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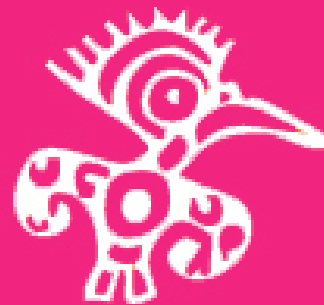
Good morning/afternoon/evening everyone!

The training today shouldn't be longer than 1hr.

*If you are having technical problems please type them in the text box to the left and we will try to help you!

We'll be starting soon ...

**MEXICO
YOUTH
FORCE**



XVII International AIDS Conference

**Online Training for YouthForce
Journalists**

Overview of Session

- **Introductions**
- **Keeping in Touch**
- **History of YouthForce**
- **Who are the YouthForce?**
- **Key Activities of the YouthForce at AIDS 2008**
- **Key Advocacy Messages for AIDS 2008**
- **Relevant Background Resources**

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Hello!

Who are we and who
are you?

Keeping in Touch

- Team will be keeping in touch with one another via TakingITGlobal's Project Page;
- The Project Page will allow you to:
 - Ask any questions
 - Keep in touch with other members of the team
 - Look at the resources that have been added
 - Share your thoughts

Let's Check it Out together!

History of YouthForce

2000

@ the IAC 2000 (Durban) only 50 young people participated in the conference. In response, various organization formed the first **YouthForce.**

Goal: to increase youth participation for AIDS

2002

History of YouthForce

2002-

“Where are the Youth?”

At AIDS 2002 in Barcelona, the YouthForce coordinated young people from all regions of the world.

Mark of Success:

At the closing ceremony, **Bill Clinton** highlighted this campaign as the type of advocacy that could bring **real change**.

History of YouthForce

2004-

YouthForce worked with local Thai youth and conference organizers to ensure youth programming was integrated into the main conference.

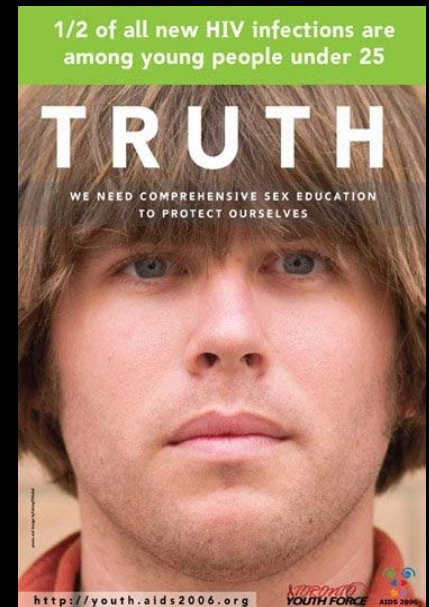
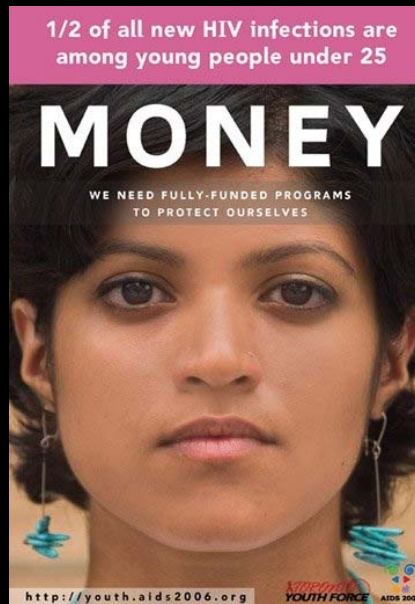
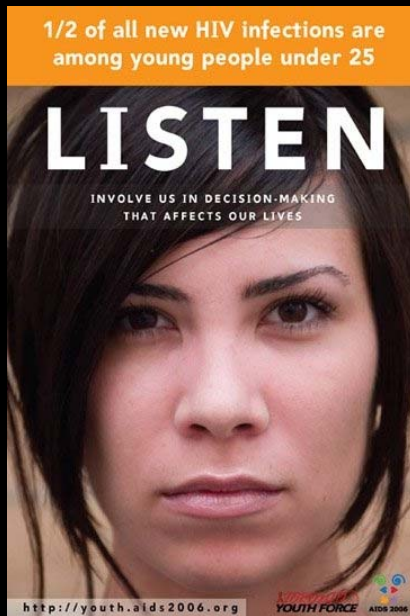
Conference Highlight:

First Youth Pre-Conference held!

History of YouthForce

2006-

At AIDS 2006, the YouthForce strengthened its role at the IAC.



Who is the YouthForce?

Core Mexico YouthForce Coalition Partners



Some Mexico YouthForce Supporters



Key Mexico YouthForce Events



Many different youth-focused events throughout and prior to the conference! To find out more on these please visit the related documents section of the Project Page we just showed you!



Advocacy Campaign 2006



1/2 of all new HIV infections are among young people under 25

LISTEN

INVOLVE US IN DECISION-MAKING THAT AFFECTS OUR LIVES

<http://youth.aids2006.org> KUPUNAHOA YOUTH FORCE AIDS 2006

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MONEY

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TRUTH

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The YouthForce Pavilion and Commitments desk attracted ←Bill and Melinda Gates As well as Stephen Lewis ↓



Interviews were conducted with:
-Alicia Keys
-Dr. Peter Piot
-Stephen Lewis
-David Miller (Mayor of Toronto)

And over 7 major media outlets each day visited the Youth Pavilion

Key Messages for AIDS 2008

Rights:

We have a right to comprehensive, accurate information and services to protect our sexual health.

Recognition:

Of our realities, our experiences, and our contributions.

Responsibility

We must ensure that all young people have power over the decisions that affect their health and lives.

Resources

We need training, mentorship, funding, and opportunities.

The Youth Journalist Blog

Blog de Jóvenes Periodistas:

Youth **Journalist** Blog:



<http://www.tigblog.org/group/myfjournalist>

