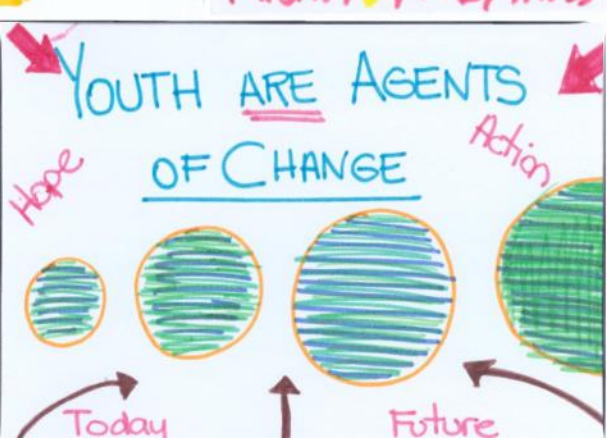


CreativeChange actionCARDS: Visual Voices of Discussion Participants



An Education that does not encourage & cultivate Creativity is like a road leading to a dead end.  
Martha D. Hirpa  
Sept. 11, 2007



"Entrepreneurship is a multi-dimensional concept that can enhance and promote holistic development"



DO WHAT YOU DO BEST AND GIVE IT BACK TO THE WORLD



Art, especially **NARRATIVE** enables youth and others to relate without feeling vulnerable to stigma and judgement.

A symbol or message that communicates

IMAGINATION ;  
Doing The "impossible"

CreativeChange Roundtable Discussion, September 11, 2007

The above images are the works of some of the YME Conference Roundtable Discussion participants. The individuals who attended the CreativeChange session were given 5 minutes to think about an issue and depict their thoughts, recommendations or concerns on postcard-size 'actionCards'. Among participants were program directors, trainers, graduate students, and consultants who come from Kenya, USA, Uganda, Bolivia, Philippines, Canada, Trinidad and Tobago and represent organizations such as ACDI/VOCA, UNICEF, Street Kids International, Making Cents International, Heartland Alliance, Heifer International, Friends of Orphans, PACT, Inter-American Development Bank/Youth and others.

The arts, creative and cultural sectors are often times seen as secondary in the development field. When devastating natural catastrophes hit and economic development stagnates the first cuts in financial backing happens to be in the arts.

In fact, arts, culture and creativity are key elements for societies to enhance new ideas, knowledge, and means for advancement as well as sustaining wealth. From arts exhibits, performing arts, cultural heritage preservation and related hospitality professions, to digital arts, video games, graphic, fashion and industrial designs, architecture and creative urban planning, the arts and arts-making help empower individuals, reconstruct/reinforce social fabric, and create economic development and diverse employment opportunities.

The CreativeChange Roundtable Discussion at the Global YME Conference held in Washington DC aimed at providing a brief overview on this interdisciplinary and multi-sectoral approach by defining the cultural/creative sectors and Creative Social Entrepreneurship as well as sharing examples of youth involvement from across the globe that link to the '21st Century Creative Knowledge Society'! The discussion session also presented an opportunity for participants to visually express their opinions by creating 'actionCards' and talking about issues that concerned them the most, such as youth unemployment, diversity, education, environmental sustainability, human rights, the importance of arts/creativity in building peace and shaping humanity.



by Arts for Global Development, Inc. | [www.art4development.net](http://www.art4development.net)

CreativeChange is an initiative of Arts for Global Development that was launched on December 05, 2004 to celebrate the UN-declared International Volunteers Day with a special emphasis on raising awareness on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), volunteerism/societal responsibility, and the use of creative sector in social change and development. CreativeChange Youth Arts Contest, "Vision 2015: Your Future" and the subsequent traveling arts exhibitions and workshops have been organized in collaboration with the global youth initiative, TakingITGlobal and the UN-Millennium Campaign. For more information on CreativeChange and project partnership opportunities please visit <http://www.art4development.net/creativechange.html>