

Youth Conference on Education as a Human Right
April 25-26, 2007 Washington, DC



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Dear Educators:

The International Center on Child Labor and Education (ICCLE) is delighted that your students will be representing the United States at the North American Youth Conference on Education as a Human Right on April 26 during Global Action Week on Education for All. We are committed to making this a rewarding and safe experience for the youth delegates.

Included in this packet of information regarding the Youth Conference in Washington, D.C. please find the following documents:

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All documents marked with an asterisk (*) must be completed and submitted to Beth Lindley at blindley@iccle.org, as soon as possible.

The most important item that we need back from your students ASAP to help us prepare for their visit is the **Registration Form** (p. 4), which includes their **names**, their **members of Congress**, their **photographs**, their brief **bios**, and **1-minute messages for their leaders**.

For more information, please see <http://www.iccle.org/gaw2007.php>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns after reviewing the information packet.

I can be reached at 202-285-8191 (cell) or 202-974-8124 (work). Thank you.

Sincerely,

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General information

What: A gathering of U.S. students with a heart for justice and Education for All

When: Wednesday, April 25 Advocacy Training and Congressional Meetings
Thursday, April 26 Youth Conference on Education as a Human Right

Where: Washington, DC

Why: There are more than 90 million children out of school in the world. We will meet together to learn what the United States Government is doing in the world in this regard and to explore how we can expand Education for All in the world through partnering together. We believe that by working together we can accomplish more and be more effective. The ultimate purpose of our partnership is to see quality education being provided to every boy and girl in the world.

Cost: There is no registration fee. ICCLE will cover the cost of meals and hotel for all U.S. delegates while they are in Washington, D.C., April 25-26. We recommend that students carry some *spending money* for incidentals and souvenirs they may wish to buy.

Travel: If you are coming from out of town you can either drive, take the bus, travel by train, or fly. National Airport (DCA) is the closest (4 miles). The next closest is Dulles Airport (IAD) (20 miles). Union Station (rail and metro) and the Greyhound Bus Terminal are 1.2 miles away from the hotel.

Hotel: There are rooms reserved at **Hostelling International Washington, DC**. They are held under the name "Global Action Week." Hostelling International is located in the heart of Washington, DC, just five blocks from the White House. It provides dormitory-style rooms with 4 to 12 beds per room, and bathrooms on each floor. There are separate quarters for males and females. A self-serve kitchen is also available for guests.

Hostelling International is only 4 blocks from Metro Center (local train system), 1.2 miles from the train station (Union Station) and bus station, and accessible from all three major airports by public transportation or shuttle.

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<http://www.hiwashingtondc.org/>

All U.S. delegates and chaperones will be housed in the hostel. The girl students and female chaperones will stay in two dorm rooms with 12 beds each. The male students and male chaperones will stay in one dorm room with 10 beds.

Directions to Hostelling International:

For directions from regional airports, the Amtrak Rail station (Union Station), and the bus terminals, please see: <http://www.hiwashingtondc.org/find.shtml>

There is a **private parking garage** just across the street.



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***Registration Form**

Name:
Age and Grade:

School or group:

Address:

Telephone:
E-mail:

Arrival date and time, and transportation:
Departure date and time, and transportation:

With whom are you traveling to Washington, D.C.?

Lodging (Where will you be staying?):

***Who are your Senators?**

(See <http://www.senate.gov/index.htm>)

***Who is your Congressman?**

(See <http://www.house.gov/writerep/>)

***In which Congressional District do you live?** i.e., VA-4th District or WA-7th District

I am going to Washington, D.C. because . . .

I am interested in working in groups with people from the following regions:

South Asia / South America / West Africa

I am interested in meeting people interested in the following:

Specific projects / fundraising / advocacy / child slaves / children in conflict areas / socially excluded children / other (specify) _____

Related interests:

I want to . . . i.e., be a leader for peace! etc.

(to send the message that you will be great because you have a chance to receive an education)

*Along with your registration form, please submit the following items:

- **Your bio**, including information about your life, hobbies, extra-curricular activities, passions, and how education has impacted your life
- **Photograph** of yourself

*Prior to coming to Washington, DC, please prepare and submit a **1-minute message for your leaders** (You may consult www.knowchildlabor.org)

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Two-day Schedule

Wednesday, April 25	Advocacy Training and Congressional Meetings
6:30 a.m. –	Arrive in Washington, DC
9:00 a.m.	Registration – Gompers Room (1st floor), AFL-CIO , 815 16th St., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006
10:00 a.m.	Introductions: Young people will play some games, get to know each other, discuss why they are in Washington, DC
11:00 a.m.	Advocacy training <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Who is out of school and why?, linking child labor to education• Training for Congressional meetings
12:30 p.m.	Pizza for Lunch
1:30 p.m.	Advocacy training ctd.
2:30 p.m.	Travel to Capital Hill
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Call upon Congressional offices; Congressional Meetings
6:30 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Night walking tour of DC Monuments
9:00 p.m.	Adjourn
Thursday, April 26	Congressional Meetings and Youth Conference
7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Walk/taxi to Capital Hill
9:00 – 11:15 a.m.	Call upon Congressional offices. Meet your U.S. Representatives and Senators.
11:30 a.m.	Arrive outside Russell Senate Office Building, Room 385
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Youth Conference on Education as a Human Right – Russell Senate Office Building, Room 385 (see program below)
After 2:00p.m.	Say good-bye
5:30 p.m. on	Depart from Washington, DC

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What: Please join the International Center on Child Labor and Education, high school students from across the U.S. and their teachers for a two-hour conference with child laborers from Colombia, Ghana and India during the **Global Campaign for Education's Action Week for Global Education**. The conference will focus on U.S. students sharing what they hope their leaders will do. It will also be a moment of truth to hear the inspiring stories of child laborers and their vision of the future world.

When: Thursday, April 26, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

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Where: Russell Senate Office Building, Room 385, Capitol Hill

Congressional Cosponsors:

- Congressman Jim McDermott (D-WA)
- Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA)
- Congressman Joe Wilson (R-SC)
- Congressman Joe Baca (D-CA)
- Congresswoman Nita Lowey (D-NY)

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Objective: The United States needs to fill in the financial and moral deficit that is denying the children of the world the Right to Education.

Program:

- 12:00 – 12:05 p.m. *Welcome address* by **Gene Sperling**, Chair - U.S. Global Campaign for Education
- 12:05 – 12:10 p.m. Introduction of the conference by youth leader
- 12:10 – 12:15 p.m. Introduction of the child laborers by **Kailash Satyarthi**, President - Global Campaign for Education
- 12:15 – 12:35 p.m. Remarks by child laborers turned child rights activists:
- Luz, 13, Colombia
 - Brillith, 17 years, Colombia
 - Freeman, 16, Ghana
 - Kinsu Kumar, 12, India
- 12:35 – 12:55 p.m. Presentations by U.S. student leaders
- 12:55 – 1:55 p.m. Address to the youth from their Leaders
- **Congressman Jim McDermott** (D-WA), 1:00–1:10 p.m.
 - **Kailash Satyarthi**, President - Global Campaign for Education
- 1:55 – 2:00 p.m. *Concluding remarks* by **Gene Sperling**, Chair - U.S. Global Campaign for Education

Press Conference addressed by leaders, child laborers, and two U.S. student leaders.

Expected Media: BBC World Service, Al-Jazeera Washington Bureau, Reuters, Associated Press. *For media inquiries*, please Sudhanshu Joshi, 202-258-8873, sjoshi@iccle.org

Why: It is important to recognize that donor governments are leaning away from the funding the International Programme on the Elimination of Child Labor (IPEC) and, instead, are investing in Education for All with the view that all children can go to school provided the *hardest to reach children* out of school are included in national *education*

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plans and strategies. Child laborers are the largest segment of hardest to reach children out of school.

Total funding for the IPEC program draws close to 50-55 *million* USD. The United States provides about 70 percent of this budget, and the remaining 30 percent is provided by 19 other donor governments. On the other hand, the current total commitments to Education for All are close to 4 *billion* USD. Yet the United States remains at the *bottom* of all the rich industrialized countries in terms of its financing of the education compact.

Over the last five years, the Global March against Child Labor has fought for policy consensus that child labor is the biggest barrier to achieving Education for All. This is showing results in terms of commitments made by the external donors, particularly from the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and United Kingdom. The cause of child labor is better served if we are also able to situate the issue of *child labor* within the *education* sector financing, which is attracting overwhelming support from donor governments.

Many causes are served if we are able to provide quality education for all. Upping United States leadership and commitment to sustained aid flows for education, will better serve the purpose of fighting child labor, building lasting peace and security, protecting human rights, expanding democracy, empowering people and, above all, investing in a right vision of the world.

Expected Outcomes:

- *Youth Declaration* for members of Congress
- A road map for enhancing U.S. leadership in meeting the requirements of long-term sustained and predictable funding for a global education initiative to promote lasting peace, security, democracy, and human rights

Invitees:

- U.S. Representatives and Senators of U.S. student participants
- Congressional Prayer Caucus
- Congressional Human Rights Caucus
- Congressional Progressive Caucus
- Congressional Caucus on India and Indian-Americans
- Congressional Hispanic Caucus
- Head of Education Unit, the World Bank
- Head ILO-IPEC, Geneva
- Members organizations of the Child Labor Coalition
- Member organizations of the U.S. Chapter of the Global Campaign for Education
- The general public

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***Parent/Guardian Permission Slip**

I/we, _____ [name(s) of parent(s)/guardian(s)], give my/our consent for my/our son/daughter _____ (name of child) to travel to Washington, DC, in the company of _____ (name of chaperone) to participate in the Youth Symposium on Education for All, which will take place on April 26, and to participate in other events related to the Global Campaign for Education (GCE) Global Action Week on Education for All.

I/we appoint _____ (name of chaperone) to be responsible for my/our son/daughter _____ (name of child) during this trip. In case of an emergency requiring immediate medical care and when I/we or medical emergency contacts authorized by me/us cannot be reached, I/we authorize _____ (name of chaperone) to make decisions concerning emergency medical treatment for my/our son/daughter _____ (name of child) which may be required during this trip. I/we affirm that arrangements for medical insurance to cover my/our child during this trip have been made or will be made.

I/we understand that the International Center on Child Labor and Education assumes no responsibility for my/our son/daughter _____ or for any injury or loss sustained by my/our son/daughter _____ arising out of or related to my/our son/daughter's participation in the Youth Symposium.

I/we affirm that I/we have full authority to give the consent provided for in this document.

Name of participant: _____
(Print name clearly)

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____
(Print name(s) clearly)

Home address: _____

Telephone number(s): _____

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature(s) _____

Date: _____

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***Parent/Guardian Media Consent Form**

My/our son/daughter _____ (name of child) will be participating in the Youth Conference on Education as a Human Right on April 26. I/we understand that in connection with this conference my/our son/daughter _____ may appear in photographs, films, videotapes, audiotapes or other forms of media, and I/we give our consent for this to happen and for the resulting photographs, etc. to be owned and used the International Center on Child Labor and Education.

Name of participant: _____
(Print name clearly)

Name(s) of Parent(s)/Guardian(s): _____
(Print name(s) clearly)

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Signature(s) _____

Date: _____



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***Health Information Form**

Special Needs/Medical Concerns:

Is your child allergic to any medications (such as penicillin). If yes, please specify.

Does your child suffer from any conditions requiring special medical treatment, including medication? If yes, please specify.

Does your child require any special medical treatment, including medication, for any specific condition?

Please list any special dietary requirements or restrictions.

Are there any other medical concerns we need to know about?

Health Insurance:

Insurance Company: _____

Member Number: _____ Group Number: _____

Medical Emergency Contact:

Name: _____ Relationship to youth: _____

Day telephone: _____

Evening telephone: _____

Cell phone: _____

In case of an emergency requiring immediate medical care and where the I/we or other medical emergency contacts authorized by me/us cannot be reached, I permit the chaperones to authorize medical care.

Name: _____ Relationship to youth: _____
(Print name clearly)

Parent/guardian signature: _____

Sponsors and Supporters

The modest support of these organizations underwrote the travel costs for some of the international youth delegates.

- The Ramsay-Merriam Fund

Special recognition

We recognize the **chaperones** and **U.S. youth** who have donated their time and money to travel to Washington, DC, to communicate their concerns and aspirations to their leaders for their peers globally.