



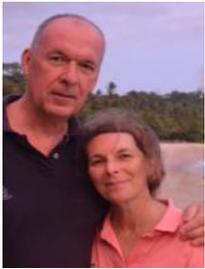
# Together, We Can !

## Editorial

In this 6th edition of the newsletter "Together We Can" we will take a look at the 2011 Annual Report of LP4Y, which was created in July 2009 by a group of friends and professionals in the Philippines, Europe, and now the US. What we see today is the result of exceptional teamwork from the 140 young people who inspire us every day in the 5 first Life Project Centers, 38 of whom are already certified "Entrepreneurs". It has been a busy year, offering exciting challenges at every turn.

*Let's keep working together to create a future for these young people!*

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LPC Parañaque City



LPC Cebu City



LPC Iligan City



LPC Tondo Manila City



LPC Old Balara Quezon City

## Activity Report for 2011 and projections

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# The LP4Y Project

## SITUATION

There are 1.2 billion young people between the ages of 15 and 24 in the world today. Fifty percent of these young people, i.e., 550 million, are victims of malnutrition, ill health and violence. It is forecast that in 2025, 1 billion young people will be living below the poverty line of \$2 / day.

## THE LP4Y CHALLENGE

In direct response to this alarming situation a group of friends, entrepreneurs and students in Europe and the US created LP4Y, a non-governmental organization, 100% dedicated to integrating young victims of exclusion and extreme poverty. They decided to create Life Project Centers near slum areas, from which young people could launch entrepreneurial projects.

## THE LP4Y APPROACH

Through economic initiatives developed in each LPC, and specially adapted coaching methods, the young people work in teams to set up, develop and manage small businesses. The training they receive, called PTE (Professional Training for Entrepreneurs), provides them with the tools to take charge of their lives. By developing their own Life Project they can achieve social and professional integration.

## THE LP4Y SOLUTION

Professional Training for Entrepreneurs takes 9 to 18 months, 5 days a week, 8 hours a day, and is structured around 3 pillars: work, school and personal development. It consists of 4 successive stages: autonomy > responsibility > management > entrepreneurship. At the end of the second introductory week each young person receives an allowance sufficient to cover personal needs (food, hygiene, clothing, lodging, health) as well as making savings for the development of their Life Project and contributions to their natural or foster family's expenses.

## KEY DATES

2009: founding of the LP4Y Alliance, which today includes the Philippines, France, Belgium, Luxembourg and the US.

January 2010: creation of the first LPC in Manila.

September 2011: creation of the 5<sup>th</sup> LPC in the Philippines.

2012: launch of the S.E. Asia Training Center for Coordinators and Coaches, and of 2 new programs.

2013 : creation of Life Project Centers in 2 new countries in Asia.



Left: In Tondo, preparing the week's schedule / Top: Award ceremony at Iligan Institute of Technology  
Below: The slogan "I can't but together we can!" is to be found in all the LPCs.

**PERSONAL ACCOUNT**  
**Joël Calisaan**



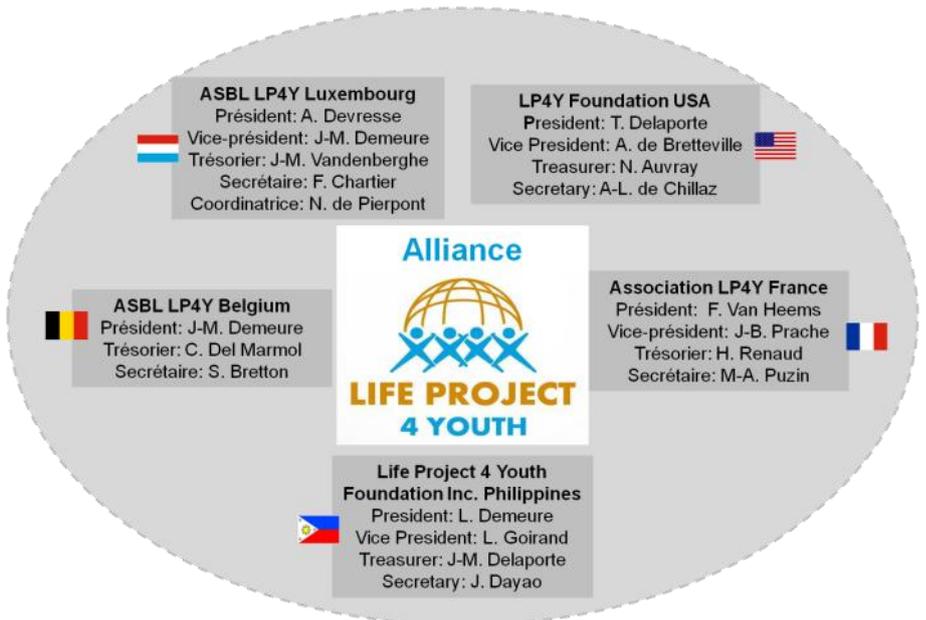
"I don't really recognize myself when I look back. Less than 2 years ago I couldn't speak English, and I didn't know what a business was. I slept during the training sessions. I often thought about leaving. It was the team that made me change, but also the first responsibilities. When I did my first work experience I couldn't believe it. I stuck with it, but it was tough as I didn't think I was up to it. Now I have a contract with a generic pharmacy company. I'm an assistant with Human Resources. And I'm looking forward to the Christening of my first child, John Gaia! Little by little I'm making progress."

# The LIFE PROJECT 4 YOUTH Alliance

supports the development of LPCs in the Philippines and, from 2013, in 2 other Asian countries.

**The Life Project 4 Youth Alliance is the collective body charged with arbitration, strategic decision-making and international development initiatives. It is composed of the 5 non-profit humanitarian organizations founded to date:**

- LP4Y Association in France, acknowledged as "d'intérêt général"
- Asbl LP4Y in Belgium, approved by the Finance Ministry
- Asbl LP4Y in Luxembourg, approved by the Foreign Ministry
- Life Project 4 Youth Foundation Inc. in the Philippines
- Life Project 4 Youth Inc. in the United States.



\* Organization chart October 2012

## I CAN'T BUT TOGETHER WE CAN !

A slogan which expresses the Life Project 4 Youth fundamental principles.

Below, during the inauguration of the center for the deaf young people of Iligan, many Filipino partners demonstrated through their involvement with LP4Y their commitment to the sustainable insertion of Young People.



The new LPC logo:  
We're starting to see it in the centers, on badges, on the shirts.  
It represents the young people's desire to take control of their lives.

## LIFE PROJECT CENTER Cebu



1 - The MyCraft logo, specially designed for this activity  
2 - The team, standing in front of the new LPC in Cebu which was opened early January 2012 and stands on Capitol Hill, high above the city with its 2 million inhabitants. The position is convenient, being easily and cheaply accessible from the various low income districts of the city.  
3 & 5 - A variety of skills are necessary for the creation and production of candles. Each team member can show what he or she does best.  
4 - Laure-Hélène, the center's coordinator, discusses team issues with Matet, a Senior - an important exchange of ideas!  
6 - Award Ceremony! The Young People can invite guests, and on this occasion we were lucky to have with us Thierry, the president of LP4Y US.



# LIFE PROJECT CENTER Parañaque



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In 2012 the Green Program, which arranges home deliveries of fresh fruit and vegetables, created Green Garden: cultivation and delivery of fresh herbs, at the request of its clients.

1 – The team, coached by Marie (on right, first row) celebrates their 100<sup>th</sup> delivery in the presence of 3 clients.

2 – During the night the orders are put together.

3 – After 9 months with the Green Program RR signs his trainee contract with Logica, a world leader in IT!

4 – Plots of land cultivated by the Green Garden under the guidance of Oscar from the Philippines Ministry of Agriculture.

5 – The Green Garden stand at the Sunday morning Legazpi Market.

6 – One of the highlights of the week: Lucie, the LPC Parañaque coordinator, chairs the planning meeting during which responsibilities are assigned.



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4



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## LIFE PROJECT CENTER Quezon



Natural H Care – Healthy, Herbal, Handmade – is the name chosen for the activity which was developed in November 2010 in the Quezon LPC in Old Balara. The young LP4Y team members develop and market products made using natural herbs.

1 – The packaging team prepares an order of "Acapulco" soap, designed for sensitive or damaged skin.

2 – The full range: syrups, creams, soaps. Other naturally scented products are in the pipeline.

3 – Each week the Young People invest many hours working on their own Life Project Plan. In this photo, taken a few months ago, Aldwin prepares his project with Aude, the coach. Since then Aldwin has found a job with Logica.

4 – In the center's training room the teams engage in role play to help them prepare for situations they will encounter in business.



# LIFE PROJECT CENTER Iligan



The Hear Us activity was developed by the young people at the LPC in Iligan and involves data inputting. Hear Us is also the name of the house where the young people live and work with their coaches. Their logo means "friendship" and is used by hearing impaired people the world over.

1 - Standing in front of the house with Aymeric and Colombe's new baby, Arnaud, at their center.

2 - The large house has been loaned to LP4Y for 7 years at no charge, and was internally renovated thanks to a donation from Air France Foundation.

3 & 5 - Data inputting for an important client, Spareka.

4 - In the large meeting room the Young People follow an online training session, in sign language.





## LIFE PROJECT CENTER Tondo



Aurora is the name of the LPC Tondo activity. It was opened in October 2011 with Natalie and Tiphane, who work with 21 very young mothers and their babies in one of the most awful dumpsites in Manila. There are nearly 10,000 families in Happyland, Tempo and Smokey Mountain, living in the toughest imaginable conditions.

1 – After a few weeks apprenticeship under Agnes, the young mothers become skillful, professional seamstresses.

2 – Each young mother creates about 8 models a month. Each model is hand-sewn and one of a kind. These creations are extremely successful!

3 – Half of their time is given to schooling and to personal development plans.

4 – As in all the centers, the award ceremony acknowledges the progress they make. Babies are welcome at the center, the mothers taking turns to look after them.



## TEMOIGNAGES



"Here I've achieved 3 things: working in a real company; catching up on the missed school years, and thinking about my own Life Project. LP4Y is my chance for a future!"

Timothy Dizon, 20, Green Program graduate, has since set up his own business decorating shoes!

"Thanks to LP4Y I am starting to reconnect with my family. My parents have faith in me now. Even when it's hard to get up in the morning I get up because I want to make a success of my life"



Venus Olave, 22, mother of 2. Today team leader in a very recently established program, the 3S.



"Since starting with the LP4Y program I am independent and mature".

Julie Ann Cabalero, 24, member of Hear Us. Today team leader of the encoding activity.



"Before I didn't have any dreams for the future, now I make plans".

Mark, 21, member of MyCraft

## Where are they now?

This photo, taken in March 2011, was on the cover of our annual report for 2009-2010. 18 months on, what are they doing now?



Standing, left to right

**Juhn** is working as a hair dresser and wants to open his own salon.

**Retchelle** is now doing a degree in commercial and media studies.

**Anthony** opened an internet café 9 months ago and is planning for a 2nd.

**Maris** is still a member of Natural H Care. She takes cookery classes on Saturdays.

**Marie**, then the Green Program coach, had a daughter, Margot, before returning to France, after a fantastic 2 year mission in the Philippines.

**Manoleng** is a delivery driver for a company in Manila.

**Dorely** is studying accountancy at university.

**Jonathan** is in the Management phase with Green Program.

**Gani** has been working for Puregold (distribution) for several months.

**Joël** has been working for nearly a year as HR assistant with Generika (pharmacy chain). His first son, John Gaia, is soon to be christened.

**Elsa**, volunteer, communications assistant, is finishing her studies in France.

**Analyn** has been working for a logistics company for one year.

**Timothy** has launched his "shoe painting" business. You can place orders on [www.facebook.com/DrawMechanix](http://www.facebook.com/DrawMechanix).

Seated, left to right

**Grégoire**, previously a coach at LPC Quezon, is finishing his studies in France and has already begun working for a large company. Member of LP4Y France.

**Areyjay** reached the Management stage at LPC Quezon 18 months ago and is now seeking work.

**Julie**, previously coach with responsibility for pedagogy, returned to Paris after completing a 1 year mission. She now works for a consulting firm.

**Alde** is doing an internship with Bayard Philippines as a deliverer.

**Aldwin** is employed by Logica and will soon be starting a training course with Oracle.

Young man in blue: did not return after the initial discovery week.

**Dey Ar** has returned to his family in the province. This week, he is back in the Green Garden.

## "What will they be doing 1 year from now?"

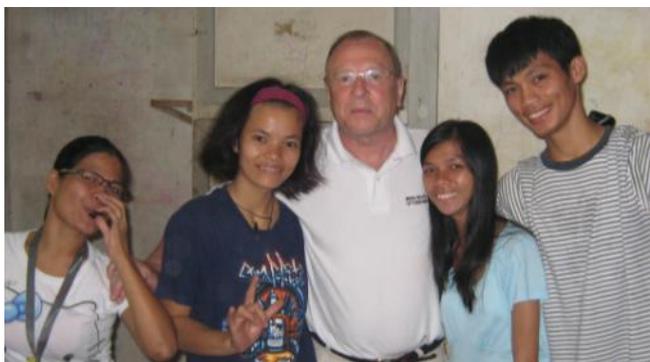
On June 26, 2012, the 3 LPCs in Manila got together for a celebration. Rendezvous 1 year from now to celebrate their progress!



## PRESIDENTS' MORAL REPORT – Financial year 2011



Thierry Delaporte during his annual visit to the Philippines. Here at the Old Balara LPC with the young people from Natural H Care.



Jean-Marie Demeure in Iligan City, just a few days after the terrible tropical storm Sendong (see Newsletter #5).



Laure Delaporte with Tim and RR of the Green Program at the LPC in Parañaque.



Alain Devresse listens to Ginalyn's presentation of the Aurora program at LPC Tondo.

The general meetings in March 2012 saw us completing our second full financial year: 2011. Many things have been achieved during this period, allowing us to affirm that **it is indeed possible to make a difference and assist with the insertion of impoverished and excluded young people.**

Thanks to the various tools at our disposal we can now clearly trace the many developments that have been made: in terms of organization; the pedagogy and the means we have of accompanying the young people; the insertion structures and the real use to which they can be put. **No fewer than 5 pilot LPCs have been created in the Philippines in just 2 years.** They have enabled us to validate our founding principles while constantly adjusting and improving the way we chose to accompany these young people, through business training. By the end of December 2010, 48 young people were benefitting daily from the programs; **at the end of 2011 that number had increased to 87.**

But our ambition will not stop there, as there still remains so much to do, and we believe we can generate opportunities to help these promising young people. The exceptional team which has gradually come together over this period makes LP4Y's founding goals seem achievable. I would like here to acknowledge and thank **the administrators in our 5 offices**, for their increasing involvement, the **fund raising committee**, the **secretaries and financial officers**, as well as all those involved in the very recent **Essec/Berkeley competition** at which our Life Project Center gained third place out of 140, and the preparation of our **"Youth 4 Change" symposium on May 31, 2012 at Sciences-Po** in Paris, and our photo exhibition for the end of 2012 (which will in fact be launched early 2013).

- our **sponsors, partner organizations and regular or one-off donors, you, our members**,
- our sister organizations in France, Belgium, Luxembourg, the US and the Philippines, and **their administrators** with whom we cooperate,
- and lastly, the **permanent team of volunteers in the Philippines.**

2012 will be a year of **consolidation** for our organizations and missions in the Philippines, but also a **time for us to prepare our activities in South East Asia.**

In Europe, 2012 will be an intense year in terms of **communication and advocacy**, in particular through Youth 4 Change. Lastly, 2012 will have seen the **launch of LP4Y in the US.**

**Let's work together for the insertion of these promising young adults**

A big Thank You to each and every one of you.

March 2012,

Thierry DELAPORTE  
President LP4Y France

Jean-Marie DEMEURE  
President LP4Y Belgique

Alain DEVRESSE  
President LP4Y Luxembourg

Laure DELAPORTE  
President LP4Y Philippines

# Main management table - Financial year 2011

## INCOME

The fiscal year 2011 showed an increase against the period 2009-2010 (12 months as opposed to 16 months).

Donations from companies, company foundations and private foundations remain weak:

LP4Y France > Private: 75% - Foundations: 25%

LP4Y Belgium > Private: 100%

LP4Y Luxemburg > Private: 79% - Foundations: 21%

LP4Y Philippines > Private: 100%

€	2009-2010	2011	2011/2012	2012
	83,000	96,000	-11%	86,000
	26,000	32,000	+15%	37,000
		*35,000	+138%	81,000
			-	37,000
	15,000	17,000	+32%	22,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>124,000</b>	<b>181,000</b>	<b>+45%</b>	<b>263,500</b>

\*The table does not take into account donations in kind, in symbolic Euro or Pesos

\* Including €7,000 from Coopération du Luxembourg

## PROFIT AND LOSS FOR LP4Y France

Contributions to projects in the Philippines account for 100% of the €98,354 expenses: €47,500 paid to LP4Y Philippines and €48,404 to the 16 volunteers to cover allowances, travel costs and social security contributions. This is equal to a monthly cost of €252 per volunteer.

We would like to thank our partners, Fidesco and DCC, for the valuable support they provide in this area. The surplus of €12,426 goes towards consolidating the association's capital.

en €	2009	2010	2011
<b>Subscriptions</b>	875	3,085	1,560
<b>Donations</b>	23,385	37,056	109,034
<b>Income</b>	<b>24,260</b>	<b>58,472</b>	<b>110,780</b>
<b>Donation to LP4Y Phil</b>		50,000	47,500
<b>Allowances Volunteers</b>	395	2,767	26,080
<b>Social Sec., Insurances</b>	370	255	5,946
<b>Other operating costs</b>	54	17,971	16,378
<b>Charges</b>	<b>819</b>	<b>70,993</b>	<b>98,354</b>
<b>Excess</b>	<b>23,441</b>	<b>-12,522</b>	<b>12,426</b>



Volunteers

## PROFIT AND LOSS FOR LP4Y Belgium

Contributions to projects in the Philippines account for 98% of the €47,741 expenses: €33,500 transferred to LP4Y Phil and €12,000 to LP4Y France which was lacking funds at one point. The negative surplus results from the fact that funds were received in early 2012 that related to an event which took place in December 2011.

en €	2009-2010	2011	en €	2011
<b>Subscriptions</b>	2,900	520	<b>Subscriptions</b>	
<b>Donations</b>	22,924	31,335	<b>Donations</b>	
<b>Income</b>	<b>25,824</b>	<b>31,855</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>26,070</b>
<b>Donation to LP4Y Phil</b>	8,942	33,500	<b>Donation to LP4Y Phil</b>	21,500
<b>Donation to LP4Y Fr</b>	1,500	12,000	<b>Allowances Volunteers</b>	
<b>Other operating costs</b>	6,937	241	<b>Other operating costs</b>	2,550
<b>Charges</b>	<b>17,380</b>	<b>45,741</b>	<b>Charges</b>	<b>24,050</b>
<b>Excess</b>	<b>8,417</b>	<b>-13,876</b>	<b>Excess</b>	<b>2,020</b>



## PROFIT AND LOSS FOR LP4Y Luxemburg

The €21,500 contribution to LP4Y projects in the Philippines accounts for 90% of the €24,050 expenses. The surplus of €2,020 will serve to consolidate the organization's capital.

## PROFIT AND LOSS FOR LP4Y Philippines

Funding from the LP4Y Alliance doubled between 2010 and 2011. 25% of the total received came from donations made in the Philippines and profits from the LPC activities.

The primary cost in the Philippines budget relates to allowances paid to the young people enrolled in the programs. Rent and social security contributions relate to the centers where the activities take place and where the LP4Y staff and young people live. The purchases item relates to purchases necessary to the activities and to equipping the centers. Transport costs and volunteer costs relate to travel between the centers and also travel relating to visa renewal every 2 months.

Fees are paid to an accountancy firm and a law firm to whom LP4Y Philippines has outsourced administration matters. The cost of renovating the Hear us House will allow the LPC Iligan team to live rent free until September 2018.

The surplus represents 24% of the budget, made obligatory by the need for increased working capital.

en €	2009	2010	2011
<b>Donations from LP4Y Alliance</b>		53,418	104,468
<b>Donations in The Philippines</b>			16,920
<b>Products from Philippines</b>	305	9,798	17,365
<b>Income</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>63,216</b>	<b>138,753</b>
<b>Facility costs</b>	2,950	18,818	26,548
<b>Allowances Beneficiaries</b>	320	4,242	37,711
<b>Purchases</b>	972	12,552	18,776
<b>Transportation</b>	1,201	4,903	8,232
<b>Expenses Volunteers</b>	1,366	6,490	3,714
<b>Accountancy and legal</b>		3,026	3,576
<b>Other operating costs</b>	3,016	5,943	1,127
<b>Hear Us house renovation</b>			14,500
<b>Charges</b>	<b>9,825</b>	<b>55,974</b>	<b>104,184</b>
<b>Excess</b>	<b>-9,620</b>	<b>7,242</b>	<b>34,569</b>



The Philippines team is 100% VOLUNTARY

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Hear Us 20-24 Y  
Hear Us House

LPC Vitas Tondo Manila



Natalie Kean  
Coordinator



Tiphaine Gouraud  
Coach

Aurora 10-20 Y

The amazing 2001/2012 team pictured here in front of the LPC in Parañaque City, in the south of Manila. This summer saw some departures and some new arrivals ... all of whom contribute to the rich mix that makes up LP4Y. I CAN'T BUT TOGETHER WE CAN!



# Projections for 2012

<b>BUDGET to be funded</b>	<b>2009-2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Evaluation new programs	18,400	13,700	13,400
LPC Parañaque > Green Program (3 <sup>rd</sup> year)	21,000	15,200	7,600
LPC Parañaque > Green Garden		7,000	17,200
LPC Iligan > Hear Us (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)	14,500	33,600	17,500
LPC Cebu > My Craft (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)	5,500	16,600	19,850
LPC Old Balara > Natural H Care (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)	5,500	14,300	20,000
LPC Tondo > Aurora	4,800	16,600	27,150
<b>New LPC Parañaque &gt; Construction</b>			<b>20,800</b>
<b>New LPC Parañaque &gt; Training center</b>			<b>8,900</b>
<b>Green Village (investment)</b>			<b>60,000</b>
General Expenses	11,950	7,600	7,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>81,650</b>	<b>124,600</b>	<b>209,000</b>

## LP4Y Alliance BUDGET 2012

LP4Y Alliance presidents presented the budget to be funded to their boards in October 2011. It was approved unanimously. The project and budget were validated at the General Meetings in November 2011.

The budget total of €239,000 consists of €209,000 allocated for operations in the field (cf budget on left), and €30,000 for advocacy and communication activities in Europe (Youth 4 Change, website, photography exhibition in January 2013 "Portraits: When Young Adults overcome extreme poverty and take charge of their lives").

The Green Village project, initially planned for Parañaque City, was redirected in June 2012 to a resettlement area south of Manila. Here 7,000 families relocated from the slums of Manila survive without access to electricity or water, and with no work. We are currently carrying out studies and looking for partners to work with. We have contacted various foundations in the Philippines and in Europe. The unused portion of the 2012 budget will be carried forward to 2013.

Budget 2012	Housing & Centers	Youngsters Allowances	Volunteers Cost	Expenses	Invest.
209,000 €	23%	32%	20%	10%	15%

## LP4Y, an economic model based on :

1 – the quality of the LP4Y's volunteers. The cost of the team in the field represents 20% of total expenditure. If we recalculated the current level of allowances paid to the volunteers, using declared average allowance levels

(French minimum wage plus local expenses) we would need to double our income.

2 – the development of viable business activities in each LPC. In 2012, 20% of the total budget comes from profits generated by the activities. The programs are designed to be self-funding after the 3<sup>rd</sup> year.

	2010	2011	2012	2013
Life Project Centers Programmes	4	5	5	11
Young Adults / Beneficiaries	48	87	120	272
Monthly cost/Y	208 €	150 €	125 €	60 €

## LP4Y Philippines, development of the model

The first 5 pilot LPCs have allowed us to test the model and look for the most cost effective way of guiding young people towards social and professional insertion.

The monthly cost of insertion for a young person in one of the LP4Y centers has been going down year by year, from €208 in 2010, to €125 in 2012.

We are now testing 2 programs per Life Project Center, and plan to extend this to all existing centers. We should see the benefit in 2013.

\*The 4 LPCs and programs due to open in December 2013 or January 2014 are not included in the figures for 2013.



### Life Project Center Social Business Plan in the French-speaking finals of the Global Social Venture Competition 2012.

Grégoire and Clara, Y 2010-2011 LP4Y's volunteers, presented the Life Project Center in the French-speaking finals, as "Entrepreneurial Project Development Center for Young Victims of Extreme Poverty and Exclusion".

LP4Y was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place (out of nearly 140 Social Business Plan) and received the People's Choice Award.





# YOUTH 4 Change



**On May 31, 2012, LP4Y brought together a group of NGOs and organizations to discuss the Youth 4 Change project.**  
**The event was supported by the French National Commission for Unesco.**

**Participants were invited to sign a manifesto (see p. 15)**

**The following text is the introduction to the document produced for the event:**

**"Entrepreneurship: a winning solution to the problem of youth exclusion?"**

**Today 550 million young people live below the poverty threshold** ( $\leq 2$  /day). In 2025 they will be 1 billion! Every excluded youth represents a missed opportunity because society fails to contribute to his/her socio-economic and personal development. The Youth 4 Change Observatory has decided to raise awareness of this situation; this report is part of the advocacy against youth exclusion and will conclude with a **manifesto against youth exclusion**. Fighting against youth exclusion is more than just a noble cause worthy of support, for **today's youth are our future!** Moreover, the overwhelming majority of poverty-stricken youth live in developing countries where integration opportunities are still available to be tapped into. Youth represent the highest share of the unemployed or the working poor. Poverty, lack of education and unemployment leave the youth in a vulnerable position and may lead them into the vicious circle of exclusion.

The short-term solutions used to tackle this issue are assistance through education, or charity for the worst forms of exclusion. **Yet sustainable integration for these excluded young adults inevitably requires economic development and employment.** .../...

The report explores **the potential of entrepreneurship as an integration solution** from both a theoretical and practical perspective. The literature on the topic and the testimonies from the field show that entrepreneurship offers promising perspectives for excluded youth. They learn to be self-reliant, responsible, dedicated to a project that is meaningful to them. It gives them a goal to reach. .../...

In this report, **recurring features are highlighted for a successful action against youth exclusion:**

#### **Solidarity between participants and the community.**

It is important to create an awareness of community among excluded young people. Programs are more successful when they can be shown to benefit not only the individual youth but also their family and the area they live in.

By working together, particularly in shared enterprises in which the success of the project depends on a good level of participation and motivation by all, young people experience responsibility. They directly witness the effect of their contribution and feel, perhaps for the first time, a sense of belonging and importance. It is thought that they then associate these experiences with wider 'real-life' responsibilities in their community.

#### **Women's roles and specific challenges**

Young women are specific victims of exclusion in the area of education, employment and health. Social views of women's roles within the family can be disruptive to any initiative that takes place outside the family home, as can popular beliefs, often shared by the young participants, about the limited potential of young, working women. .../...

#### **Funding and saving**

A primary impediment to the success of the entrepreneurial projects mentioned has been the difficulty of securing initial funding for the projects of young entrepreneurs.

Many projects appear to struggle to convince financial partners that new initiatives by young people are sound investments. What is alarming is that we are not talking about prolonged, expensive support but simply the means to get projects 'off the ground'. Naturally this obstacle is disheartening to young people and may lead them towards low-investment, low-risk business ideas, rather than more ambitious projects with a potential to drive real social change. .../...

#### **Continued, regular participation**

Identifying participants with sustained motivation and an acceptable work ethic is a huge challenge.

Young people may not wish to quit the programs, but for a variety of personal and situational reasons fail to meet the time commitments. This can be due to genuine obstacles that they face, such as childcare or illness. It can also be linked to their childhood experiences in an excluded environment; they may not be accustomed to routine or long-periods of concentration and they may come from a community with high unemployment.

#### **Local education systems**

In some countries an unacceptable level of non school-finishers or 'drop-outs' places enormous strain on local communities. In addition, some argue that the education provided is not appropriate to situations that young people face when they leave school. A lack of vocational training and basic business skills excludes young people from the formal job market even though they may have academic qualifications.

Consequently, the programs studied tend to offer some re-education, providing knowledge that is useful in real life and focusing on the existing, natural skills and capabilities of excluded young people rather than attempting to build entirely new ones through high academic standards.

#### **Self assessment and thinking about personal future**

People who work with excluded youth are aware that the nature of their exclusion can touch every aspect of their life. It is not sufficient to provide young people with specific knowledge and skills, they must also be able to think for themselves and make wise decisions for their personal future. Most important is the need to encourage periods of reflection by the young individual so that they themselves set appropriate and achievable targets. The young person receives inspiration but also sound, personal guidance and advice.

#### **Coordination of support networks**

Each program should look for existing support structures in the community – be they governmental programs, health networks, businesses or other NGOs and volunteer organizations. Tackling youth exclusion requires effort from all areas of society, and organizations working in the field cannot succeed in isolation. Hybrid solutions can be found at the boundary between the business and humanitarian worlds. If a successful model of inclusion is created, it is important to look for ways to expand and adopt this model to new areas and new target groups.

# Youth 4 Change by LP4Y



## International Manifesto for the Insertion of Young Adults in Danger

I sign,

I am committed,

Every day, worldwide, numerous Young Adults, aged 15 to 24, join the ranks of those living below the extreme poverty threshold and in exclusion (2 \$/day). In 2012 they are 550 million, 89% of whom live in developing countries, as well as 60 million living in developed countries. Since 2000, the number of people suffering from hunger has been growing constantly. Over the next 12 years the number of these Young Adults who receive no share of the benefits of progress will exceed the shocking figure of 1 billion.

Challenges are numerous: demographic growth, economic globalization, productivity leading to shrinking labor needs, loss of family values, disparity between education and employment needs, lack of investment focused on Young Adults or growing disinterest for Young excluded Adults.

**Action is urgently required.**

We acknowledge that the Young are the future of our world,  
We believe in the importance of a successful bridge into the adult world,  
We recognize their energy, their dynamism, and their ability to innovate.

**Therefore, let us unite to give them access to their future!**

We know these Young Adults can pull through when given the encouragement of a positive look, when they gain confidence in themselves and in others, when learning opportunities are brought within reach, when they are free from hunger and alienation, when they are allowed to make mistakes.

**Therefore, let us act for and on behalf of all Young Adults throughout the world!**

It is our belief that the duty of acting for and on behalf of Young Adults lies not just with governments, schools or ONGs, but with each one of us. We can all make the commitment to be available for the Young Adults, every day, wherever we may be.

We believe that there is not a unique solution to the insertion of Young Adults in danger, but as many solutions as there are circumstances in the world. By sharing our experiences, pooling our resources, uniting our knowledge, we can act together for the cause of Young Adults who are today excluded. Thus they will tomorrow, be able to hold their place and be the entrepreneurs of greater freedom in the world.

**Together, let us commit, let us act with and for the Young Adults.**

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Thank you to all LP4Y members, donors, partners and supporters.  
 Thank you to all volunteers and administrators.

The Young are our future

Let's embark with them on the journey  
 from exclusion to insertion!

Let's make  
 a difference, together!

LIFE PROJECT 4 YOUTH has offices  
 in the Philippines, France, Belgium,  
 Luxemburg and the US.

You can join in any one  
 of these countries.

How can you make a difference  
 for young victims of exclusion?

Become a **MEMBER** and receive the latest updates, as well as invitations to events and meetings and the general assemblies. Annual membership in France, Belgium and Luxemburg is €10. Become a member in the US or in the Philippines when you make your first donation.

Become a **SPONSOR** by making monthly or one-off donations to help create a fund base for LP4Y. You can also make gifts in kind.

Become a **PARTNER** through regular or one-off contributions to the program of your choice. You will be invited to attend the meetings of the orientation committee for that program, which occur 3 times a year. You will receive a file on your chosen project, and the information letter from the young people of that program which comes out 3 times a year.

Become a **CORRESPONDANT**, sharing information about LP4Y with your contacts, and assisting in the organization of information and communication events. If LP4Y is not already present in your country of residence you can even help set up a new branch!

Become a **VOLUNTEER**, on a temporary or permanent basis. You can be active in Europe, the US or Asia. Your training and social security, insurance, pension etc will be taken care of through provisions of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Don't hold back!  
 Join LP4Y today!  
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Rigorous management of your donations!

In 2012 as since 2009, the missions were carried out after consultation with and approval from the administrative committees. The 2012 provisional budget was presented at the General Assembly in 2011 and is regularly revised. The 2013 budget was approved by the Board of Members in September 2012 when each national association committed to its level of contribution to the donations.

Since 2009, all the teams in France, Belgium, Luxemburg and the USA are volunteers. In the Philippines, the permanent team members are independent volunteers or International Solidarity Volunteers. When they sign up full time for 1 to 2 years, the volunteers receive a 200€ monthly allowance and, if needed, an indemnity for child schooling expenses. Lodging is supplied in the centers or nearby. Their social security and pension is covered by the CFE. Their visa and transport expenses are covered.

For the centers and houses we look for the most economic solutions, taking all factors into account with contracts that can be interrupted if necessary. All the furniture of the centers is made by the Young Adults who are also in charge of all maintenance and repairs. Except for a printer for each center, all computer equipment is donated. The volunteers use their own computers. Most of the equipment in the centers is second hand and has been donated.

There is no financing for fund raising or communication. All the supports (web site, printing, translations, etc.) are entirely done in-house. Only a few paper supports (flyers, upcoming book) or special prints (Photo show "Portraits") are financed by the LP4Y funds.

The administrators and volunteers of the LP4Y Alliance entirely finance their travel expenses in the Philippines.

Companies and organizations that contributed  
 financially to LP4Y's field actions in 2011



Logistical support and partnerships 2011

