

INDIVIDUAL PARTNERS

Rationale:

The World Youth Congress series is all about individuals who have a passion for promoting an enhanced role for young people in society - especially in the field of development. Many do not have any relevant organisational affiliation. Also, even if they are too old to apply as delegates, we realise that they can still have a young heart and may want to be involved in the Congress. This is why we offer an Individual Partnership role.

What are Individual Partners:

Any individual supporters of youth led development. They can be retired people, business leaders, bloggers, religious leaders, government members, lawyers or any type of activists. For example, if these individuals work in a larger institution, government or university, they can help us to get their organisation or Government to enter into a partnership with us. We can describe them as wise “Friends of the World Youth Congress Series.” Their assistance lies in what ever skills, resources or capacities they can offer to young people.

What they are not:

Individual Partners are not World Youth Congress delegates.

What PCI can offer to the Individual Partner:

- **Recognition:** PCI will link the Individual Partners with this major international youth event by listing their names as Individual Partners on the websites (with links if appropriate). If they sponsor a project, or contribute ideas for the Congress Book, they will get your name mentioned in the book, and on the individual project sites as well. In the Congress Exhibition, the Individual Partners will be acknowledged next to any project(s) they have funded;
- **Proposing delegates:** In the selection of the delegates for the Congress, PCI will give special attention to the applicants (active youth who are doing a project) who present a letter of recommendation from an Individual Partner;
- **Participation in Shaping the Congress Series:** The Individual Partners are welcome to become part of the international family that is shaping the content and development of the Congress series around the world. They will be kept updated with regular news updates about the Congress Series development, and be invited to contribute their thoughts to international planning meetings etc.

What PCI expects from Individual Partner:

- **To Promote the Congress and seek out applications:** We expect all Individual Partners to promote the goals of the Congress within their community with meetings, seminars, debates that focus on YLD and the central Congress question about the most effective ways that young people can contribute to the goal of making poverty history. Any discussion that each Individual Partner can organise is useful!
- **To Endorse :** a letter welcoming the initiative of the World Youth Congress and its goals.
- **To fund and/or facilitate Action Projects:** the best thing an Individual Partner can do is to do some fund-raising and fund one or more Youth-led Development projects - either

through the central Be the Change! Action Fund or by locating and sponsoring a project through their own networks. This fund raising can also be useful to pay the travel expenses of selected delegates;

- **To Follow-up the WYC-4 with a continuum of activity:** the great strength of the WYC Series is that as soon as one ends, we start preparing for the next: so we look to our Individual Partners to keep the YLD flag high on their community's radar - so that the activity continues, with debates, sponsored action projects, overseas visits, web-chats etc.