

2008-2009 Resources on Youth Enterprise, Employment, and Livelihoods Development:

Portals and Websites

1 Ashoka's Youth Venture. Accessible at: http://www.genv.net/en-us/do_it

Youth Venture helps teams of young people start new youth-led organizations that make a social impact. This site offers youth a number of resources on how to become a “changemaker” and start a social entrepreneurial organization or “venture”.

2 Children, Youth and Economic Strengthening (CYES) Network and Portal. Accessible at: <http://www.cyesnetwork.org/>

The CYES Network and Learning Platform were established to build a network of professionals dedicated to improving the lives of children through effective economic strengthening programming. The Learning Platform aims to: showcase innovations and learnings of CYES-focused organizations and programs; foster the creation of partnerships across participating organizations; provide a reliable source of information on the latest resources and opportunities; and link CYES initiatives together to enhance the impact of investments in this area.

3 Citi. Financial education information portal. Accessible at: <http://financialeducation.citi.com>

This is the online component to Citi’s 10 year, \$200 million global commitment to financial education. The Information Portal is a collection of useful advice and information provided by multiple Citi businesses to educate and inform on how to make sound financial decisions. The general website offers educational resources covering topics such as microfinance, entrepreneurship, foreclosure prevention, financial literacy and using credit wisely.

4 Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education. (2009). Websites and key products. Accessible at: http://www.youthenterpriseconference.org/Sitemanager/CuteEditor_Files/uploads/ConsortiumforEntrepreneurshipEducationWebsitesandKeyProducts.pdf

The Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education developed this document for the 2009 Global Youth Enterprise & Livelihoods Development Conference. It contains a list of websites and tools pertaining to entrepreneurship education in the U.S. The website links are to the National Content Standards for Entrepreneurship Education, the National Standards of Practice for Entrepreneurship Education, and the Consortium’s Lifelong Learning Model for Entrepreneurship Education. There are also links to the following tools: the Department of Labor’s Entrepreneurship Competency Model, the

Entrepreneurship Process Readiness Checklist, and the Entrepreneurship Technical Competency Checklist.

5 ELDIS. Children and young people country profiles. Accessible at:
<http://www.eldis.org/go/topics/resource-guides/children-and-young-people/children-and-young-people-country-profiles>

ELDIS and the British Library for Development Studies (BLDS) have developed searchable databases by country for the latest reports on various topics, including children and youth. Many of the downloadable documents in this category address youth employment, enterprise, and livelihoods development.

6 Entrepreneurship: Uniting the power of ideas. Accessible at:
www.entrepreneurship.org

The Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation and the U.S. Commerce Department's International Trade Administration (ITA) formed a public-private partnership focused on leveraging best practices in entrepreneurial leadership to advance economic growth around the world. They developed this free, online international community is designed for building entrepreneurial economies, where entrepreneurs, policymakers, business mentors, investors, and researchers come together to promote high-growth initiatives. Visitors will find a comprehensive library of articles and videos with relevant insights and information for entrepreneurs.

7 EntreOasis. Accessible at: www.EntreOasis.com

EntreOasis is a groundbreaking new website and social network designed to support the global entrepreneurship community: Entrepreneurs, Instructors, Policy Makers, Students, Parents, Publishers, and more. 1,000 resources have already been added to EntreOasis: Tools, Templates, Best Practices, Lesson Plans, Case Studies, Videos, Simulations, Education Standards, and more. EntreOasis is a free public service. Cisco is the Founding Sponsor of EntreOasis, which is designed produced, and managed by MediaSpark Inc.

8 International Labour Organization. Database of Conditions of Work and Employment Laws. Accessible at:
<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/protection/condtrav/database/index.htm>

This database contains comprehensive legal information from countries around the world. It covers legislation on maternity protection, minimum wages and working time.

9 International Labor Organization. Database on International Labour Standards (ILOLEX). Accessible at: <http://www.ilo.org/ilolex/>

International Labour Standards (ILOLEX) is a trilingual database containing ILO Conventions and Recommendations, ratification information, comments of the Committee of Experts and the Committee on Freedom of Association, representations, complaints, interpretations, General Surveys, and numerous related documents. It covers the key issues of educational capacity, enhancing employability, entrepreneurship and the creation of productive jobs for young people. It also lays down provisions on how young people enter the work force and on their conditions of employment such as minimum age of admission to employment, pay, working time, night work and medical examinations, occupational safety and health, and labor inspection.

10 International Labor Organization. Database on National Labour Legislation (NATLEX). Accessible at:
http://www.ilo.org/dyn/natlex/natlex_browse.home?p_lang=en

NATLEX is the database of national labour, social security and related human rights legislation maintained by the ILO's International Labour Standards Department.

11 International Labor Organization. Inter-American Centre for Knowledge Development in Vocational Training's Youth, Training and Employment site. Accessible at:
<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/region/ampro/cinterfor/temas/youth/index.htm>

The objective of this youth, training and employment site is to report the multiple efforts implemented in the Latin American region by those training institutions, ministries and agents that have direct competence in policy design, planning, execution and/or evaluation, programs and/or projects that address youth. It looks for improving the information flow generated by youth training and employment programs in the region by means of providing a communication, exchange and learning space that increases the quality, relevance and equity of the referred programs through the study of lessons learned from implemented actions.

12 International Labor Organization. (2009). Resource Guide on Youth Employment. Accessible at:
<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/support/lib/resource/subject/youth.htm>

This portal provides a comprehensive guide to finding information on ILO resources pertaining to youth. It includes lists and links for youth employment indicators and statistics.

13 International Labor Organization. Youth Employment Inventory for West Africa. Accessible at:
<http://www.ilo.org/public/english/employment/yen/whatwedo/projects/inventory.htm>

This database offers detailed information on organizations implementing youth employment projects in the 16 West African countries. This resource is aimed at all youth

employment stakeholders and offers a wealth of information in a user-friendly, searchable and up-to-date format.

14 MicroLINKS: Youth Livelihoods. Accessible at: www.microLINKS.org/youth

This website provides updates on USAID projects -present and past- related to good practices and innovations in youth-inclusive development. Additionally, it provides resources, like documents, presentations, links to the field and features upcoming events, conferences, workshops, trainings and online discussions that aim to improve social and economic conditions for youth.

15 Small Business Television. Accessible at: www.sbtv.com

Small Business Television is the only video news and information destination site for America's 25 million small businesses, and provides small business owners and entrepreneurs with tools, including a virtual marketplace, to manage, grow and protect their ventures. While the site is not specifically for youth entrepreneurs, they may benefit from the information provided since many youth entrepreneurs are micro- or small business owners.

16 U.S. Department of Labor. Office of Entrepreneurship Education. Accessible at: <http://www.dol.gov/odep/pubs/fact/entrepreneurship.htm>

The U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Entrepreneurship Education provides information on the importance of entrepreneurship education. It also offers resources for youth, educators, and practitioners working on youth entrepreneurship in the U.S.

17 USA TODAY. Entrepreneurship education resources. Accessible at: www.usatoday.com/educate/college/careers/entrepreneurship/index.html. Collegiate case studies: www.usatoday.com/educate/college/case-studies.htm

This website offers profiles, case-studies and articles for students who are interested in entrepreneurship.

18 World Bank Group. (2008). Global inventory of interventions to support young workers. Accessible at: <http://go.worldbank.org/E5BWW1PYY0>

The World Bank developed a Youth Employment Inventory (YEI), which is a world-wide inventory of interventions designed to integrate young people into the labor market, in order to improve the evidence base for making decisions about how to address the problem of youth employment. The YEI is based on available documentation of current and past programs and includes evidence from 289 studies of interventions from 84 countries in all regions of the world. The interventions included in the YEI have been analyzed in order to (i) document the types of programs that have been implemented to support young workers to find work; and (ii) identify what appears to work in terms of

improving employment outcomes for youth. Through the aforementioned link, readers can also access region-specific reports and a database related to the YEI.

19 World Bank Group. PovertyNet: Impact evaluation. Accessible at: <http://go.worldbank.org/169GZ6W820>

An impact evaluation assesses the changes in the well-being of individuals that can be attributed to a particular project, program or policy. This website aims at disseminating information and providing resources for people and organizations working to assess and improve the effectiveness of interventions aimed at reducing poverty.

20 Youth Employment Systems (YES) Inc. Toolkits for youth involvement in employment creation. Accessible at: http://www.yesweb.org/gkr_toolkits.htm

This site features toolkits that have been developed to aid organizations in establishing and implementing effective youth employment strategies. The toolkits aim to provide youth with step-by-step instruction, along with valuable resources and advice to help carry out Action Plans.

21 Youth Entrenet. Accessible at: www.knowaboutbusiness.org

Youth Entrenet is a global knowledge sharing and resource platform created by the International Labour Organization (ILO) through a partnership with the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) under the project “Creating Youth Employment through improved Youth Entrepreneurship”. The goal of this project is to create an improved understanding of how youth entrepreneurship education and entrepreneurship start-up programmes contribute to creating more and better employment for youth. This understanding will then contribute to the design of more efficient and effective youth entrepreneurship strategies by making the findings available to national policy makers and youth entrepreneurship promoters.