Welcome to the International Year of Youth (IYY)

"Youth should be given a chance to take an active part in the decision-making of local, national and global levels."
United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

Welcome to the official website on the International Year of Youth. Here you will find information on events planned throughout the year, as well as suggestions on how to get involved and participate. On 18 December 2009, the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution A/RES/64/134 proclaiming the year commencing on 12 August 2010 as the International Year of Youth: Dialogue and Mutual Understanding. The Year will coincide with the 25th anniversary of the first International Youth Year in 1985 on the theme Participation, Development and Peace.

The Brochure of the Year link:

Welcome to the United Nations. It's your world.

The Brochure is available in all official UN languages under Links and Resources on top of this page.

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If you are holding an event in celebration of the International Year of Youth (IYY) and would like to register it on our calendar of events, please visit this link: http://social.un.org/iyyevents.

The Brochure of the Year provides an overview of the importance of the International Year for young people. Everyone is invited to promote the ideals of peace, freedom, progress and solidarity towards the promotion of youth development and the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

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United Nations Webcast - Launch of a mobile application (UN Foundation, Stevie Wonder, Monique Coleman, DPI), 15 September 2011
Join the Change Your World campaign for IYY and International Youth Day on 12 August 2011
International Year of Youth: Culmination Celebration, 11 August 2011
High Level Meeting on Youth, UN General Assembly Hall, New York, 25-26 July 2011
Photos | Video of the meeting
Private Sector Kit to Working With Youth (PDF)
Use our promotional material for your activities celebrating the Year
Check out the webpage of our UN Youth Champion Monique Coleman and her World Tour Diaries
International Year of Youth Briefing Sessions
United Nations Inter-Agency Network on Youth Development
Global Launch of the International Year of Youth, 12 August 2010

What's New

- "International Youth Day 2011: Change Our World"
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UN Framework Approach

- Create awareness (increase commitment and investment in youth)
- Mobilize and engage (increase youth participation and partnerships)
- Connect and build bridges (increase intercultural understanding among youth)
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IYY Logo

- The UN Programme on Youth is pleased to launch the new logo for the International Year of Youth. The official slogan for the International Year of Youth (IYY) is Our Year, Our Voice.
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Participate

- Are you a young person and a global citizen? We have received a large number of emails from youth around the world informing us of the activities that you are planning to celebrate the Year.
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Fact Sheets

- Youth Employment
- Regional Overview: Youth in Africa
- Regional Overview: Youth in the Arab Region
- Youth and Climate Change
- Youth and Hunger
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