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FELLOW NEWS

Dialogue Social Enterprise (DSE) has won the prestigious international Communicator Award for 2009 instituted by the International Academy of Visual Arts USA for its “Dialogue in the Dark Teacher’s Guide.” German Fellow [Andreas Heinecke](#), CEO and founder of DSE said, “We are delighted and humbled by this honor. I am encouraged by the fact that the jury chose to award a project like the Dialogue in the Dark Teacher’s Guide that will help people understand that darkness and the loss of a sense can be a powerful medium to experience and understand oneself.

Indian Fellow [Sohini Chakraborty](#)’s organization, Kolkata Sanved, has won the prestigious Beyond Sport Award for 2009 in the “Best Project for Health” category. Kolkata Sanved’s flagship program “Saving Lives through Dance” was selected from 265 projects from 40 countries. In its appreciation of Kolkata Sanved, the judges said, “It focuses on an extremely serious and often overlooked issue. Survivors of human trafficking in the country often face mental problems and find it difficult to participate in traditional verbal counseling processes. The project from the organization Kolkata Sanved takes a different approach to traditional rehabilitation using physical movements and dance as a teaching tool.” The judges were also impressed by the organization’s commitment to preparing survivors of trafficking for employment and, in some cases, even providing the job opportunities themselves.

Fellow [Sompop Jantraka](#) of Thailand was honored by United States Representative Patrick J. Kennedy of Rhode Island in his remarks read into the Congressional Record on May 21, 2009: “Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the extraordinary vision and compelling work for peace of Sompop Jantraka and his school, DEPDC—the Development and Education Program for Daughters and Communities. Mr. Jantraka understands the necessity for caring intervention in order to save the young, innocent, poverty-stricken masses of the world. He has toiled tirelessly and fearlessly, in the face of danger, organized crime and desperation and often times abandonment by parents of their offspring, to prevent child trafficking in the Mekong sub-region of Thailand’s ‘Golden Triangle.’ He has made this cause, above many others, one of the main purposes of his life.” Access the full record by going to page E1237 [here](#).



AWARDS/ FUNDING

Emerging Leaders International Fellows Program

Deadline: **September 3, 2009**

The program provides nonprofit sector leadership training through seminars, applied research and mentorships. The program is open to young scholars and practitioners from outside the United States who are interested in building Third-Sector capacity in their home countries or regions. The research topic for applicants to the 2010 Emerging Leaders Program is community foundations. A limited number of fellowships for research on diaspora or corporate philanthropy may also be available. Find more information [here](#).

Ronald McDonald House Charities

Deadline: **September 4, 2009** (Letter of Inquiry)

The RMHC is accepting letters of inquiry for Grants to Improve Lives of Children. The RMHC Board of Trustees will award grants to nonprofits working to improve the health and well being of children under the age of 21 through national and global programs.

United States Institute of Peace Senior Fellowships

Deadline: **September 8, 2009**

The Jennings Randolph Program for International Peace awards Senior Fellowships to enable outstanding scholars, policy makers, journalists, and other professionals from around the world to conduct research at the U.S. Institute of Peace on important issues concerning international conflict and peace. For details, click [here](#).

Disability Rights Fund Opens Second Round of 2009 International Grantmaking

Deadline: **September 15, 2009**

Grants up to \$70,000 will be awarded to organizations and partnerships working to support the human rights of people with disabilities in Ecuador, Nicaragua, Peru, Ghana, Namibia, Uganda, Bangladesh, and Pacific island countries. Find details [here](#).

Tinker Foundation

Deadline: **September 15, March 1** (annually)

Foundation grants are awarded to organizations that promote the exchange of information between Latin America, Iberia and Antarctica. The Foundation funds projects addressing environmental policy, economic policy or governance issues. You are strongly advised to submit proposals to the Foundation well in advance of these closing dates. For more information, click [here](#).

The Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement

Deadline: **September 15** (annually)

This is the premier award honoring significant achievements in environmental science and environmental protection. Tyler Laureates have focused worldwide attention on environmental problems addressed by their discoveries and the resulting solutions. For details, click [here](#).

Transparency International Integrity Award

Deadline: **September 30, 2009**

The global anti-corruption organization wishes to recognize outstanding efforts in the fight against bribery, corruption, kickbacks and extortion. The awards seek to underline the work of individuals and organizations that have made a genuine difference with specific actions to investigate or expose corruption, to prosecute the corrupt, to undermine the determined efforts of corrupt public office holders and to counter corruption in other ways. For more information, click [here](#) or send an [email](#).



Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) Women's Contribution to Equality in Latin America and the Caribbean

Deadline: **Rolling**

The structural pattern of inequalities between women and men is often determined by two key elements: their levels of participation in politics and decision-making processes; and their contributions to the economy (both paid and unpaid). This contribution is calling for universal access to social protection of women's empowerment and well-being, as well as the fostering of shared responsibility for unpaid work between men and women. For more information, [click here](#).

The Open Society Institute (OSI)

Deadline: **Rolling**

OSI, a private operating and grantmaking foundation, aims to shape public policy to promote democratic governance, human rights, and economic, legal, and social reform. On a local level, OSI implements a range of initiatives to support the rule of law, education, public health, and independent media. At the same time, OSI works to build alliances across borders and continents. Look [here](#) for grant, scholarship and fellowship opportunities.

Urgent Action Fund for Women's Human Rights (UAF)

Deadline: **Rolling**

As the only international women's fund in the world designed to respond on short notice, UAF collaborates with women activists in three primary contexts: peace building in situations of armed conflict, escalating violence, or politically volatile environments; potentially precedent-setting legal and legislative actions; and protection of women human rights defenders. UAF exists to enable women to mobilise and act within these brief windows of opportunity. UAF expanded its initial role of rapid response grant making in 2000 to include planning and implementing collaborative initiatives to support women in armed conflict regions. These projects, which have become another fundamental aspect of UAF's work, aim to: deepen women's understanding of particular conflicts; provide women with the tools needed to initiate strategic actions in their situation; build advocacy skills through training; and encourage ongoing information-sharing and networking. For more information, click [here](#).

CONFERENCES

3rd Global Summit on HIV/AIDS, Traditional Medicine and Indigenous Knowledge

Kumasi, Ghana // **August 31, 2009 - September 3, 2009**

The summit is being organized to promote best practices of traditional medicines in the prevention and management of HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, cancer, sickle cell anemia, diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, stroke, and mental disorders. Click [here](#) for more information about the conference.

INFORMATION FOR FELLOWS

News & Knowledge Collaboration Fund

Ashoka's News & Knowledge Initiative is looking for applicants to its All Fellows collaboration fund. You can get more information [here](#). Questions? Contact newsandknowledge@ashoka.org

Additional Funding Opportunities in Latin America & The Caribbean

Estefania Mata of Ashoka's GET team shared this [very useful document](#). The large majority of funders listed are interested in environmental issues, but there's a wide variety so it is worth exploring.



#SocEntChat Twitter chat September 2: Rethinking Mental Health

Mental health is key to overall well-being and a fundamental right for all to have. One of the first steps to achieving mental health for all is to break down the stigmas that have plagued mental health for far too long, and have paralyzed growth and development in the field. Join us in challenging stereotypes and finding the best ways to expand our understanding and our approach to providing mental health for all.

#SocEntChat is a real-time conversation which takes place entirely on Twitter (www.twitter.com), from 4-6pm US Eastern Time on the first Wednesday of each month. For details on how to participate see the instructions at: www.squidoo.com/socentchat

Connect with Ashoka's Tech Blog & Group

Ashoka and the Lemelson Foundation are highlighting issues at the intersection of technology and social entrepreneurship. Please visit the [AshokaTech blog](#) and the [AshokaTech online group](#) where you can interact with different Ashoka-Lemelson Fellows each week to discuss the use of appropriate technology.

Palomar 5

Berlin, Germany // Deadline: **August 31, 2009**

Palomar 5 is a six-week boot camp in Berlin later this year where creative people under 30 from around the world will come together for an intense 6 weeks to learn from each other, develop their ideas and receive support to realize them afterwards. Find details [here](#).

SOCIAL NETWORKING

This new section of the Bulletin will feature ways that you can connect and leverage your relationship with the Ashoka Fellowship to grow your networks and gain additional exposure for your work. The next several Bulletins will each feature a different resource. Stay tuned and learn how to expand your social media visibility!

Network with Ashoka Fellows on LinkedIn

The increasingly popular professional networking tool, LinkedIn, allows individuals to identify themselves as part of groups and associations. In addition, users can easily create sharable and editable CVs. Other users of LinkedIn will be able to find you and Ashoka Fellows can opt to list their profession as “Ashoka Fellow” or “Social Entrepreneur” if they wish. Fellows get an “Ashoka Fellow” button on their profile, which is a great, attractive way for them to identify themselves as such. Users can manage their privacy settings and even see when their contacts will be in the same area.

Ashoka Fellow [Vijay Pratap Singh Aditya](#) adds: *“As changemakers, Ashoka Fellows have gained recognition for their work; however, how much do we actually know about each other aside from what is in our short profiles from the time of election? Change is not constant, but rather perpetual. Over the years, we may have lost touch with one another but our work and efforts surely go on. As changemakers, we also have a responsibility to help each other to learn and share developments in our respective work domains. The Ashoka Fellow Community on LinkedIn is an endeavor to re-engage Fellows, to know what has changed in our lives and what change new changemakers are bringing in this world.”*

All Ashoka Fellows are encouraged to join the [Ashoka Fellows Community on LinkedIn](#). Staff, other members of the Ashoka community and fans of Ashoka are encouraged to join the [General Ashoka LinkedIn Group](#).



CHANGEMAKERS ®

From Changemaker to Fellow

Changemakers is delighted to announce that one of our competition winners has recently been [named an Ashoka Fellow](#)! Congratulations to [Hilmi Quraishi](#), CEO and founder of ZMQ Software Systems, which puts the nearly ubiquitous mobile phone to use for better health care – through such novel innovations as wildly popular games that educate about HIV/AIDS to text messages that remind expectant mothers of doctors' appointments. Up next are games addressing the UN's Millennium goals, such as sanitation, clean water, and children's health.

Online Changemaking Tool

Changemakers [brand new website](#) has a terrific feature for online collaboration among social entrepreneurs, funders, and enthusiasts who support them. We call this feature, simply, [Groups](#), and we welcome Fellows' contributions – to share your expertise and mentorship, spread the word about your initiatives, and learn from other innovators in the field.

Fellow participants so far include [Jack Sim](#), who launched a spirited discussion on sanitation and the bottom of the pyramid in our [AshokaTech Group](#) and [Hilmi Quraishi](#), who is a member of our [Social Changemaking with Mobile Phones Group](#). If you don't see a Group that meets your interests and needs, go ahead and start your own!

Support New Innovations

We hope Fellows will participate in our current competitions, by nominating innovators, voting for winners, and discussing the entries:

Champions of Quality Education in Africa – [Vote](#) until **August 19th**

Rethinking Mental Health: Improving Community Wellbeing – [Enter and discuss now](#)

GMO Risk or Rescue? Helping Consumers Decide – [Enter and discuss now](#)

Change is Happening Fast

Changemakers has been very busy with a high volume of competitions and record numbers of entries. Please check the Changemakers site often to see how fast change is happening. Upcoming competitions concern maternal health, global nutrition, and sustainable travel among many others.

VOLUNTEERS/ INTERNS/ PARTNERS


Executive in Residence Program

Ashoka's Executive in Residence Program connects corporate executives and law firm associates with in-country volunteer opportunities with Ashoka Fellows around the world. Executives and attorneys committed to social change will spend 3, 6, or 12 months with an Ashoka Fellow's organization, working on a tangible project. In return, they will experience social entrepreneurship in action. Each placement is designed jointly by Ashoka, the law firm/corporation, and Ashoka Fellows for an intimate set of participants. Placements are managed by experienced and informed Ashoka staff, both on global and local levels. For details, please contact Bruno Borges at bborges@ashoka.org

Volunteers

Need help with Strategic Planning? Fundraising? Translation? Volunteers can help!

In-person assistance? Virtual help? Volunteer teams? Let us know what you need, and we'll help you find what you're looking for! Please give specific details regarding your plans for using a volunteer and information



about what type of work they'll be doing, special skills required, time-frame, accommodations available, etc. Email Beth Inabinett at volunteers@ashoka.org

Interns

Would you like to advertise for a summer intern on the Ashoka Volunteer website? Many capable undergraduate and graduate students are visiting the website looking for a way to get involved and gain experience in their field of study over the summer. Contact Beth Inabinett for an Intern Request Form at binabinett@ashoka.org

Partners

Assistance to Ashoka Fellows is being offered by a small group of U.S. based professional business and banking analysts and statisticians with skills in model building, risk analysis, market assessment, and financial valuations. Secondary abilities include web design, product strategy, and marketing. Language skills include English, Spanish and Chinese. If interested, contact Ashoka Volunteer Coordinator, Beth Inabinett at binabinett@ashoka.org