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Beyond the Numbers

Donors and grant-seekers place an understandable premium on identifying measurable goals and beneficiaries but numbers alone often don't do justice to a project's true impact.

In 2008, the International Youth Foundation (IYF) and Starbucks joined together to extend the company's [Shared Planet™ Youth Action Grants™](#) program to IYF's YouthActionNet® Fellows. Three years later, we're pleased to report that these grants have netted results beyond our expectations -- exceeding, in many cases, the estimated number of beneficiaries.

With the support they received, YouthActionNet® Fellows expanded the reach and visibility of their programs, increased their partnerships, influenced policies, and sparked new innovations. In a world that emphasizes quantifiable impacts, some of these results are hard to capture in numbers; yet speak volumes about the importance of giving youth the support they need to continue thinking and working 'outside the box.'

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Fellow Spotlight: Manpreet Darroch

2010 YouthActionNet® Fellow Manpreet Darroch founded [Tune into Traffic](#) to reduce the number of youth killed on UK roadways each year. "Road traffic crashes are the single biggest killer of young people worldwide," says Manpreet, who is actively involved in global efforts to promote the Decade for Action on Road Safety, launched in May. Learn more in this [video](#).



Fellow Updates

George Gachara launched Plan B to create a space where young Kenyans can discuss the future of their country and how to improve it. Check out Plan B's [new website](#)!

Lina Useche was selected as a finalist in the [Women's Social Leadership Awards](#) in the UK for her efforts through [Impulso Microcredit](#) to provide small loans to low-income micro-entrepreneurs in Brazil.

Mohammad Al-Kilany, co-founder of [Souktel](#), a mobile phone-based job matching service based in Palestine, was featured at the TEDXDeadSea event. [View the video](#) (in Arabic).

Gulalai Ismail was recently interviewed by [The Telegraph](#) in the UK about her work to combat extremism in Pakistan. [Watch the video](#) as Gulalai describes her visit to East London to equip youth there with the skills to resolve conflict effectively.

Nick Martin recently authored an article for the [Chronicle of Higher Education](#) on facilitating social learning environments online. Nick is the co-founder and president of [TechChange](#), an organization that trains leaders to leverage emerging technologies for sustainable social change.

Nnaemeka Ikegwuonu was named [The Future Awards 2011 Young Person of the Year](#) in Nigeria for this work in founding and leading the [Smallholders Foundation](#).

Tal Dehtiar, founder of [Oliberté](#), a company that makes premium casual footwear in Africa, spoke to an audience of social entrepreneurs and corporate social responsibility leaders at the Global Business Coalition's

annual conference. Tal called for 'trade not aid' with Africa. [Read more](#).

Khalida Brohi announced that the [Sughar Women Program](#), which is working to put an end to tribal traditions in Pakistan that deny women basic rights, has entered into partnership with the International Labour Organization. Sughar works to empower women through socio-economic opportunities.

Abhishek Bharadwaj, founder of Alternative Realities in India, participated in a discussion panel on the issue of homelessness on Mumbai's TV9. [View the video](#).

Premio Protagonistas del Cambio UPC (UPC Champions of Change Award), Peru

On April 28, the UPC Champions of Change Award was officially launched in Peru. An initiative of the Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas (UPC), a member of the Laureate International Universities (LIU) Network, the awards program will select ten Fellows in 2011. Each will receive leadership training, mentoring, and a monetary award for their social change work. [Learn more.](#)

ACCIONJOVEN (Youth Action Awards), Chile

On May 3, the Youth Action Awards program was launched in Chile under the auspices of Universidad Andres Bello, an LIU Network member. The program is now accepting applications for its inaugural class of Fellows. The ten youth, ages 18 to 29, to be selected will represent diverse regions and backgrounds, forming a rich learning community. Fellows will participate in a specialized weeklong training designed to build their entrepreneurial and project management skills and will benefit from mentoring support and a financial award to support their projects. [Learn more.](#)

Bilgi Young Social Entrepreneur Awards, Turkey

Young social innovators, ages 18-29, in Turkey, have until November 8 to apply for the [Bilgi Young Social Entrepreneur Awards](#). The Awards, given out annually to ten accomplished young leaders, include customized training designed to strengthen the personal leadership and entrepreneurial skills of participants, and a USD 3,500 award. Launched in 2009, the Awards are managed by Istanbul Bilgi University, a member of the LIU Network, in partnership with the TEGV Foundation.

Premio Universidad del Valle de México por el Desarrollo Social (UVM Prize for Social Development), Mexico

Young social entrepreneurs, ages 18 to 29, in Mexico have until September 12, 2011 to apply for the [UVM Prize for Social Development](#) awarded to 15 outstanding young leaders annually. The Premio UVM fellowship strengthens the project management and communications skills of young leaders, while connecting them to their peers and experts to create a national network of youth leaders affecting positive change. This customized learning experience, and a 25,000 Mexican peso award to their project, allows Fellows to deepen their work and extend their impact. The Prize is implemented by Universidad del Valle de Mexico, a member of the LIU Network. [Learn more.](#)

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