007 (October 2007 Sydney, Australia)**

To be selected as an action partner, you must be available to attend an 8 day event in October 2007 in Sydney, Australia. At this event, you will meet other action partners and Oxfam staff, discuss issues affecting your communities, build skills, share ideas and experiences, celebrate and plan future action in communities.

#### **c) Learning and working with others for change – October 2007-2010**

After Kaleidoscope 2007 you will continue to learn and develop through opportunities provided by Oxfam and through exchange with other young people in the OIYP network.

Over the three years opportunities will arise that will be relevant to you and what you are doing in your community. You can choose which activities to participate in. You are not required to engage with the OIYP for a set amount of time each week, month or year. You are simply encouraged to contribute your learning experiences to the network and to draw support from the network as you need it. You can also help develop new opportunities for learning that are relevant to your work.

These opportunities will include skills-based training relevant to your work, discussion and exchange with young people on issues that are relevant to your community and support for your work in your community.

Examples of past opportunities include:

- *Gender Learning Group: Two young women from Papua New Guinea wrote to others in the OIYP network asking them to create a 'gender learning group' to exchange their stories and resources on gender through postal mail. This group has discussed and shared experiences on gender issues over a year. For many, gender is now a major aspect of their work in their communities.*
- *Project Management Skills: OIYP facilitates online and distance education around key skills like project management. Through online discussion participants share their experiences and gain new skills on project planning, project implementation as well as monitoring and evaluation.*

#### **4. How do I apply?**

You can apply by sending your application with your letter(s) of support from community members or organisations before **January 31 2007** by email, fax or mail.

If you are handwriting this application and there is not enough space in the boxes to write your answers, you can attach additional sheets of paper. Responses that exceed the word limit will not be considered.

OFFICE USE ONLY  
OIYP ID#

DATE RECEIVED

## Application form: OIYP 2007-2010

### Section One: Personal Details

Last/Family Name:

First/Given Name(s):

If the name you would like to be called by is different from the name given above, please write your preferred name here:

Are you Female or Male?

Female

Male

What is your age?

What is your date of birth? (*you must be between 18 and 25 years old as at 1 October 2007*): day / month / year

Are you available to attend *Kaleidoscope 2007*, an event in October 2007 in Sydney, Australia?  Yes  No

### Communication and Contact Details

What is the best way for Oxfam to contact you? (*please tick one*)

Email

Fax

Phone

Mail

**E-mail** Address: Primary (1):

E-mail Address: Secondary (2):

**Fax** Number (include all codes):

**Phone** Number *Daytime* (include all codes):

Phone Number *Evening* (include all codes):

Mobile Number (include all codes):

What is the best time of day for Oxfam to phone you?

**Street Address:**

City:

State:

Country:

Post/Zip Code:

**Postal Address** (*If different from above. All correspondence will be sent to this address*):

Street:

City:

State:

Country:

Post/Zip Code:

Which language(s) do you speak? Please indicate level of proficiency by ticking the appropriate box.

1. English  fluently  conversational  with difficulty  not at all

2. Spanish  fluently  conversational  with difficulty  not at all

3. ....  fluently  conversational  with difficulty

4. ....  fluently  conversational  with difficulty

In which language would you prefer to receive information from OIYP?  English  Spanish

How did you find out about OIYP?

OIYP website  Other website (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  Oxfam office (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Past OIYP participant ('action partner')  OIYP Email  Other email (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Media  Local Organisation (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe your access to communications and technology

<b>Post/Mail</b>	<b>Telephone</b>	<b>Internet</b>	<b>Computer</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Daily	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily	<input type="checkbox"/> Daily
<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly
<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly

**Where do you have access?**

<input type="checkbox"/> At home	<input type="checkbox"/> At home	<input type="checkbox"/> At home	<input type="checkbox"/> At home
<input type="checkbox"/> At school	<input type="checkbox"/> At school	<input type="checkbox"/> At school	<input type="checkbox"/> At school
<input type="checkbox"/> At work	<input type="checkbox"/> At work	<input type="checkbox"/> At work	<input type="checkbox"/> At work
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Other

**How much does it cost you?**

Per international letter: \_\_\_\_\_ (amount and currency)  
 International phone call per minute: \_\_\_\_\_ (amount and currency)  
 Internet per hour: \_\_\_\_\_ (amount and currency)  
 Computer use per hour: \_\_\_\_\_ (amount and currency)

**More information on where you are from**

What is your country of citizenship? (as it appears on your passport if you have one):

In what country will you spend most time over the next three years?

In what country were you born?

Are you a member of a particular Indigenous group?  Yes  No

If yes, please name (e.g. Maori, Inuit etc):

Which of the following best describes the place where you live?  Urban  Rural

Where did you live two years ago?

Which best describes the place where you lived two years ago?  Urban  Rural

Have you ever traveled outside of your community? (*This is not a requirement for selection for OIYP*)

Never  Once only  2-5 times  More than 5 times

Have you ever traveled outside of your country? (*This is not a requirement for selection for OIYP*)

Never  Once only  2-5 times  More than 5 times

Where have you traveled to? Please list country and purpose of your trip there for up to 3 trips:

**Country 1** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country 2** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country 3** \_\_\_\_\_

Visiting friends/family  Visiting friends/family  Visiting friends/family

Tourism  Tourism  Tourism

Study  Study  Study

Work/Business  Work/Business  Work/Business

Asylum  Asylum  Asylum

Conference  Conference  Conference

Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Other

Other

Other

Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education** (OIYP encourages young people with all levels of education to participate)

Have you ever attended school?  Yes  No  
How many years did you attend school (in total)? \_\_\_\_\_  
What is the highest level of school you have completed?  
 Primary  
 Secondary  
 College  
 University

Are you currently studying?  Yes  No  
If yes, at what level of school are you currently studying?  
 Primary  
 Secondary  
 College  
 University

Please describe your field of study:

**Community & Organisational Support**

**Letters of support:** Please provide 1-2 letter(s) of support with this application.

These letters should demonstrate that you have the support of your organisation or your community. The letter should include information about your personal values or commitment to social justice and your community involvement. If you are applying as a member of an organisation, the letter should be from someone within the organisation. If you are applying as an individual, the letter should be from a key person from within your community (such as a community leader). The letter must include the writer's name and position and their contact details, including a phone number and email address. If possible, the letter should be on letterhead.

**Your Organisation**

Do you work with an organisation?  Yes  No

*If yes, please answer these questions:*

What is the name of the organisation? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the aim of the organisation? \_\_\_\_\_

Is this a religious organisation or affiliated with a church?  Yes  No

How many paid staff does the organisation employ? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the annual budget of the organisation? \_\_\_\_\_ (amount and currency)

What is your position in this organisation? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you work as:  A volunteer (unpaid)  Paid staff person  Other (Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact person in this organisation**

Name of an organisational contact person (eg your supervisor): \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number (include all codes) \_\_\_\_\_

Organisational postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

## SECTION 2: You, your community and your visions for the future...

1. Describe your community and the people who live in it. (250 words maximum)

2. Oxfam works to support people to realize their human rights. In particular, Oxfam works to ensure communities can achieve:

- Sustainable livelihoods (eg sustainable agricultural production or access to work and good working conditions).
- Access to social services (eg education, health and other services provided by governments).
- People having an effective voice in decisions that affect their lives.
- Freedom from fear and discrimination, especially for those who are currently oppressed or marginalized due to their gender, ethnicity, Indigenous status or cultural identity.
- Safety from conflict and disaster.

a. Which of the above is **most** relevant to your community? (Please tick one of the above)

b. Describe how this issue affects people's lives in your community. Who, in your community, is most affected by this issue and why? (250 words maximum)

3. What would you like to see in your community 20 years from now? (250 words maximum)

4. a. What are you currently doing to contribute to this vision? (200 words maximum)

b. Who are you doing this with (e.g. other people in your community or other stakeholders)? (200 words maximum)

5. a. What might stop your community from achieving this vision? (100 words maximum)

b. How will you work with other people in your community or other stakeholders to overcome these challenges? (100 words maximum)

6. Why do you want to participate in the Oxfam International Youth Partnerships? (200 words maximum)

**Permission to use your responses:**

Do you give permission to OIYP to use your responses in this application form for research or publicity?

Yes  No

*(Note: We will never publish your contact details without your consent. Declining permission will not affect your selection for OIYP).*

**Declaration:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (your name) declare that everything in this application is true and correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## Thank-you!

### Checklist:

Before sending this into OIYP check that you have:

- Completed ALL questions in the application form
- Attached 1-2 letter(s) of support from your organisation or community members

### Submitting your application:

Send your completed application and letters of support before **January 31 2007** to:

Oxfam International Youth Partnerships 2007-2010

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Web: [www.iyp.oxfam.org](http://www.iyp.oxfam.org).

### Notification:

You will receive communications twice from OIYP:

1. You will receive email or fax confirmation within 2 weeks of OIYP receiving your application.
2. You will be notified in **April 2007** if you have been selected for OIYP.

### Passing this on!

Please pass this information or application form onto other young people in your community who might be interested in OIYP. You can download application forms from [www.iyp.oxfam.org](http://www.iyp.oxfam.org).