



THE INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH INITIATIVE PROGRAM

A new social entrepreneur training
in how to create positive
social change in the world.

One year of making sense!

YIP – a one-year course for youth
aged 18 to 25 in Järna, Sweden,
starting 24 August 2009.

www.yip.se

Know yourself and the World

Be inspired by international experts, doers and innovators, who give an overview of current global issues, challenges we face in society, and encourage your active role in the big picture.

Develop your skills in leadership, facilitation, self-awareness, and reflection: capacities you need to put your ideas into practice.

Inspire your creativity through artistic work. Broaden your knowledge of theoretical subjects. Reflect, and expand your perspective.

“Nicanor’s course brought the realization that we can indeed change the world while changing ourselves.”

– *Maika Munske (19, USA, YIP 2008–09)*



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Hands-on experiences

Learn by doing – engage with the local community through practical projects, and put your new skills and theories to the test.

Spend four weeks abroad – experience new cultures and ways of working at projects or organizations exploring issues of sustainability.

Receive recognition – new experiences and skills gained at YIP will be recorded and certified through a Portfolio. Together with the Swedish Folk High School diploma, it will document your YIP year.

“YIP is a stepping stone
to be able to put your ideas into action.”

– *Jessica Collins (24, South Africa, YIP 2008–09)*



The location

YIP takes place in Järna, Sweden, a rural community known for its initiative and innovation in sustainability. Located south of Stockholm, it is home to numerous projects, businesses and organizations working with comprehensive sustainable development.

YIP participants combine work at these local initiatives with the global perspectives presented in the program.



Finding your Place

Your understanding of yourself and the world directly influences your actions. Thus the results of what you do can only be as sustainable and comprehensive as your understanding of yourself, humanity, and the world.

Through wide-ranging explorations of important issues affecting humanity and society, YIP supports integral and global understanding, thereby helping you to direct your actions to benefit the comprehensive sustainable development of individuals and the planet.

“YIP is about being given the time and the environment to actually become aware of what you want to do and in what way you want to contribute to our world.”

– *Thijs Moonen (22, Belgium, YIP 2008–09)*

Application and Requirements

Course Dates: 24 August 2009 – 25 June 2010.

YIP is an intensive, full-day course. To apply, you must be between 18 and 25 years old, and be able to understand, speak, read and write English. Participant Housing is provided.

Background and Organization

YIP is organized by an international group of young people in cooperation with the YouthSection. YIP is a part of Vårdinge Folk High School and is hosted at the Rudolf Steiner Seminar in Järna, Sweden. YIP is a politically and religiously independent program and encourages diversity in culture, background and perspective.

“YIP is the ultimate opportunity.”

– Lauryn Morley (20, Canada, YIP 2008–09)

Courses at YIP

YIP covers a variety of themes, including: environment, fund-raising, communication, facilitation, sociology, medicine and health care, theater, storytelling, hand crafts, painting and ...

Mentoring (Orland Bishop, USA: Experienced mentor for inner-city at-risk youth in LA, USA.)

Global Activism (Nicanor Perlas, The Philippines: Winner of the Right Livelihood Award, 2003.)

Theater, Improvisation & Identity (Slava Theater, Sweden, and IDEM, Switzerland.)

Application opens: 5 January 2009

Application closes: 30 June 2009

More information at www.yip.se

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