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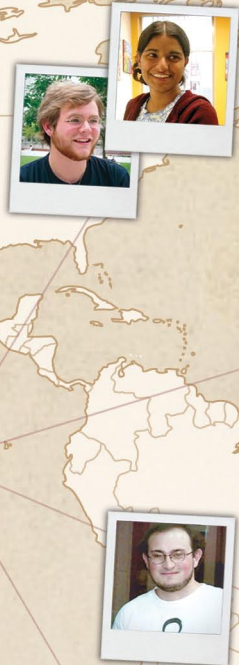
**TAKINGITGLOBAL**

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A rock thrown in a pond, creating ripple after ripple after ripple. An insect flapping its wings, causing a typhoon in a faraway land. A seed that multiplies with the help of rain, making a fallow field fertile.

These images hint at the true nature of impact, a complex chain of interaction and connections that defies a single, simplistic equation. Likewise, the impact of TakingITGlobal cannot be reduced to just metaphors, or definitions, or numbers. It must include the diverse voices of members of the online community, encompassing all facets of experience. Here, we gather the ideas, emotions, and dreams of TakingITGlobal members.

Read their extraordinary stories. Talk to them through the online community. Discover what they have to share. Each of their inspirations, learning experiences, and actions, which have enabled them to impact the world around them, form the larger impact of TakingITGlobal. Their steps are the steps of TakingITGlobal: sometimes tentative, gaining confidence, always hopeful.



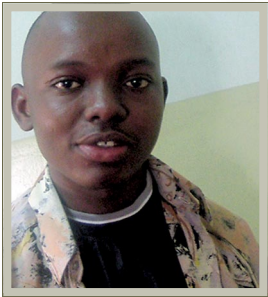
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In 2004, TakingITGlobal conducted a survey among its members to gain insight on the impact of our programs. Key quotes and stats from the survey appear throughout this publication. To download the full report go to: <http://research.takingitglobal.org>



## My name is Peter.

I was born and brought up in the town of Mombasa, which falls within the coast province of Kenya. I first learnt about TakingITGlobal through an announcement on the African Youth Parliament. The TIG resources have had a tremendous effect on me. I have been mainly interested in the events calendar. This resource has made me more or less, 'addicted' to the Internet. I have been going through a number of them and have applied for various events.

The three major events that I have been able to attend so far are namely the Smart City 2020 international conference, in Nairobi, the Gate Way to Africa Trade Exhibition, in Nairobi, and the Microsoft's Information Worker Board of the Future in Redmond, Washington. The website also enabled me to be a member of the Kenya Youth Employment Summit group, and I have been accepted to attend the Summit in Mexico. There is a lot that I have learned from these events. First of all, I have been able to broaden my contacts

**25.9%** of members surveyed have attended an event as a result of using the resources available on the TakingITGlobal website.

to many youths and other influential people. Secondly, I have received much training in the preparation, planning, and organization of exhibitions and conferences. This has now turned out to be my hobby and area of interest.

**50.3%** of members surveyed have gained skills as a result of their involvement with TakingITGlobal.

When I participated in the Information Worker Board of the Future in Redmond, it was the first time for me to fly out of my country and the continent of Africa, courtesy of TIG and Microsoft, an experience which changed my life. The chance to interact with Microsoft officials was an eye-opening opportunity that opened the gates of the world and its diversity to my technological, design, social, and academic prospects. Furthermore, meeting with other young people who had extraordinary visions, determination, and special involvement in their institutions and various communities presented an immense opportunity to me. We were brought together to respond to global challenges, especially the digital divide, and I look forward to the project implementations which will follow.

**"When I became a TIG member, I learned about opportunities and resources that are available to me. That's when I started to network, to participate in other programs and activities, and to be more involved in advocacy. I am more skilled and competent because of the resources and the experiences that I have now."**  
— Joseph Ty Cubar, Philippines

Also, since I have experienced first-hand the benefits of TIG, I look forward to seeing the student community of my university, the University of Nairobi, further utilizing my participation to achieve their own goals.



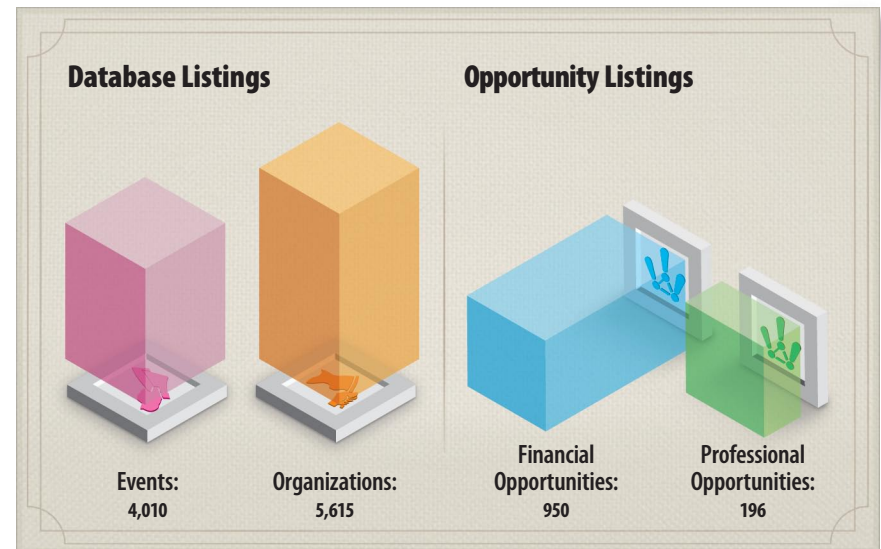
As an expression of international solidarity, TIG has strengthened my personal capacity for creation and sharing, as well as creating a stronger sense amongst youth on the need to grow an environment for cultural pluralism.

**"I am helping college students get involved in community work. At first I was really hesitant because ever since I could remember people have been apathetic... But through the site, I found a source of knowledge, wisdom and inspiration to see through that apathy and be more proactive in helping people help themselves."**  
— Dionne Sluit, Philippines

This environment will lead to growth of harmonious interaction among people of varied, plural, and dynamic cultural identities, and also initiate their will to live together.  
■ Peter Njeru, 22, Kenya

## Opportunities and Resources

TakingITGlobal offers a wide variety of valuable opportunities and resources, providing members with access to support for their activities.





## My name is Yara.

I was born in a place called Mohandessin, a little island on the Nile in Egypt. I spent a very big part of my childhood in Serbia, and when I was a 5 year-old child I was already speaking Arabic, English, French, and Serbian. Ever since then I have been fond of languages and cultural interactions. I was introduced to TakingITGlobal in 2000.

I was greatly inspired by the TIG monthly themes that started with my favorite topic, Cultural Diversity, and a few months later I submitted my first cartoon contribution to the Global Gallery about the theme of Health. My contribution won the Gallery's contest and TIG sent me a digital camera by mail. It's one of the most precious gifts I've ever received in my whole life. I was more and more inspired by member feedback in the Global Gallery, and I started to believe more and more in myself and my talent and I started submitting most of my work to this online forum. A few months later, I submitted my first article to the

**22 Global Gallery contests have been held with support from Hewlett-Packard. Winners were awarded HP digital cameras, scanners and printers for their artistic creations.**



Panorama Online Publication, and with accumulating experience and positive feedback from other TIG members, my desire to become a writer or a journalist has increased, and I feel that I can absolutely achieve it.

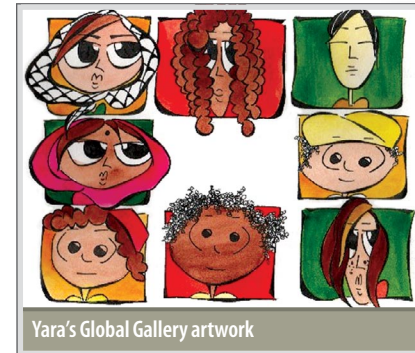
**10 Issues of Panorama Online Publication have been created, each issue showcases 5 featured articles written by TIG members.**

I used to log on daily to TIG and read people's TIGblogs, and I learnt a lot from reading about what people think in other places of this world. After a while I started writing my own online entries. I didn't think at first that people would be interested in my thoughts or details of my personal life, but as I started to see the first comments on my TIGblog I really started to feel that something was happening to me, that my personality was being shaped. I remember my first post. It was about my feelings towards the war on Iraq. That was when I started to open up to people, to the world, which encouraged me to submit my drawings, and with those dozens of member comments on them, my confidence in my talent started getting bigger and bigger. And more and more I started to expand my contributions to TIG, filling my Gallery with cartoons, writing articles,

**"TIG has connected with some of the most amazing people I could ever hope to meet. It's a melting pot of ideas and inspiration where I can come to engage critically and constructively with others in discussing and acting upon issues that we find important."**  
— Simon Moss, Australia

updates and even poems, and applying for international conferences, which gave me the chance to go to Kenya and Morocco to represent my country. Then I started to get involved increasingly with the people in my country and outside it. I participated in the group for the development of my country site, then organized and facilitated the first TIG offline activity in Egypt. Now I feel I've gone so far towards finding myself. Now I have friends from all over the world, people who care about my well-being and about my happiness even if they've never met me face to face, even if they don't know anything about me except from my drawings and writings. But in some ways they know me even better than my family. On my birthday I find my mailbox full from their warm wishes. Now I can't help but write my regular TIGblog on a daily basis, and eagerly wait for answers from all of my global friends.

**57% of members surveyed say that they have gained a sense of self-confidence as a result of their involvement with TakingITGlobal.**

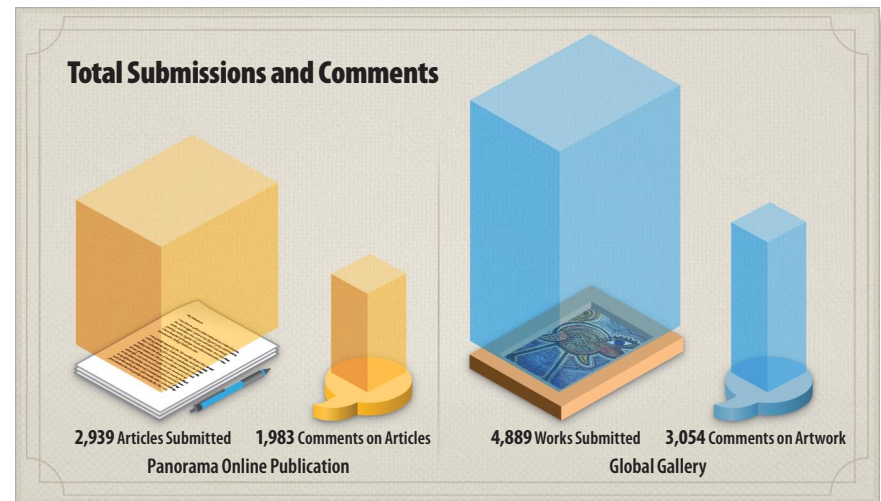


Yara's Global Gallery artwork

Now I can't help but write my regular TIGblog on a daily basis, and eagerly wait for answers from all of my global friends.  
•Yara Kassem, 24, Egypt

## Creative Expression

Yara is one of many TakingITGlobal members who express themselves creatively through the online community. The quality and diversity of the Panorama Online Publication and the Global Gallery reflect the inspirations of members.





## My name is Trevor.

I am from the small town of Mendon, New York, near the city of Rochester in the United States. I have spent all of my life in this small rural town. In 2001, I became involved with youth activism against the tobacco industry, and I have been involved ever since. I do a lot of work with a youth movement against the tobacco industry known as Reality Check. Recently, I traveled to Thailand and Malaysia to speak to youth about fighting the tobacco industry in their countries.

I can remember just how amazed I was when I first visited TakingITGlobal. TIG is spontaneously inspirational. It was as if the website was created for me. I love interacting with people. I love meeting people and hearing what they have to say. It is truly one of my passions in life. Many of my friends describe me as, "someone who wants to meet everyone in the world," which could certainly be true. I am inspired by other people's energy: their thoughts, questions, and answers.

**"The strongest thing about the whole concept is that the site is full of young members. So while browsing through the site, you feel a sort of energy reverberating through it."**  
— Varun Kumar Jain, India

**78.2%** of members surveyed state that they have gained a different perspective or become more aware of global issues and challenges as a result of TakingITGlobal.

In meeting different people from diverse areas of the world, TIG has helped me to understand situations from another perspective, instead of just from that of my own country. America is such a powerful force throughout the world, and TIG has helped me understand America's impact

from the perspectives of the countries America influences. I have also developed relationships with amazing people all over the world, and I have had the incredible chance to actually meet some of the friends I have made through TIG.

On a train ride from Malaysia to Thailand in the summer of 2004, I witnessed a truly amazing thing. In the train car where I was seated, I noticed these two children who seemed to be about the same age. One was an Australian boy, and the other a Malaysian girl. Both enjoyed running down the aisles, they both enjoyed having fun. They each spoke different languages, and could not understand each other, but somehow they ended up the

**55.3%** of members surveyed say that they have changed how they approach people from another country or culture as a result of TakingITGlobal.

best of friends. They both loved having fun, and that is what brought them together. It's not always about who you are and where you're from, but rather, what you have in common, and TIG members share the common goal of a better world.

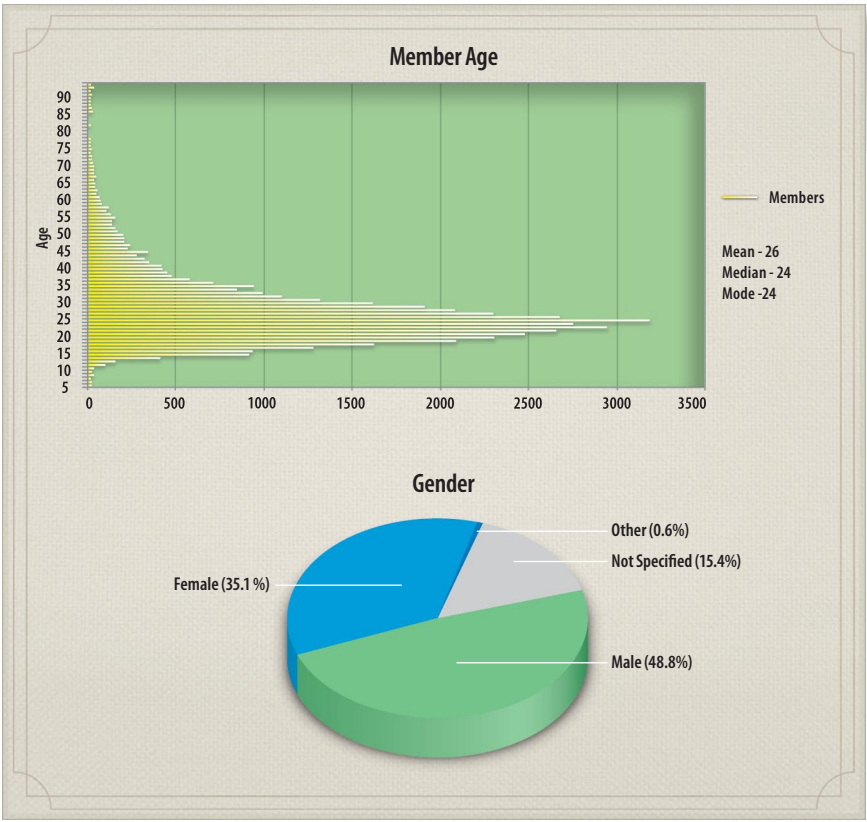
•Trevor Kellogg, 17, USA



Trevor in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

## Member Statistics

The majority of TakingITGlobal's members are between the ages of 15 to 30, but there are members from all different stages of life.





## My name is Rim.

I live in Tunis, Tunisia. When I first participated in the World Youth Forum at the age of 15, I realized what I wanted to do in life and what kind of people I wanted to interact with. I love to share ideas with youth involved in lots of issues from around the world, and I like getting inspired by the cultural diversity and experiences of highly motivated young people.

I am currently part of the French translation team that has translated the entire TakingITGlobal website into French, which launched in June 2004, and I have been involved since the beginning of this undertaking. I first got involved because I wanted other Tunisian youth to join the amazing community of TIG, and initially, they were always complaining about the fact that the website was available only in English and they could not express themselves as they wanted to. I want French speaking youth to have access to the knowledge, opportunities, and information that English-speaking youth have. Dedicating some of my time to translations was a real pleasure because I feel that I played a useful role in the TIG community, a community that has changed my visions for the future.

**18 TIG members from around the world helped translate the site into French. They are part of a larger group of 67 members, who are currently leading the effort of translating the site into 10 different languages, out of the combined 209 languages that TIG members speak.**

**67.5%** of members surveyed feel that TakingITGlobal has inspired them to take action in their region, country or community.

Through TIG, I have learned that things can be changed and visions achieved even in scarcity. I am continually surprised to see the incredible extent to which youth can empower other young people to achieve their goals and dreams. Interacting with amazing young people through the online community and at international events has made me more aware of how to implement solutions to common problems.

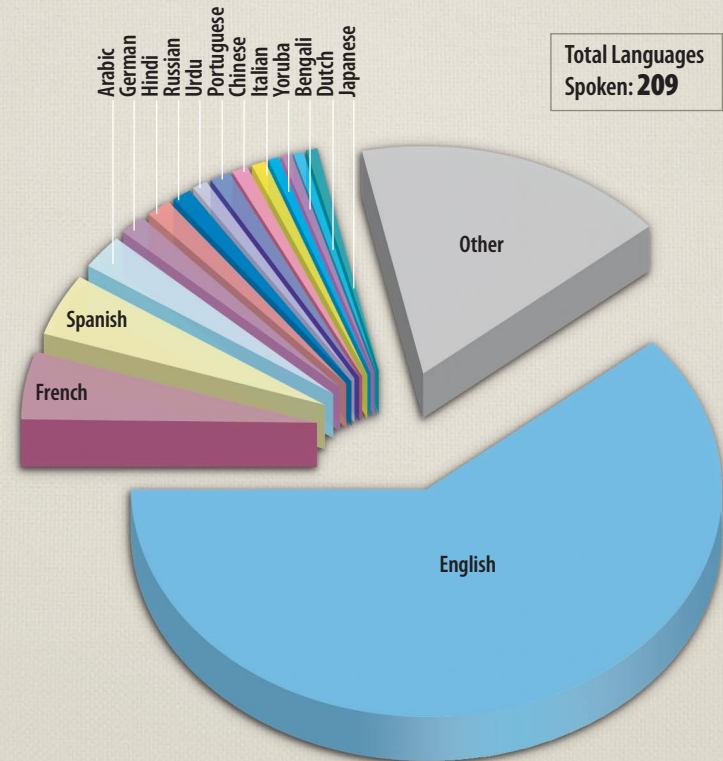
TakingITGlobal makes me think that we only need to be at the right place, at the right moment, to take hold of the opportunities that are available and that we can change our way of life. **•Rim Nour, 23, Tunisia**

**“TakingITGlobal has made me want to help the people in my homeland, the Philippines. I have become more aware of the trials and tribulations of others and I am adamant about helping others.”**  
– Katrina Bollozos, United States

## A Multilingual Community

The efforts of members like Rim in translations are helping to make TakingITGlobal accessible to larger numbers of people, expanding and diversifying the online community. Along with translations in French, volunteers have created versions of the site in Spanish and Russian, as well as continuing work in Portuguese and Arabic. These languages are among the fifteen most spoken languages in our growing membership.

### Top 15 Languages Spoken by Members





## My name is Damian.

I was born in Buenos Aires City in Argentina, and I currently live in Lomas de Zamora, in Argentina. I started participating in organizations at the age of 12. When I was 19, I co-founded the Vientos Del Sur association, to foster Argentinean youth participation and empowerment. When I was 22, I joined TakingITGlobal. I was member #251.

I started out as a member of the TIG Global Advisory team, and then moved to being a TIG Youth Representative in my country. I developed the TIG Argentina Team, with the express hope of connecting young leaders of youth organizations of different backgrounds, to implement actions on a local level. Our team has carried out many workshops in different cities in Argentina, as well as coordinating several TIG Open Forums, which are spaces where youth can discuss issues important to them.

**51.3%** of members surveyed feel that TakingITGlobal has helped them to be able to have an impact in their community.



Open Forums are a process of participation, learning, and shared emotions, creating bonds among people. Online, TIG has allowed me to promote and strengthen my own organization, Vientos Del Sur, through the organizations database and group tools.

Throughout my time as a TIG member, I have learned about youth movements in other countries and the realities in other very distant and different regions, exciting histories of life that are individual and universal at the same time. I have learned that the reality of the world is not only what the mass media transmits. But mainly, I can say I learned that interaction and sharing among people of different religions and beliefs are absolutely possible and positive, and there does not have to be a "clash of civilizations", as communities of people all over the world have the same

**"I'm inspired by the positive direction that youth are taking through TIG when they are constantly being bombarded by negativity through the mass media. It is reassuring to think that the future will not necessarily be dictated by the events of the present / past."**  
 – Ray Broadbent, Australia

**"It gives me the boldness to have a sense of belonging among different races of the world."**  
 – Tope Akintola, Nigeria

hopes: to live happily, to have a home and a family, and to leave a positive mark on the world. TIG makes me feel connected to, and part of, a global movement of young people who are not satisfied with reality as it is today. We want to transform it into something

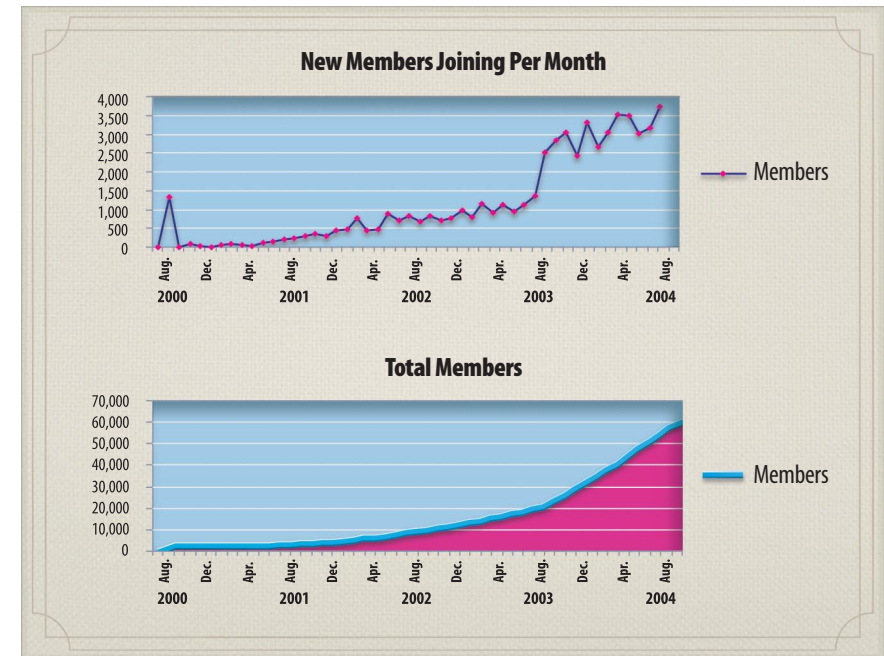
better, less unjust, and more united. TIG extends my senses, extends my arms, and puts my mind and heart in other realities. Yet at the same time, TIG focuses me, allowing me to put my hands to good use in many places of the world and in my own country. For me, TIG is a compass and map in the search of a better world And it is still more than that. TIG is something very important in my life. For me, TIG is a feeling.

**57.1%** of members surveyed have been able to realize their goals and pursue their passion with the help of TakingITGlobal.

•Damien Profeta, 26, Argentina

## Member Growth

TakingITGlobal's membership has increased at a rapid pace, expanding to over 60,000 members in four years.





## My name is Sindorela.

I am from Gjakova, a small town in the western part of Kosova. In 1998, I was forcibly expelled from my home by Milosevic's regime and his paramilitary forces, along with thousands of other ethnic Albanians. I was separated from my family by a border, the border which has divided one nation and Albanians into two parts for the last 55 years. I witnessed a baby torn from his mother to become, as his mother cried out, "the youngest refugee among the millions

of refugees." In August of 2004, I shared this story with other TakingITGlobal members on the Refugees Monthly Theme.

I just wanted to share my experiences and the experiences of my people with others, regardless of the fact that these experiences were terrible ones. At this time, when the world, especially Europe, is doing its utmost to remove the borders dividing states and nations, I just want my people and the other nations of the world to live in peace and freedom, free of hatred, free of violence.



**"It was an outlet to let me speak to people my age from all over the world in a serious manner. I had never considered speaking to someone from Palestine, or Afghanistan before – in late 2001– I believed that 'they were the enemies.'"**  
– Anonymous

I was inspired by the idea of sharing all the possible experiences of refugees, in order to remind the minds and thoughts of leaders and all people, and to urge for it to never happen again. I don't believe I could, once

again, face those tragedies, and see young babies be forcibly separated from their mothers. So, the hope for a new world without violence was my inspiration, and why I really wanted to share my experiences with other TIG members. I don't want anybody in the world to face what I was forced to face: killings, the burning of houses and all the macabre things that the human mind cannot imagine. I want human rights laws to be respected regardless of state interests. This is the 21st century, and it is time for people to live in dignity.

**64.9% of members surveyed have been inspired by a young person they have read about or communicated with on the TakingITGlobal.org website.**

I think that by creating the space for people to express their experiences, TakingITGlobal will help them, and help the movement towards achieving the goal of peace. And I believe

that all people want peace. Once people read these stories, it will leave a mark on their minds and hearts, and those people will understand what it means to hurt others. In that way, we

**71% of members surveyed say that TIG has inspired them to express themselves on the website.**

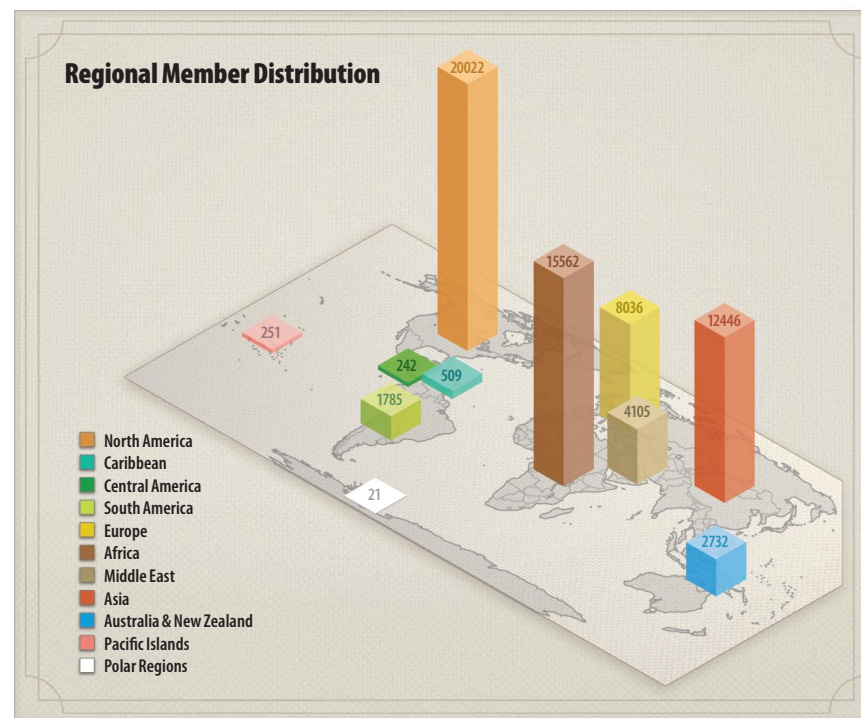
**"I have learned that there are so many young people in so many different countries who are all committed to very similar, inspiring values and the betterment of humanity and our planet. It's opened up my eyes and my world."**

– Karen Miles, Australia

can all contribute to a much better world. Maybe it sounds a little bit ambitious, but when you touch the minds and hearts of people, you have done something good.  
– Sindorela Doli, Serbia & Montenegro

## Regional Membership

Members of TakingITGlobal come from all regions of world, creating a diverse community and a unique place for cultural exchange.





## My name is Morse.

I was born and grew up in the northern region of the Philippines, although I have been living, studying, and traveling in more than a 100 countries for the past 6 years as a student, scholar, fellow, youth leader, volunteer and a conference and community organizer. Empowering and working with young people of different colors and backgrounds motivate me a lot, which is why I am a member of TakingITGlobal. I consider traveling the best

education. At the same time, going back to my own community inspires me a lot. At the moment, I am settled here in Japan as I am juggling both my studies and social advocacy involvement with various local and international organizations (APSAID/APSAICE) that I am working with.

APSAID is a non-profit, non-political and secular association, which dedicates itself to inspiring curiosity, participation, awareness and empowerment of youth through education and action around issues on development, human rights, peace and multiculturalism.

We have used TIG to establish networks and linkages with other youth organizations from other parts of the world. Most of our members are also TIG members so through TIG chat we were able to communicate and disseminate information among us, wherever we were.

**37.7% of members surveyed have formed a partnership or collaboration with others in the TakingITGlobal network.**

**“It has made me become a stronger advocate for youth empowerment, participation and ownership of their projects from conception to implementation. I have used TIG as a point of reference when it comes to what young people are capable of doing when their innate energies are properly recognized and utilized for the development rather than destruction.” – Amos, Ghana**

The TIG events calendar is such a valuable tool in looking for events and activities that are happening in different regions around the world and with that, we were able to get involved with many national and international youth programs

and activities. Those activities and events have extended our local network into a global one, which has never happened before. We also found that TIG’s resource tools are also very valuable for us, especially when we are developing our workshops and training sessions. Basically, TIG serves as a bridge between us and other parts of the world.

**Over 5,000 members have downloaded TIG’s practical workshop kit.**

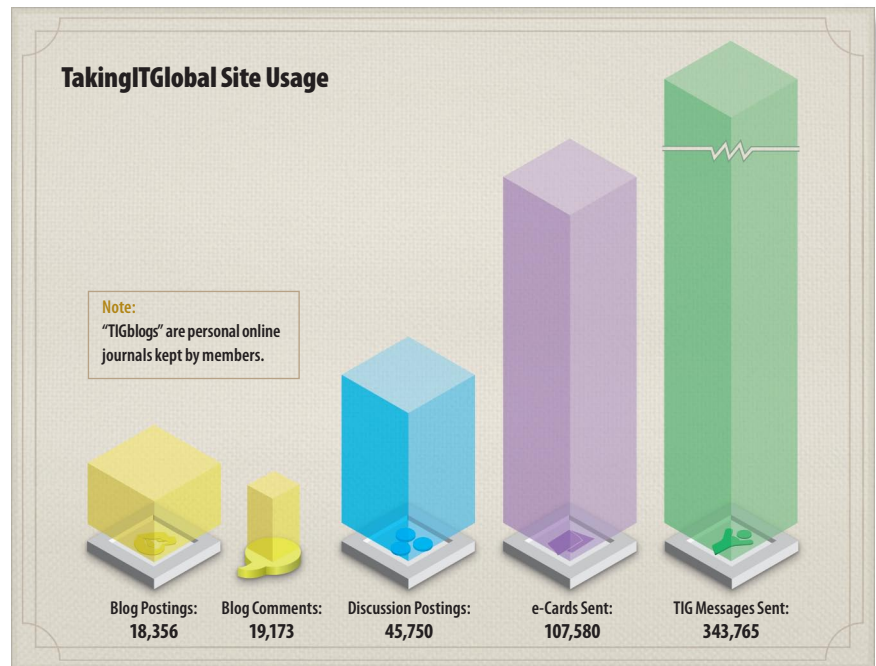


I would say that if there is one phenomenon that has revolutionized my life, that would be the TIG phenomenon. TIG extended my circle of friends beyond geographic, socio-cultural, religious, economic, and political borders. Being a member made me think beyond my own culture and yet it made me appreciate my own more. It also made me become more sensitive – not only to people around me – but also to those people that might be affected as a result of what I have done. Most important, TIG has shown me that young people like me can initiate changes in our local communities, in our own small ways. In the end, these small actions form a global change. **•Morse Flores, 26, Philippines**

**71.1% of members surveyed say that TIG has changed their perception of the ability of youth to affect change in their communities and around the world.**

## Online Communication

TakingITGlobal offers members many ways to communicate and interact with each other.





## My name is Haseeb.

I live in Kabul, Afghanistan. 25 years ago, my family used to live an agricultural and village life, and our village was at the outskirts of Kabul. When the Soviets attacked it, my family migrated to Kabul and adopted life in the city.

In 1992, when the Mujahadeen took over and civil war started, many of Kabul's inhabitants left for many different destinations. I had to leave Afghanistan with my grandma

and uncles for Pakistan; my dad wanted me to study no matter what happened and for that reason he sent me to Pakistan then I was 6 years old, yet my family couldn't leave Kabul and they stayed there, witness to some of the cruelest crimes and destruction in the city. My life away from my parents, the frequent travels through the harsh terrains, time in jail at the borders between Afghanistan and Pakistan, and my natural desire of achieving more caused me to become an adventurous man who loves to take on challenges.

It is my luck that TakingITGlobal has provided me with the space to expand my horizons and reach, starting from my first moments on TIG, when I saw so many great young people from different parts of world and I realized that I am connected to these great minds and future leaders now. I started to have faith that I will not lack support, ideas, and help with whatever positive movement I start and whatever change I aim to bring about.

**"TIG has greatly broadened my horizons. I used to take action only in my country, but now I have a chance to further interact with world youth leaders and really take our action global."** – Xin Yingying, China

One of the areas in which TIG inspired me to act on was to try and attract as much involvement as possible on TIG locally, for I learned a lot from the discussions and expressions shared on TIG. I knew that anyone I introduced TIG to would find his inspiration and start action on any level he could. Since my involvement with TIG, I have invited many friends and contacts into the community, and they all are benefiting from the insight to issues and online

resources that TIG offers. They are using the discussions as a platform for expressing their thoughts, which is helping the voice of Afghan youth be heard, and this will insure that we Afghans become an active and dynamic part of the widely connected global community.

**73.1% of members surveyed have been inspired by TIG to want to influence national and/or international decision-making outcomes.**

The support that I received from TIG enabled me to travel all the way from Afghanistan through Pakistan to Geneva to attend the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS)

in 2003. WSIS was my first international conference experience, and the first chance to meet some of my TIG friends face to face. I was featured as a speaker on the Human Rights, Youth and the Information Society Panel. My presentation was very well received by the participants there and they gave me a lot of encouraging feedback. It was also at the WSIS youth caucus that I met some of the most inspiring youth from around the world, and I connected with many of the current and future leaders of the world.

**36.4% of members surveyed have become more connected with leaders in their local community, region or country as a result of their involvement with TIG.**



Haseeb at the World Summit on the Information Society

TIG has been a source of energy and motivation for me in all fields of my life. Since my involvement with TIG, I have found friends who live thousands of miles away from me, yet we are so close when it comes to sharing feelings, ideas, and thoughts. Now, I have been more outspoken on local issues, thanks to the TIG forums where I can discuss issues, see my thoughts on certain topics be challenged, and challenge others where I think it is essential. My involvement online with TIG has dramatically helped my social status and work here on the ground.

**2,412 projects have been managed through the TIG projects tool. Members create their own project page to help them keep track of progress and co-ordinate their efforts. 11,653 members have been involved by either creating a project page or by joining an existing project.**

I consider myself part of the progressively connected world now, contrary to my past perception that we Afghans are from a much abandoned and marginalized part of the world, and are

much different from the other inhabitants of my region. TIG has shown me that no matter how far we are, whether that be where we live or what we believe in or what we do, at the end of the day we are all humans and inhabitants of the same earth. TakingITGlobal is an excellent example of how we all can come together as a global community of human beings for the sake of humanity and progress, while preserving and practicing our own religions, cultures, traditions, and ways of life. ■**Haseeb Humayoon**, 18, Afghanistan



## My name is Susheela.

I live in Toronto, which is a city located in Ontario, Canada. My time at TakingITGlobal began in the summer of 2001 when, at the age of 16, I attended a workshop at the TIG headquarters. The next day I began volunteering in the office, helping to design and develop Version III of the online community. Once I had returned to school I managed to continue working with TIG through a co-op placement and my role within the organization began to grow. Once I

completed my secondary education I decided to take some time off before university and was hired by TakingITGlobal through the RBC Financial Group's Career Edge internship program.



Working at TakingITGlobal, I have gained many valuable skills and unique experiences. I've been lucky enough to have my first real work experience happen in a space where dynamism and innovation are a constant. Being a member of this team has shown me what young people are capable of and has encouraged me to start thinking of myself in that same light.

A large part of my experience with TIG has been speaking at events and running workshops on topics like web design, leadership, the future of education, and women in technology. I've been able to travel around Ontario attending these conferences, contributing to a larger Canadian youth network, and meeting many young people who are doing remarkable things. Most recently I traveled to Cleveland, Ohio to run a workshop at the National Youth Summit on youth involvement in social and environmental action.

**"The best thing about TIG is that it serves as a great international meeting place for youth to share what they are doing locally in their community and offers a chance to collaborate with others with similar interests around the world."** – Jessica Denyer, Canada

**50.2%** of members surveyed have made new friends and contacts as a result of TakingITGlobal.

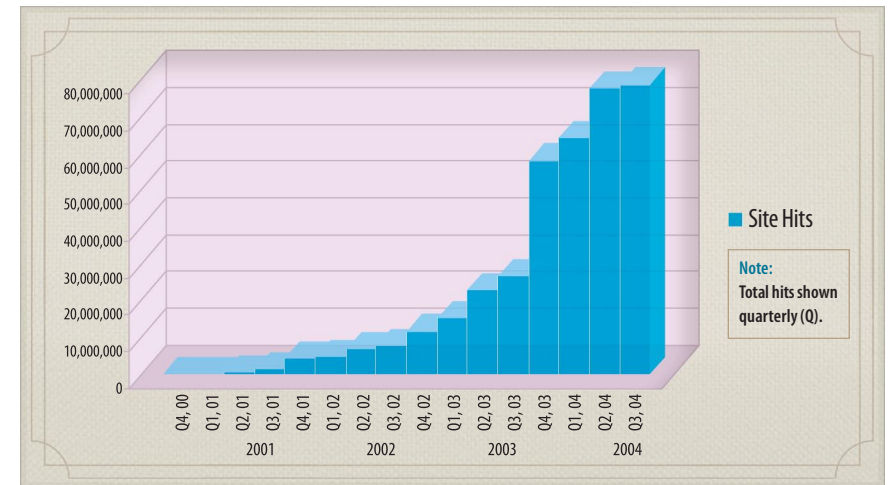
As an active member of TIG's online global network, I've been in touch with many young people from around the world who have helped me understand the various realities they face on an every day basis, and

how now they have the network and support to start making changes. It's wonderful to feel as if I am helping them with their initiatives.

As I prepare for the future, I know I will take this experience and knowledge with me and hope to continue to realize my potential as a young person. ■ **Susheela Nirmalan-Nathan**, 19, Canada

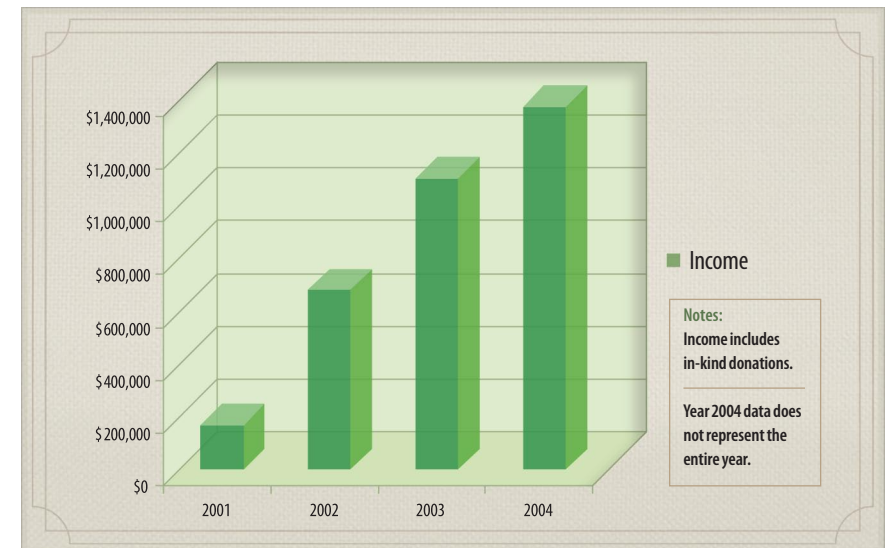
## Website Traffic

TakingITGlobal.org receives an amazing amount of "hits" as visitors and members use the site.



## Financial

Over the years, TakingITGlobal has grown financial resources to keep up with our growth. Thanks to the efforts of our staff, the strength of our partnerships, and the generosity of our supporters, we have been able to become one of the largest youth organizations in the world.





**TakingITGlobal** makes real differences in the lives of young people by enabling them, through inspiration, learning, and action. Youth are encouraged to get involved in their local communities and in the wider global community through learning experiences and pathways to action.

## Inspiration

TakingITGlobal inspires members through the sharing of stories: by providing an open space for young people to interact, connect, and express their individual experiences, ideas, and emotions, members can participate in an intercultural exchange that is unique to this online community. Through resources available on the website, they are exposed to a vast number of learning opportunities. As a result, they feel a greater sense of belonging and increased confidence in their abilities. Their worldviews have been expanded, and their perspective on what youth can achieve changed positively. A greater sense of civic responsibility is instilled, which leads to more actions and initiatives taken. All of this coalesces into greater hope for the future.



## Learning

Through TakingITGlobal, members gain awareness of different cultures and perspectives, and of global issues and challenges. They learn the value of information technology as a tool to overcome these challenges, to interact, and to bridge gaps, and acquire coordination and communication skills. Most importantly, they realize the role of youth as agents of change, creating a sense of the possibility of change.



## Action

As an outcome of their involvement with TakingITGlobal, members have taken action in a variety of ways. They have initiated or participated in projects, organizations, events, groups, and programs. Through such activities, members have connected other young people and decision-makers through networking, building a strong movement of youth committed to creating positive change.




# We hope you can share and support our vision...

With the help of TakingITGlobal, young people are gaining inspiration, confidence, and momentum. They are finding ways to take their dreams and aspirations further. The impact of TakingITGlobal has already been experienced by many people. People who have come to understand the potential and power that youth represent, and why supporting this potential is so crucial.

We invite you to learn more: [visit the site www.takingitglobal.org](http://www.takingitglobal.org)

We invite you to spread the word: tell others about TakingITGlobal.

We invite you to support our work: to enable a greater capacity for our innovative programs.

 Please visit <http://support.takingitglobal.org> and find out how you can support our growth.

TakingITGlobal is a catalyst that inspires young people to value the importance of community, a learning experience that reaffirms and reinvents previous learning, and an active hub that presents new pathways to action. The members of TIG have created ripples in small and large ponds, exercised their wings, and spread seeds of change. They continue to multiply the impact of TakingITGlobal.



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