

YOUTH AND PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS AT THE UNITED NATIONS: OPPORTUNITIES FOR INVOLVEMENT AND CAREER ADVANCEMENT

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Over 20 psychology NGOs are accredited at the UN. Their major mission is to promote the role of psychology in global issues

Join NGOs as an intern or special assistant, become a student representative, become a member of Psychology NGOs accredited at the UN, attend events

International Association of Applied Psychology, American Psychological Association, International Council of Psychologists, World Council of Psychotherapy, International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies, World Federation of Mental Health



NGO Events



African chiefs at event

AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

UN DPI/NGO Briefings



Students at a UN DPI/NGO briefing

Special Events



tudent representative on a Commission on the Status of Vomen (CSW) panel: "The Critical Role of Women in the nment of the Millennium

demonstration of STEM Education



Present and Publish



Student poster on Global Harmony at a UN DPI/NGO pre-conference

Examples of Papers:

Youth Connect: A model of youth activism on behalf of human rights, education and

"Journeys for Peace: A model of human rights education for young people in

"Youth participation and perceptions at the United Nations"

Psychology Day at the UN An annual event sponsored by psychology organizations that have NGO status with the UN. Offers UN officials, NGO representatives, students and other stakeholders an opportunity to learn what psychologists contribute to the UN, to exchange ideas and to establish relationships on global issues.

Past topics: "Psychology and Social Justice related to the UN Global Agenda" "Psychology and Diplomacy: Negotiating for Peace and Human Rights" "The Role of Psychology in Achieving Universal Access to Education"



A presentation at Psychology Day



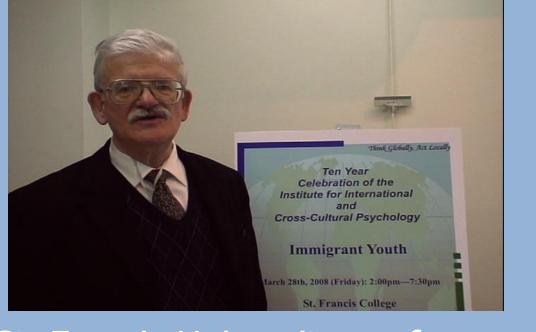
Representatives, and Intern at Psychology Day

Attend conferences including global issues

at Fordham University, Pace University, St. Francis University, CUNY



Fordham University



St. Francis University conference



Students presenting at a Pace University conference

Involvement in Field Projects Participate in research and implementation of special projects related to UN initiatives (e.g. on the Millennium Development Goals)

Haiti: Eradicate extreme poverty



Primary school education

Lesotho: Combat HIV/AIDS and promote women's empowerment

Lesson about self-protection

UN Department of Public Information/NGO Conferences

Plenaries, roundtables, workshops, and special events on global issues with NGOs and invited UN officials and experts. Held in early September in cities around the world: human rights in Paris, disarmament in Mexico City, global health in Melbourne, sustainable societies in Bonn. One student representative from an NGO is invited to attend and at least one youth participates in each workshop.



Youth caucus about human rights



MDG Exhibit



www.PsychologyforGlobalHealth.com booth, sponsored by IAAP, the Australian Psychological Society, and

Networking Fair

Friends of the UN An NGO that encourages youth and others to learn about UN efforts and be inspired to help the UN achieve its goals. Also develops curriculum materials for high schools and universities, supports UN International Day of Tolerance, and initiated the "Wear My Hat" Campaign.



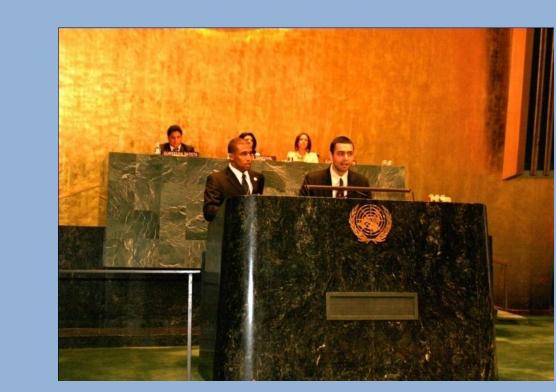


Hat" Campaign

Youth summits Special conferences and summits on topics of global importance.



UN student intern being interviewed for UN radio at UN conference on cyberhate



Students at youth-organized conference on the Middle East "Moving Forward: A renewed approach to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict"

Attend monthly meetings and join working groups of the **UN NGO Committee on Mental Health**

Topics: Gender Perspectives; Human Rights; Trauma; Refugees; Children; Racism and Xenophobia; Media/Information and Communication Technologies



Panelists at a monthly meeting



Presentation on "Mainstreaming Disability and Human Rights for

Persons with Psychiatric Disabilities"

The UN Youth Assembly A conference held twice a year at UN headquarters in New York, organized by the Friendship Ambassadors Foundation, an NGO associated with DPI. Demonstrates what committed, global youth leaders can and have accomplished in support of the UN Millennium Development Goals.



Youth Assembly plenary

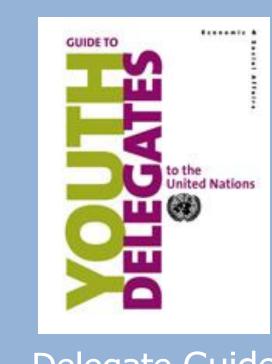


UN Youth Assembly workshop on "Achieving the Millennium" Development Goals: An Overview and Case Studies" by Dr. Judy Kuriansky and Nejeed Kassam, Youth Presenter

Youth delegates to the UN Participation in decision-making is a key priority of the UN agenda on youth. Youth can be part of their country's official delegation to the UN General Assembly, various Commissions of the Economic and Social Council, and in the Third Committee (the part of the GA that deliberates on Social, Cultural and Humanitarian Issues), including drafting various youth resolutions.



Youth delegates at the UN



Delegate Guide

Lobby in Congress about International Issues



Lobbying for Israeli-Palestinian peace in Washington, D.C.

Become a Youth Reporter

International Student Journalism Program (ISJP)

Students apply and are selected to cover the annual UN DPI/NGO conference and file reports in print, video or social media. A unique opportunity to attend the conference, hone journalism skills, and interview high level experts, NGO reps and UN officials.



ISJP students at Australia Conference on Global Health



News bulletin by students



on Human Rights in front of the Wall of Tolerance in Paris

HUM News



Report on developing countries not covered by mainstream media



Example: Report on the Lesotho Girls Empowerment Program

Project partners: Members of the IAAP team, the First Lady of Lesotho, and representative of he Lesotho Mission to the UN

See:

For opportunities with NGOs associated with UN Youth Opportunities, email: