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*I*f ideas change the world,
then it is increasingly true
that networks shape ideas.
TakingITGlobal harnesses
the energy of young
people's social networks
to help make information
technology a more effective
tool for creativity and
problem-solving.

John B. Horrigan, Ph.D., Associate Director, Pew Internet Project

Vision

We believe in a world where young people are more inspired, informed, and involved in their communities on local, national, and international levels.

Mission

We strive to provide opportunities for learning, capacity-building, cross-cultural awareness and self-development through the use of Information and Communication Technologies.

TakingITGlobal is uniquely positioned at the centre of key global trends: the demographic force of young people, the power of the Internet, and the increasingly global nature of the challenges the world is facing.

Our aims include:

- Strengthening the capacity of young people as leaders and stakeholders
- Fostering cross-cultural dialogue and understanding
- Increasing awareness and involvement in global issues

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The international community encountered a number of issues in 2006 that threatened our common humanity. From climate change to global poverty, from democracy to the continued prevalence of HIV/AIDS, TakingITGlobal, and its network, shied away from none of these. They contradict every stereotype of apathetic, uniformed youth. The range of technologies, projects and programs TakingITGlobal evolved during 2006 makes me very proud. I congratulate TakingITGlobal's leadership team on each accomplishment outlined in this report.

With all of the rapid changes in our global landscape, and constant technological innovations, ensuring that today's youth are equipped with 21st century skills is critically important. TakingITGlobal's unique ability to combine both rich, global content from young people's own experiences, with exciting, interactive technologies is bringing new opportunities for learning and action to classrooms, telecentres, community organizations and young people around the world.

On behalf of my fellow Board Members, I delight in congratulating the team on their success and extend my heartfelt thanks to all of the supporters who have worked in partnership with TakingITGlobal over 2006!

Ron Mitchell
President, TakingITGlobal Board of Directors

When we envisioned TakingITGlobal in 1999, we couldn't possibly predict the issues facing our world today. We did, however, imagine that youth globally would address these global challenges, and offer critical contributions through peer networks and shared actions. We are grateful to work with such a dedicated, talented, and creative team of leaders who together form a worldwide community that bring our initiatives to life.

In 2006, we involved our network in three high-profile international events that received intensive media attention: the XVI International AIDS Conference, World Urban Forum 3 and the 12th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change. These processes address three of the most important issues of our time, and benefited immeasurably from our members as informed, creative and energized delegates.

In Canada, with support from the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation, we launched Creating Local Connections (CLC) with the aim of increasing civic engagement, awareness and collaboration among youth. This past year was also a great success for our education program, TIGed, supported by Microsoft's Partners In Learning initiative. The growth in the number of teachers and students using this leading edge tool to introduce global learning into their classrooms was astounding, and we are certain that this trend will continue for many years.

Whether it's customized training in technology literacy, strategically located coordinators or engaged youth worldwide, TakingITGlobal stands at the forefront of youth engagement and the innovative use of the web as a tool for social change. As a result, social entrepreneurship and leadership are developed amongst key stakeholders - today's youth.

Jennifer Corriero
Executive Director

Michael Furdyk
Director of Technology and Finance

ONLINE COMMUNITY

Providing a virtual space for cross-cultural expression, dialogue, networking and collaboration among youth

1200 people

Using various parts of the Online Community at any one time

34 minutes

Average time spent by TIG members

1.8 million

Daily hits on the TakingITGlobal website



TakingITGlobal can be seen as the deluxe version of international youth dialogue...

For a young person seeking a portal into global issues or a chance to talk with peers from around the world, this site is a dazzling launching pad.

Youth as E-Citizens: Engaging the Digital Generation

The online community, TakingITGlobal.org, is the heart of all organizational activities. Membership surpassed 130,000 in the Fall, representing a growth rate of 30%. This means an average of 2,500 new members registered each month! TIG members are young people who live in more than 200 countries and speak nearly 250 languages. Through their local communities, and the international network created by TakingITGlobal.org, they address the full range of global challenges, from climate change to human rights, from urban violence to rural access to education. They inspire, inform and involve each other and truly embody the spirit of TakingITGlobal.

In a recent study conducted among TakingITGlobal members:

- 74% feel their perception of youth's ability to affect change in the world has improved
- 54% have become more informed on issues of importance
- 50% have taken action to change something in their own life
- 63% have been inspired by another young member
- 44% have had positive impact in their communities
- 42% have contacted an organization listed in the online database

ONLINE COMMUNITY

Recognized as a Top 30 finalist for the Development Gateway Awards

"York Grad Inspires Net Generation," The Toronto Sun, 26 April 2006.

TakingITGlobal.org Site Sections



Make Connections through discussion boards, profiles and groups.



Take Action on local, regional, national and global levels.



Browse Resources for valuable involvement opportunities and events.



Express Yourself on the Global Gallery and Panorama, an online magazine.



Understand Issues and access background information on major topics.



Explore the World and view localized portals specific to any city, state, or country.

TakingITGlobal.org Technical Advances

During 2006, TakingITGlobal's technology development team improved and maintained existing site usability, as well as integrated functionalities and design. To maintain technical leadership among an increasing number of online communities, the team launched audio podcasting functionalities for TakingITGlobal.org in the Fall.

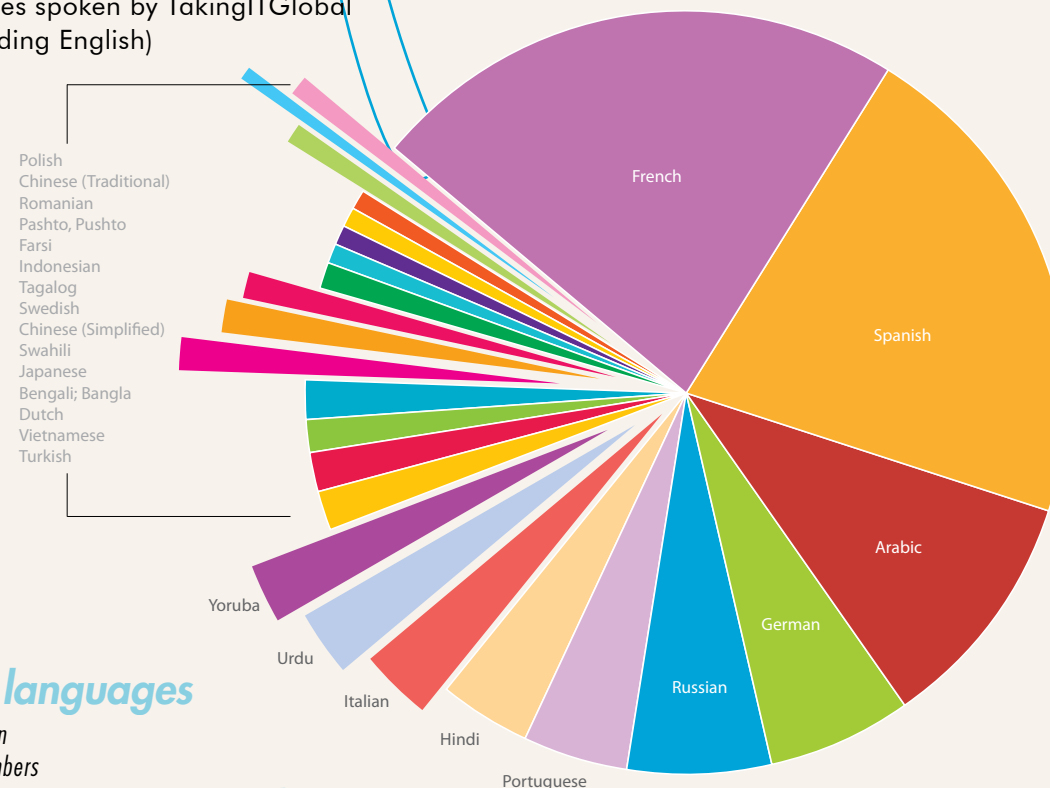
How do Members Benefit?

Based on a recent survey, TIG members said that they benefit most from the online community in the following ways:

1. Skills Developed
2. Information and Resources Accessed
3. Opportunity to Exchange Ideas and Voice Opinions
4. Social Networks and Collaborations Formed
5. Support and Recognition
6. Motivation and Inspiration
7. Improved Ability to Affect Change

Languages Spoken By Members

Top 20 languages spoken by TakingITGlobal members (excluding English)

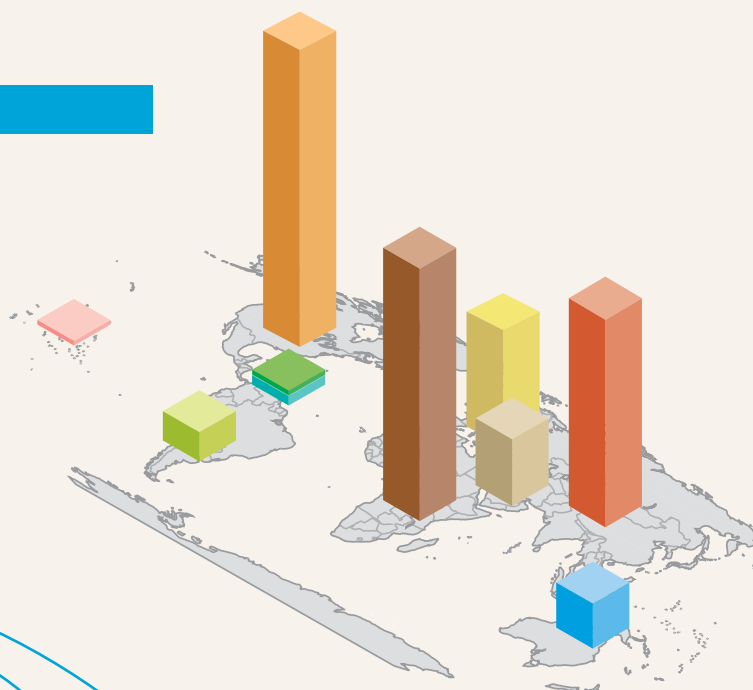


248 languages

Total Languages spoken by TakingITGlobal Members

Regional Membership Breakdown

North America	30%
Africa	22%
Asia	20%
Europe	12%
Middle East & North Africa	7%
Australia & New Zealand	4%
South America	3%
Central America & Caribbean	1%
Pacific Islands	0.4%



1500 blogs

Personal blog entries posted every month

21 minutes

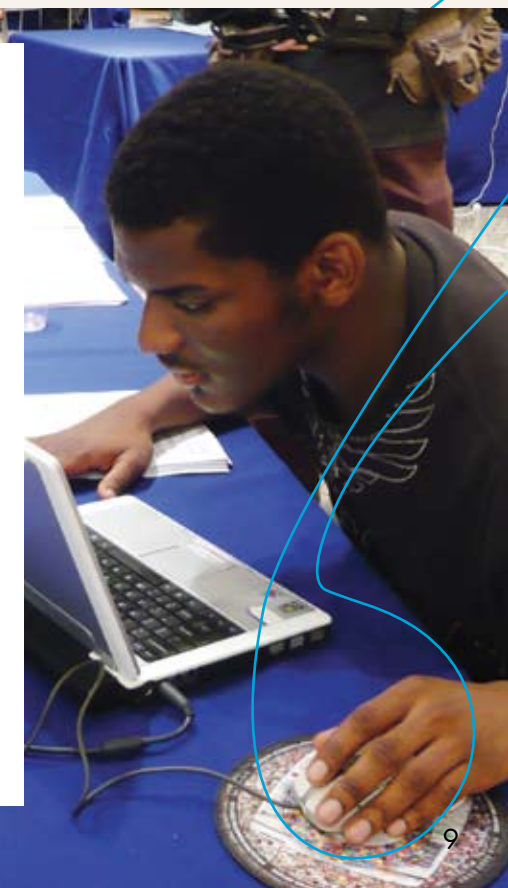
Average time spent on the TakingITGlobal site by visitors

7 million

Unique visitors since website was launched!

Languages

TakingITGlobal currently operates in 12 languages: English, Russian, Simplified Chinese, Arabic, French, Dutch, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, Romanian, Swedish and Turkish. To support the ongoing translation and submission of TakingITGlobal's multilingual content, over 120 virtual volunteers from around the world translate content between English and their maternal languages. TakingITGlobal prioritizes language development based on member interest, demographics, and global trends in information and communications technology use.



TakingITGlobal's education space TIGed is a great source of best practices and exemplars of what it looks like when skilled teachers from around the world implement ISTE's refreshed NETS standards in their classrooms.

Leslie Conery, Ph.D., CAE, Deputy CEO, International Society for Technology in Education

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

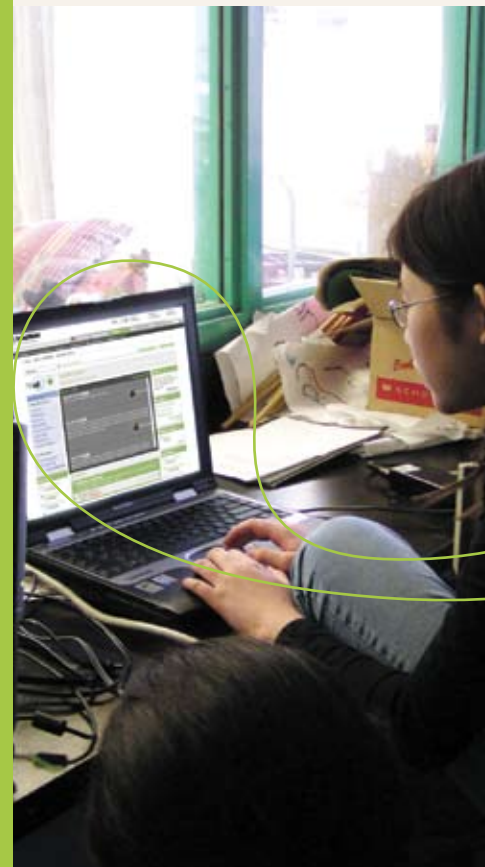
 Developing rich, interactive, global education experiences for young students

TIGed.org

In 2006, after two years of pilot projects and collecting teacher feedback, TakingITGlobal launched a new social networking platform for the education sector. TIGed.org provides a secure, classroom-friendly window on the TakingITGlobal.org community, giving teachers the opportunity to create virtual classroom spaces, collaborate with other teachers around the world and incorporate curricula developed by TakingITGlobal and its partners. Over 550 teachers and 3000 students from 30 countries joined TIGed in its first year.

3886 students
Number of students using TIGed

688 educators
Number of educators using TIGed



TIGed US

With support from a three-year Microsoft Partners in Learning grant, the launch of the new TIGed.org platform was accompanied by intensive outreach, training, and partnership development focused on teachers, schools and districts throughout the United States.

In June 2006, Philadelphia's School of the Future used TIGed to introduce the incoming ninth grade class to one another online and began building a learning community. During the school year, a TIGed intern based at the school provided hands-on support to the faculty and learners as they integrated TIGed into the school's innovative project-based curriculum. Building on this partnership model, TIGed worked with the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Classrooms for the Future initiative to provide tools and resources for online global learning to over one hundred school districts across the state. In the fall, TIGed collaborated with the Teacher Leadership Project in Washington state and the Branford School District in Connecticut to offer professional development workshops for teachers.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Top 21 projects in competition for the NetSquared Technology Innovation Award

"Teachers and Students: Take your classroom global!" Teach Magazine, 25 March 2006.

The educational engagement team also conducted outreach and training at conferences around the US, for organizations such as the National Council for the Social Studies, the Anytime Anywhere Learning Foundation, and the North American Council for Online Learning. Also, for the fourth consecutive year, TIGed was presented at the National Educational Computing Conference (NECC), hosted by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE).

International Outreach

Similar to TakingITGlobal.org's role in online civic engagement, TIGed is proving to be an innovation leader in the field of educational technology. As a result, TakingITGlobal's co-founders presented TIGed at conferences around the world, including ITU Telecom World, Expanding Learning Horizons, and the School of the Future World Summit. Educational engagement staff also worked to expand TakingITGlobal's involvement with the International Education and Resource Network (iEARN), a global network of innovative teachers, and presented at their annual conference and youth summit.

415 schools
Number of schools using TIGed

38 countries
Number of countries using TIGed

Curriculum Content

TakingITGlobal aims to offer high-quality content to support TIGed virtual classrooms and collaborations by partnering with content-area experts and adapting their resources to draw on and fit within the TakingITGlobal community.

Ayiti: The Cost of Life

<http://www.tiged.org/ayiti>

In Fall 2006, TIGed became the educational host of an online game about poverty and education in Haiti, created by Global Kids' youth leaders at South Shore High School in Brooklyn, New York. TIGed adapted the accompanying workshops for use online in a virtual classroom.



Virtual Classroom on Tobacco Control



<http://www.tiged.org/tobacco>

TIGed's first partner-content offering was an innovative tobacco education resource, funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health. The TeenNet Research Project develops interactive technology tools that promote health education among youth. The classroom ties together TeenNet's existing, highly-regarded in-school tobacco denormalization and cessation tools with new resources that explore the global impacts of the tobacco industry.

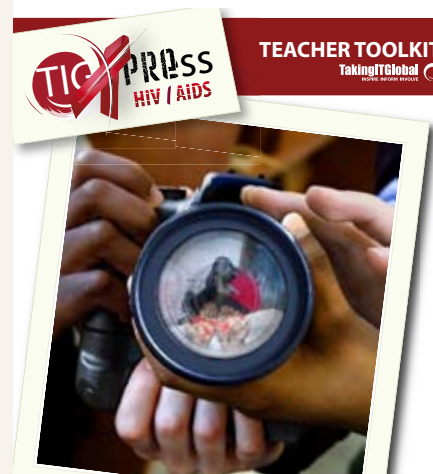
Educators' Guide to the Millennium Development Goals

TIGed partnered with the One World Youth Project, a sister school initiative, to create lesson plans that introduce the Millennium Development Goals across the curriculum.

<http://www.tiged.org/mdg>

<http://www.tiged.org/tigxpress>

TIG Xpress - HIV/AIDS



In collaboration with the TeenNet Research Project and Gendering Adolescent AIDS Prevention Project, both at the University of Toronto, TakingITGlobal launched TIG Xpress—HIV/AIDS at the 2006 International AIDS Conference. The project gives teachers and workshop leaders new arts-based tools for bringing HIV/AIDS education to their classrooms. The project was produced with the financial support of the Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation and the Government of Canada through the Canadian International Development Agency. In late 2006, the Canadian Council on Learning began funding an impact evaluation of the tools in Canadian classrooms.

In September, TakingITGlobal, ABEL, and TEACH Magazine received a grant from the Canadian International Development Agency to build a fourth thematic classroom, complete with a simulation game, revolving around Ukraine's Orange Revolution, and the issues of human rights, good governance and democratic reform.

The Orange Revolution



<http://www.tiged.org/orange>

TakingITGlobal is one of the world's best examples of how N-Gener are using digital technologies to transform the world around them.

Don Tapscott, Author, Wikinomics

LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

Facilitating the development of local content, multilingualism and skills training

TakingITGlobal's ability to engage young people in locally relevant ways expanded exponentially in 2006. From ground level, in-person programming to offline discussions conducted in an open environment, TakingITGlobal engages youth in their communities, by building their skills and networking community-based, youth-led and youth-serving initiatives.



Open Forums

TakingITGlobal's Executive Director hosted Open Forums in Colombo, Sri Lanka, Nairobi, Kenya, and Singapore. Each Open Forum, where youth meet to discuss relevant issues in their communities, was facilitated using variations of a common thematic basis. In May, TakingITGlobal members in Sri Lanka were challenged to consider their unique opportunities for and the obstacles to full civic participation. In Nairobi during September, participants discussed the role of youth globally as agents of positive social and environmental change. In December, Singaporeans focused their discussion on the status of youth participation at the national level. They articulated barriers, opportunities and needs associated with active citizenship among Singaporean youth.



LOCAL ENGAGEMENT

Creating Local Connections (CLC) Canada



During 2006, TakingITGlobal initiated implementation of a three-year Creating Local Connections Canada program. As a precursor to the program, TakingITGlobal carried out a study, *Cross-Canada Mapping of Youth-led and/or Highly Youth-Engaged Initiatives*, to inform CLC Canada. Both the research project and CLC Canada program are made possible by a grant from the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation. Over the summer of 2006, TakingITGlobal hired part-time Youth Engagement Coordinators in each province and territory to map, network and offer relevant forms of support to local youth. Two Full-time Youth Engagement Coordinators were also hired to work with the Aboriginal and Francophone youth communities in Canada.



All Youth Engagement Coordinators participated in a highly interactive, week-long orientation session at TakingITGlobal headquarters in Toronto. During 2006, they hosted Open Forums and civic engagement workshops, developed their networks and created relevant connections within them. The Youth Engagement Coordinators were based in strategically selected and locally active non-profit organizations: YouthCO Aids Society, Canada World Youth, Street Culture Kidz Project, Art City, Youth Environmental Network, Action Culture, New Brunswick Advisory Council on Youth, HeartWood Centre for Community Youth Development, Prince Edward Island Eco-Net, Futures in Newfoundland and Labrador Youth, Centre for Northern Families, Northern Climate Exchange, Boscoville, Apathy Is Boring, and the Saskatchewan Council for International Cooperation.

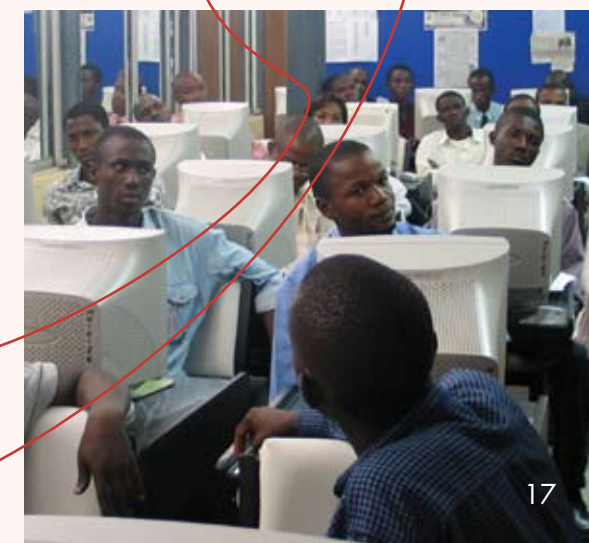
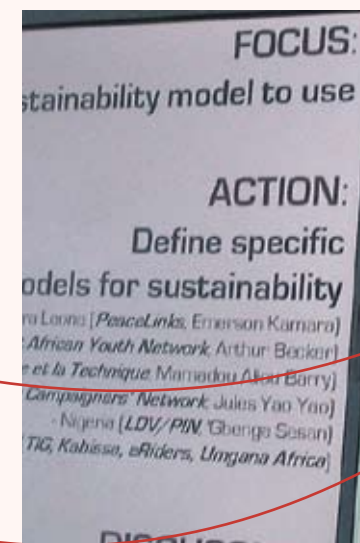


Creating Local Connections (CLC) West Africa



In October, TakingITGlobal completed discussions

with the Soros Foundation's Open Society Initiative for West Africa. In Dakar, Senegal, representatives of five identified lead partner organizations gathered to establish a common vision for and commitment to the CLC West Africa project. Organizations are based in each of the identified project countries: Sierra Leone, Liberia, Côte d'Ivoire, Nigeria and Guinée. The meeting ended successfully, with a comprehensive project plan and partner commitments established. The 15-month project will focus on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) training and creating a regionally comprehensive network. Staff will run Live Chats, Open Forums and National Youth Meetings, which will serve to increase awareness among youth around ICTs, the role of government officials and entrepreneurship.



Half of the world's population is under the age of 25. Eighty-five percent of these young people live in poor countries ... [and] have enormous potential to contribute actively to achieving the Millennium Development Goals. TakingITGlobal provides young people with an effective platform that allows them to exchange ideas and experiences and to play a significant role in shaping their development.

Walter Fust, Director-General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

ISSUE-BASED INITIATIVES

Supporting youth action and understanding around major global issues

Spotlight Projects Undertaken in 2006

United Nations Millennium Development Goals

Continuing our work from 2005, TakingITGlobal delivered various projects around the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to inspire, inform and involve TIG Members. The eight goals provide an overarching framework for action which addresses global economic, social and environmental challenges. TakingITGlobal undertook a project to catalyze increased MDG awareness and action among Canadian youth, entitled *The Role of Canadian Youth in Achieving the MDGs*. This project was undertaken with the financial support of the Government of Canada, provided through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Components of this project included outreach in support of the MDG-related efforts of the Global Coalition Against Poverty (GCAP), an international publication celebrating local, youth-based efforts toward fulfilling the goals and the creation of a Canadian guide to action towards achieving the MDGs in English and French. Through a series of online and offline forums and publications, Canadian youth inspired each other with project ideas and success stories.



ISSUE-BASED INITIATIVES

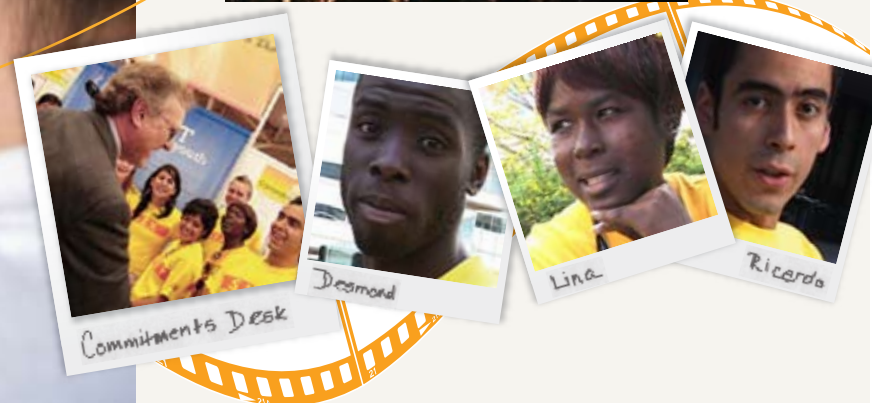
"A Meaningful Contribution," *The Toronto Star*, 26 March 2006

"Two Paths, One Goal," *The Toronto Star*, 26 March 2006



2006 International AIDS Conference

In August, Toronto hosted 25,000 delegates and 3,500 accredited journalists for the XVI International AIDS Conference. AIDS 2006 constituted the largest event held on a single health issue in world history, and TakingITGlobal was honoured to be involved in such a monumental event. In a key moment, the Minister of Health for Mexico publicly committed to doubling the number of youth delegates to over 2,000, when Mexico City hosts AIDS 2008.



As a Coordinating Committee member of Toronto YouthForce, TakingITGlobal was involved in supporting 5 key aspects of youth participation at the Conference.

ADVOCACY

Designed advocacy materials based on online consultations with 218 youth from 36 countries. The entire 600,000 square foot conference venue was covered with the key messages on posters, stickers, postcards, and T-Shirts.

MEDIA

Coordinated the Toronto YouthForce Media Team of eleven youth journalists who produced 40 podcasts, 30 articles and 140 blogs. The team also facilitated dozens of releases and arranged interviews featured on MTV, CBC, CNN and BBC.

FILM

Co-produced a 25-minute film with InSync Video, showcasing youth participation and achievements. *Youthforce: Delivering a Message on HIV/AIDS* followed three delegates and documented their experiences, stories and successes.

PAVILION

Organized the Youth Pavilion within the Global Village - hailed as one of the most interactive and engaging spaces of the entire conference. Over 400 commitments to youth were made at the Youth-Adult Commitments Desk, including Dr. Peter Piot's commitment to start a youth internship program at UNAIDS.

GUIDE TO ACTION

Launched the TakingITGlobal HIV/AIDS Youth Guide to Action, an interactive resource for youth dedicated to raising awareness and stopping the spread of HIV/AIDS.



ISSUE-BASED INITIATIVES

Climate Change Conference



Nairobi, Kenya hosted the 12th Conference of Parties (CoP12) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in November. A delegation of 12 Canadian youth attended, and together built a partnership with African youth delegates to combat climate change in their respective home regions. They shared views of Canadian youth, gathered through the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition, of which TakingITGlobal is a founding member. TakingITGlobal hosted and mentored the delegation's coordinator, a young environmentalist recently graduated from McGill University. CoP12 proved to be a catalyst for renewed discussion on climate change, a popular issue among TIG Members.

DigitalDivide.net



During the fall, TIG assumed management of the Digital Divide Network community from the Education Development Center. The web portal, of which over 10,000 digital divide practitioners are members, acts as a clearing house for resources concerning the digital divide, as a response to the 1999 National Digital Divide Summit hosted by U.S. President Bill Clinton. The site was an Official Honoree of the 11th Annual Webby awards.

telecentre.org



The concept of using Information and Communications Technologies for Development (ICT4D) aligns perfectly with that of social networking for social good. TakingITGlobal ran and participated in a number of projects during 2006 aimed at reducing the global disparity in technology access.

To bolster and link regional and local ICT4D efforts, TakingITGlobal successfully incubated and operated the online community platform for telecentre.org, an initiative led by the International Development Research Centre, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and Microsoft. The portal now serves a dynamic, global community of 1,000 telecentre owners, operators and practitioners. They share business and social enterprise models, technical advice and research-based resources.

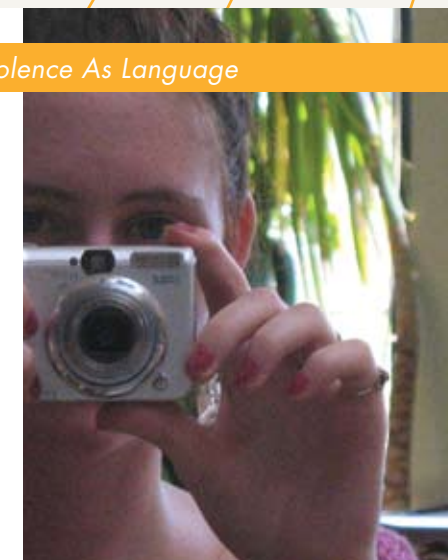
World Urban Forum

Around the world, young people in urban environments share common advantages and challenges. The United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN-Habitat) developed the World Urban Forum as a venue for high-level international decision and policy making. The Third Session of the World Urban Forum (WUF 3) took place in Vancouver in June. Leading up to WUF 3, TakingITGlobal developed a Featured Theme page on Urban Sustainability, in partnership with UN-Habitat and the Environmental Youth Alliance. TakingITGlobal's highly interactive World Urban Café (<http://www.takingitglobal.org/themes/urban/>) launched in February to promote awareness of issues connected to urban sustainability. These pages encouraged members to share their views, so that they could be represented by delegates in Vancouver. TakingITGlobal also assumed responsibility for the Youth Pavilion in the Forum's Global Village, recruiting and supporting youth delegates to both WUF 3 and a youth pre-conference session.



Language As Violence, Violence As Language

During 2006, TakingITGlobal localized a global, UNESCO-supported project called *Language As Violence, Violence As Language*. Through a grant from the Laidlaw Foundation, TakingITGlobal prepared and successfully implemented four series of dialogue and multimedia skill building workshops for underserved youth in four Greater Toronto Area neighbourhoods. The workshops focused on peace building, developing participants' abilities to communicate in languages other than violence. Roughly 60 participants directly benefited from the program. The YMCA of Greater Toronto and the Urban Multi-Purpose Aboriginal Youth Centres (UMAYC) partnered with the project, providing venues and neighbourhood-based co-facilitators.



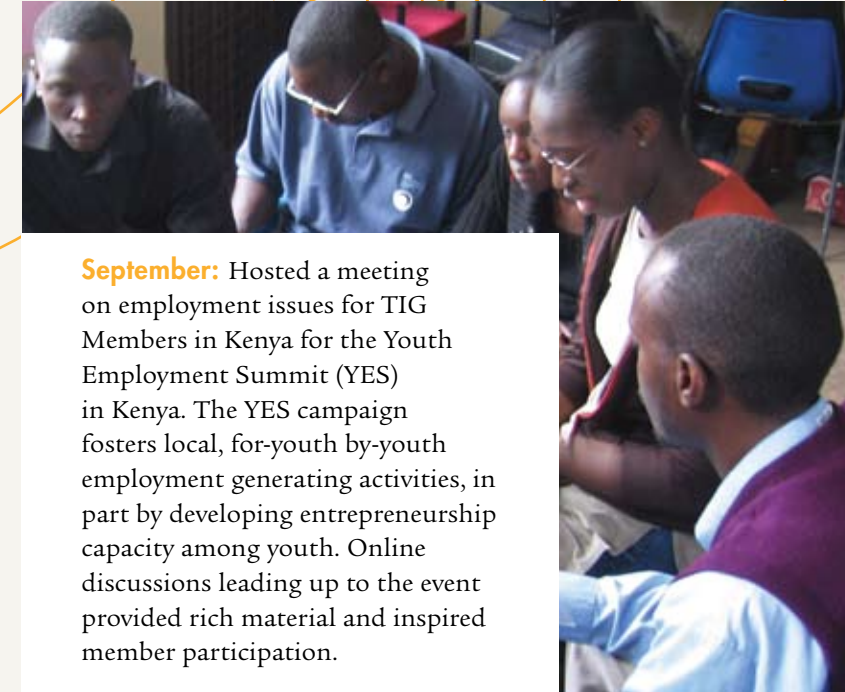
ISSUE-BASED INITIATIVES

OTHER PROJECTS AND INVOLVEMENT IN 2006

February: Served on the youth organizing committee for the Forum on Women's Activism in Constitutional and Democratic Reform. Through intergenerational knowledge sharing, the forum focused on reviewing 25 years of progress in women's rights in Canada and abroad. TakingITGlobal facilitated an essay contest on the theme "Lived Rights" to spark discussion, and developed and managed the event's interactive youth web site. This promoted participation among TIG Members and facilitated roundtable discussions at the forum.



April: Conducted a global study of National Youth Council structures, with support from the J.W. McConnell Family Foundation. TakingITGlobal compiled and published the findings in a highly comprehensive report. The National Youth Councils Report outlines the challenges, assets and external conditions affecting the mandates and effectiveness of councils, drawing directly from 22 distinct case studies from various regions of the world. It provides an academic basis for refining council structures and the development of new National Youth Councils.



September: Hosted a meeting on employment issues for TIG Members in Kenya for the Youth Employment Summit (YES) in Kenya. The YES campaign fosters local, for-youth by-youth employment generating activities, in part by developing entrepreneurship capacity among youth. Online discussions leading up to the event provided rich material and inspired member participation.



March: Launched a Featured Theme page on disability. With the assistance of two York University Master's students, these pages not only outlined various forms of disability, but also examined the stigma surrounding disability evident in some cultures around the world. TIG Members were challenged to explore the language used to talk about disability, human rights implications, ongoing advocacy efforts, physical accessibility and accessibility of education and employment.



May: Attended Annual General Meeting of the Global Knowledge Partnership in Sri Lanka as a member organization.

December: Attended ITU Telecom World conference in Hong Kong.



TakingITGlobal's groundbreaking work and boundless enthusiasm is not only proving the potential of uniting young people through technology, but following through on a commitment to engage young people in international development in ways never before possible

Benjamin Quinto, Executive Director, Global Youth Action Network

TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATIONS

○ TakingITGlobal worked with a large number of high profile non-profit organizations, in different capacities and around different issues during 2006. The majority of these partnership arrangements involved provision by TakingITGlobal of a relevant form of integrated, technology-based, youth engagement support for campaigns and events run by partner organizations.

AIDS 2006 Youth Website

As part of TakingITGlobal's involvement with the Toronto YouthForce, TakingITGlobal developed an online presence for youth delegates to the AIDS Conference. Features included an in-depth resource guide, blogs and daily podcasts and webcasts, with a dynamic attendee map tied into the TakingITGlobal community.

<http://youth.aids2006.org>



Journalists for Human Rights

Journalists for Human Rights (JHR) is dedicated to increasing the quality and quantity of human rights reporting in the African media. Journalists for Human Rights develops the capacity of local African journalists to consider locally-relevant human rights issues and reflect them in their reporting. To support their work in networking their alumni and university-based chapters in North America, TakingITGlobal integrated a customized chapter management system into JHR's website.

<http://www.jhrchapters.com>



Oxfam Canada

Oxfam Canada is one of an international confederation of 13 Oxfam organizations. Oxfam International works together with over 3,000 partners in more than 100 countries to find lasting solutions to poverty, suffering and injustice. Communications needs within this truly global network demanded innovative, interactive forums for sharing reports and best practices from one project country to another. TakingITGlobal developed a chapter management system to help student groups collaborate on various campaigns.

<http://www.oxfam.ca/oxfam-groups>



TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATIONS

PARTNERS

2006

<http://youth.freethechildren.com>

Free The Children



Free The Children is the world's largest network of children helping children through education, building schools in rural, indigenous communities in developing nations. TakingITGlobal worked to enhance Free The Children's capacity for coordinating and communicating with its Youth in Action Groups. TakingITGlobal developed an online chapter management system customized for use by Free The Children's International Youth Coordination team.

<http://whales.greenpeace.org>

Greenpeace



Greenpeace, an independently funded organization, works to protect the environment by challenging government and industry to halt harmful practices by negotiating solutions, conducting scientific research, introducing clean alternatives, carrying out peaceful acts of civil disobedience and educating and engaging the public. TakingITGlobal licensed its platform to create a multi-lingual social network for Greenpeace's Save the Whales campaign.

<http://www.ipyyouth.org>

International Polar Year



The International Polar Year (IPY), a comprehensive scientific program and awareness campaign focused on the impact of climate change on the Arctic and the Antarctic, will run from March 2007 to March 2009. The IPY Youth Steering Committee (YSC) seeks to ensure full engagement of youth in this global effort. To facilitate this, TakingITGlobal provided an online forum to act as a hub for the efforts of this advanced, globally dispersed community of practice.

<http://www.unac.org/sb>

United Nations Association of Canada (UNA-Canada)



To maximize success of UNA-Canada's *A Sense of Belonging* project, an online forum for dialogue among project staff, volunteers and participants was developed. The project is a national initiative that promotes diversity and combats racism and discrimination through community outreach and public education. TakingITGlobal, working with UNA-Canada staff, created a customized and highly user-friendly web portal.

Partners

Adventure Ecology
 Advocates for Youth
 Canadian Policy Research Networks
 CARE Canada
 Career Edge Internship Program
 Chat the Planet
 Educational Development Center
 Environmental Youth Alliance
 ENvironnement JEunesse
 Family Health International
 Free The Children
 Gendering Adolescent AIDS Prevention
 Global Knowledge Partnership
 Global Youth Action Network
 Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS
 Greenpeace
 InSync Video
 International Society for Technology in Education
 Journalists for Human Rights
 Oxfam Canada
 Oxford Health Alliance
 Peace Child International
 telecentre.org
 Toronto District School Board
 Toronto YouthForce
 UNAIDS
 United Nations Association Canada
 United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
 UN Framework Convention on Climate Change
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 The Walter and Duncan Gordon Foundation

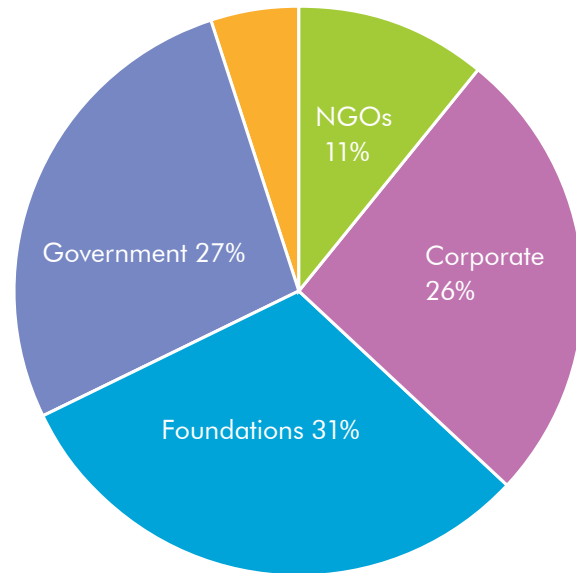


FINANCIAL REVIEW

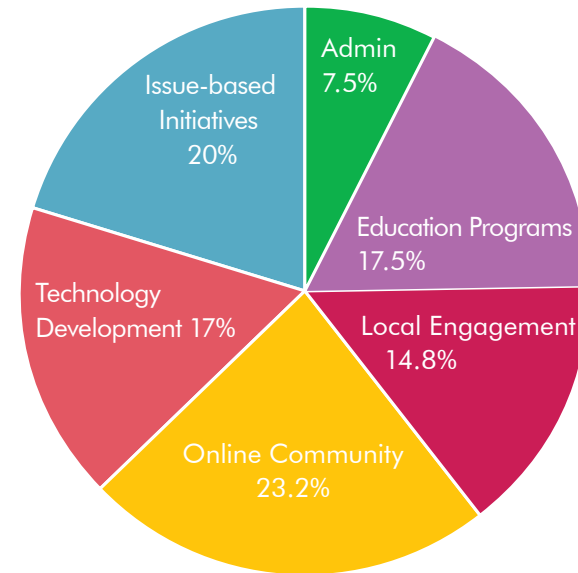
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Funding Sources

Individuals/Schools 5%

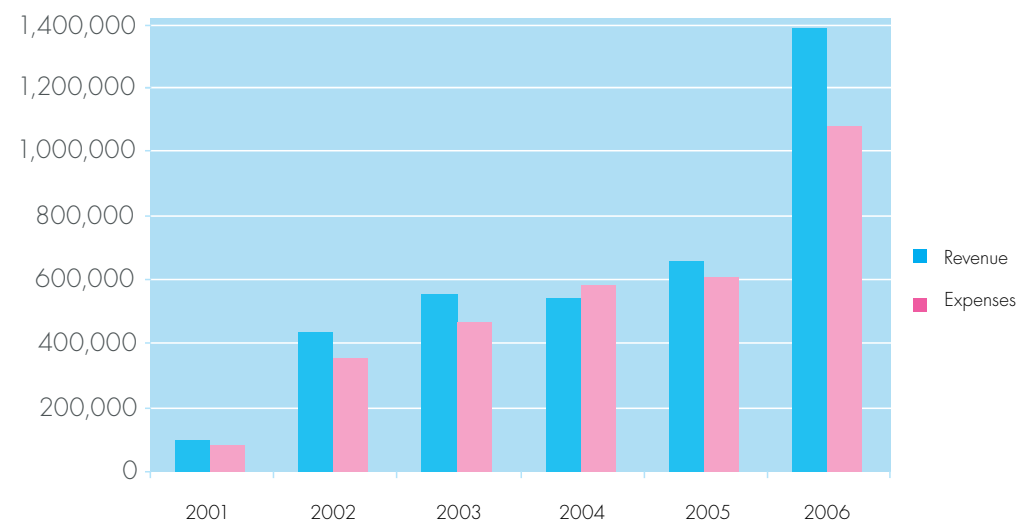


Expenditures by Program



Revenue and Expenses by Year

(excluding in-kind contributions)



Operations

For the year ended November 30, 2006

REVENUES

Grants	\$ 819,740	\$ 226,555
Community & Technology Services	433,377	366,361
Unrestricted Contributions	100,229	52,902
Other	41,883	11,899
Revenues Excluding In-Kind Contributions	1,395,229	657,717
In-Kind Contributions, operations	38,433	826,044
Total Revenues	1,433,662	1,483,761

EXPENSES

Salaries, benefits and internships	629,207	400,816
Travel	142,566	82,716
Advertising and promotion, other	92,394	23,167
Office and general	60,367	35,036
Office rent	55,526	42,477
Communications	29,249	30,754
Project Support Services	24,516	28,972
Insurance	15,002	15,563
Professional Fees	11,805	11,580
Bookkeeping	9,724	8,146
Memberships and dues	1,594	344
On-line advertising, from in-kind contributions	-	763,694
Total Expenses	1,071,950	1,443,265

Excess of Revenues over Expenses

	2006	2005
Total Revenues	1,433,662	1,483,761
Total Expenses	1,071,950	1,443,265
Excess of Revenues over Expenses	\$ 361,712	\$ 40,496

Financial Position

As of November 30, 2006

ASSETS

Current

	2006	2005
Cash	\$ 179,180	\$ 357,357
Term deposit, at cost	182,752	-
Accounts Receivable	264,702	29,413
Work in progress	24,000	17,476
Prepaid Expenses and sundry assets	7,219	15,157
	657,853	419,403

Property and Equipment

(net accumulated depreciation of \$449,320; 2005: \$378,725)

148,946 154,836

Website

33,014 34,403

\$ 839,813 \$ 608,669

LIABILITIES

Current

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 92,829	\$ 89,332
Loans payable, founders	-	33,430
Unearned grant revenues	265,347	283,226
	358,176	405,988

Deferred contributions, capital assets

96,914 135,891

455,090 541,879

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted net assets	299,627	13,365
Net assets invested in capital assets	85,096	53,425

384,723 66,790

\$ 839,813 \$ 608,669

TAKINGITGLOBAL TEAM



TakingITGlobal's staff is a talented team of socially-aware youth from various regions of the world. Each staff member brings a range of experience and expertise that complements the overall strength of the organization. The staff is organized into five distinct teams: Online Community, Education, Local Engagement, Technology & Design and Operations & Development. Each plays an important role in supporting and delivering the entire suite of TakingITGlobal's programs and tools. TakingITGlobal provides a vibrant and inclusive environment that promotes learning, collaboration, and self-development.

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“TakingITGlobal has paved the way for young people to become engaged as change makers, providing a leading-edge social network for social good, connecting youth with the issues they care about and providing a space to realize their potential.”

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