



**4<sup>th</sup> UNESCO YOUTH PEACE AMBASSADOR  
TRAINING AND WORKSHOP**

**Action Plan**

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# An Introduction to the Youth of Taiwan

# There are Four Kinds of Youth in Taiwan Who Needs Help

- Youth with potential but do not know how to put it into use
- Youth that have gone through natural disasters, poverty, the loss of family members and other problems
- Youth that lack access to education because of living in the mountains of Taiwan
- Youths that have no idea what they want to do... they just waste away their lives by playing video games and fooling around at the mall

Brief Introduction to One of the  
Categories of Taiwanese Youth:  
921 Earthquake Orphans

# The 921 Earthquake

- One of the biggest disasters in Taiwanese History
- Time: Around midnight, September 21, 1998
- Energy Released: Magnitude 7
- Location: Central Taiwan
- Death Toll: Around 3000
- Destruction/Loss: enough to shake the Taiwanese economy









# The Populorum Progression Institute

- The PPI is a successful organization which aims to empower and educate 150 orphans of the 921 earthquakes
- The PPI also provides education and provisions to youths who live in the remote regions of Taiwan
- The PPI is currently facing fund raising problems
- What I do for the PPI: provide free personalized training and consultation for a selection of talented orphans and youths

**ACTION PLAN:**

**Talking for a change:**

(empowering youth through lectures and workshops)

Idea:

## The “Chain Reaction” Equation

(The hearts of the empowered) X (The People they empower)  
= Successful Youth Empowerment

Implementing → The Five “W”s

# Who/Target Groups

- Orphans from the 921 earthquake
- Youths that come from families with financial problems
- Youths with potential but do not have access to opportunities and special training

# What/The Plan

- Host lectures and workshops to provide youths who have potential and talent with training in leadership, event organization, writing and public speaking skills.
- Personalized training for a selection of youths with potential
- Videos of lectures will be uploaded onto YouTube with the UNESCO link
- Social networking accounts will be set up

All of the work will be facilitated by the Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan)

# Why/Reason

- Youth who were damaged by disasters and lost of families members loses confidence, hope and survival and social skills
- The number of youths who work in youth empowerment is not enough for the Taiwanese society (and the best way to empower youth is BY YOUTH)
- A good public speaker can change the thoughts, will and hearts of dozens with just one lecture

# When/Timeline

- **Start of July, 2012**

(70 people, scheduled with the PPI and the Taiwanese gov)

- **End of July, 2012**

(100 people, scheduled with the Taiwanese gov)

- **End of August, 2012**

(1200 people, scheduled NCGSH and the Taiwanese gov)

More lectures will be scheduled until I'm too old to do this.



# Where/Venue

- Schools and auditoriums
- Government training facilities of the Republic of China (Taiwan) which will be provided.

# Goals

- Change the Taiwanese people's indifference towards changemaking, community activism and youth work
- Create a new generation with strong leaders and change makers
- Bring hope and confidence to the 921 earthquake orphans and youths
- Help them find the "spark" in themselves

(Because a "gathering" of sparks can ignite the whole world)

# Evaluation for Success

- Participants exceed 1000 by the end of 2012
- Feedback/Paper Questionnaires: Aim to have 70 percent of participants say lecture is useful
- Emails: Participants send emails about their own empowerment experiences, events or community activism that were started because of the lectures and workshops

Estimated Budget

30 USD/Lecture

(Negotiations for sponsorship of travel fees and paper questionnaires are already underway)

# Possible Aims for the Future

- Get full sponsorship from the Presidential Office and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for at least 50 people for future UNESCO YPA ten day training in Taipei, Taiwan
- Join an organization, e.g. political party, to receive political training in order to become a professional public speaker
- Internship with parliament and to improve various social and political skills

# Sponsors & Facilitators

- a. Populorum Progressio Institute (天主教上智文教基金會)
- b. UNESCO Bangkok and UNITAR Japan
- c. Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan)
  - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - Osaka Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
  - The Taichung City Government
- d. British Council Global Changemakers
- e. Possible Stakeholders:
  - The Presidential Office Of the Republic of China (Taiwan)
  - The Ministry of Education of the Republic of China (Taiwan)
  - Citibank

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