



Global Youth Service Network

The Global Youth Service Network, coordinated by YSA (Youth Service America), includes hundreds of local, state, national, and global organizations around the world that have committed to engaging young people in changing their communities through service. Groups of partners include:





International Partners

- **Global Partners** are international organizations, including U.S. based organizations, often with offices or affiliates around the world. Global Partners promote GYSD and disseminate information through their networks, encourage participation in GYSD by their members or affiliates, offer their experience and connections to broaden and evaluate GYSD and its impact as an international event.
- **Regional Partners** are regional offices of international organizations, regional organizations or networks, or national organizations that work with a network of organizational partners in their region of the world. Regional Partners are responsible for promoting and coordinating GYSD in their region, mobilizing partner organizations and Country Partners in their region to engage at least 10,000 youth volunteers, engaging media and government officials, tracking projects, and assisting with grant reviews and translations. 10 Regional Partners receive planning grants of \$5,000.
- **Country Partners** serve as the lead convener and organizer of Global Youth Service Day in their country and report to the Regional Partners. Country Partners promote GYSD, mobilize partners and local project organizers, lead high profile events, engage local media and government officials, and coordinate project registration and reporting.
- **Local Organizers** are local NGOs, schools and universities, youth programs, government agencies, faith communities, families, and individuals around the world who plan, register, and implement a GYSD project.

U.S. Partners

- **U.S. National Partners** are national organizations, often with state or local chapters or affiliates, who promote GYSD, mobilize their members or chapters to participate, or support the work of GYSD through collaborative programming with YSA.
- **US GYSD Lead Agencies**, supported with planning grants funded by State Farm, are state or local organizations that convene all GYSD partners in their city or state, coordinate projects that engage at least 600 youth volunteers, and engage local media and elected officials. In 2011, there are 75 U.S. Lead Agencies.
- **State and Local Partners** are state or local organizations that promote and/or participate in YSA's programs, promote or apply for YSA grants, or promote or utilize YSA tools and resources.
- **Local Organizers** are anyone who plans, registers, and implements a GYSD or Semester of Service project.



Global Partners

[Academy of Educational Development](#)
[American Councils for International Education](#)
[Ariel Foundation International](#)
[Association of Polar Early Career Scientists \(APECS\)](#)
[Center for Cultural Interchange](#)
[Centro Boliviano de Filantropia \(CEBOFIL\)](#)
[Child Family Health International](#)
[City Year, Inc.](#)
[Council on International Educational Exchange \(CIEE\)](#)
[Earth Charter Initiative](#)
[Global Youth Action Network](#)
[Golden Key](#)
[Habitat for Humanity International](#)
[Hope Worldwide](#)
[iEARN-USA](#)
[IFES](#)
[Innovations in Civic Participation](#)
[Inter-American Development Bank](#)
[International Association for Volunteer Effort](#)
[International Baccalaureate Organization](#)
[International Youth Foundation](#)
[Latin-American Center for Service Learning \(CLAYSS\)](#)
[Malaria No More](#)
[Nacel Open Door, Inc](#)

[National Youth Leadership Council](#)
[One World Youth Project](#)
[Partners of the Americas](#)
[Peace Child International](#)
[Peace Corps](#)
[People to People International](#)
[Project Harmony Azerbaijan](#)
[Relief International - Schools Online](#)
[Reverence For Life](#)
[Service for Peace](#)
[Special Olympics](#)
[Student Partnerships Worldwide](#)
[TakingITGlobal](#)
[U8 Global Student Partnership for Development](#)
[Unite for Sight United Nations Foundation](#)
[United Nations Millennium Campaign](#)
[United Nations Volunteers](#)
[United Nations Programme on Youth](#)
[U.S. Department of Justice U.S. Department of State, Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs - Youth Programs Division](#)
[VSA arts](#)
[World Federation of United Nations Associations](#)
[Young Americas Business Trust](#)
[Youth Employment Summit](#)
[Youth for Understanding](#)
[Youth Service America](#)
[Youth Venture](#)

Regional Partners



Latin America and The Caribbean

Organization: [Corporación Grupo Tayrona](#) is an environmental, nonprofit, nonpartisan, nonreligious organization run by an interdisciplinary team of professionals, youth and children interested in environmental and educational work on a voluntary basis. The organization aims to build an environmental culture and sustainable development in Colombia and Latin America through advocacy, empowerment and citizen participation, in turn promoting coordination and cooperation in various sectors and actors.

Countries: Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, French Guyana, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Jamaica, Lesser Antilles, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Puerto Rico, Suriname. Trinidad and Tobago

South America

Organization: [The National Volunteer Center \(CENAVOL\)](#) civil association is a nonprofit organization that seeks to contribute to national development through the integration of national volunteerism. CENAVOL promotes coalition efforts between civil society and the state as a way to contribute to national development.

Countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela

Organization: [Un Techo Para mi Pais](#) is a volunteer based organization that strives to improve the quality of life of impoverished families in Latin America through the construction of transitional housing and social inclusion programs. UTPMP strives to improve the quality of life for families living in poverty through emergency housing and implementation of social empowerment plans in a joint effort between young university volunteers and these communities.

Countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay

Middle East and North Africa



Organization: [Association for Volunteer Services](#) is a non-profit, non-sectarian, and non-governmental organization that serves as a national volunteer center – working with, and in support of, its affiliated agencies (non-governmental organizations, social service institutions, educational institutions, municipalities, government ministries, and businesses committed to corporate volunteering). Its objectives are: to promote, facilitate and improve volunteering and community service throughout Lebanon, to empower individuals with the realization that they can (and should) make a positive difference in their society through volunteering, and to bridge social barriers through encouraging the different sectors of society to work together for the good of all.

Countries: Algeria, Bahrain, Comoros Islands, Djibouti, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, The Saudi Arabia Kingdom, Syria, Tunisia, the United Arab Emirates, Yemen

East Africa

Organization: [Kenya Slum Youths Development Organization \(KESYDO\)](#) aims to ensure that youth living in slums play their role, alongside adults, in the development of the country. The organization promotes youth participation in community and civic affairs and works to ensure that youth programs are youth centered through realistic guidelines and strategies.

Countries: Botswana, Burundi, Comoros Island, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Rwanda, Seychelles, Somalia, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

West Africa

Organization: [Young People We Care \(YPWC\)](#) is a registered youth-led, non-profit organization that advocates for sustainable development, the realization of the Millennium Development Goals and the promotion of a culture of peace and universal human rights for all. YPWC strives to provide a 'youthful voice' that seeks to address the numerous challenges facing leaders of tomorrow by effectively using young resourceful minds to influence the course of global policy formulation and development in a consistent and harmonized manner.

Countries: Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Republic of Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo



Western Europe

Organization: [Foundation for Democratic \(DIA\)](#)'s mission is to promote a culture of youth service in Hungary and internationally. The organization focuses on engaging volunteers in rural areas, who have even less access to civil society organizations than their urban peers. DIA also aims to support existing local youth volunteer groups, aiding them in their efforts by providing grants, offering trainings, holding conferences, and organizing national and local youth volunteer days. DIA also trains teachers to implement service-learning strategies in their classrooms, and advises professionals on management of effective youth service programs.

Countries: Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lichtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom

Eastern Europe

Organization: [American Councils for International Education \(ACTR/ACCELS\)](#) is a leading American education and international training organization, administering over 30 exchange and training programs, including U.S. government and non-U.S. national fellowship programs. The organization develops partnership programs between individuals and institutions in the U.S. and the countries of Eurasia and E. Europe, consults on project design and education innovation programs, and actively contributes to the development of Eurasian language and area studies in the U.S. With additional representation in over 30 countries, American Councils strives to expand dialog among students, scholars, educators and professionals for the advancement of learning and mutual respect.

Countries: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan



East Asia

Organization: [Yuva Unstoppable](#) is a volunteer movement in 30 cities with over 60,000 Yuva-ites who are helping 80 NGOs. We give the youth an opportunity to volunteer and inspire them to do random acts of kindness. Yuva-ites make a difference at orphanage, blind children association, handicapped homes, government schools, NGOs, educational institutions, etc., via education, nutrition and healthcare.

Countries: Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, The Philippines, Taiwan, Pacific Islands (American Samoa, Fiji, French Polynesia, Guam, Kiribati, Micronesia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon's Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu)

Asia

Organization: [People's Institute for Development and Training \(PIDT\)](#) is an organization that works towards capacity building of those who are marginalized and it has a rich history in grassroots action with communities of the underprivileged in the rural areas of Chhatisgarh, Jharkhand, West Bengal and Uttar Pradesh and urban areas of New Delhi in India. PIDT actively engages youth as community leaders and directly operates a school for 600 underprivileged children, as well as about 20 non-formal school centers catering to poor and school drop outs. PIDT aims to develop an inclusive, egalitarian, co-operative and analytical society where the social, developmental and environmental needs of all concerned are adequately met.

Countries: Australia, Bangladesh, Bhutan, China, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Laos, Mongolia, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Vietnam