



## LETTER OF INVITATION

Dear reader,

We hereby invite you to the Northern European Youth Forum (NEYF) 2004, the second international youth conference on the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) adopted at the Millennium Summit in 2000. This year it will take place in Stavanger along the beautiful west coast of Norway July 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004.

Participation is open to all young active people from thirteen different countries in Northern Europe. In total about 100 young people aged 16–22 have the possibility to participate. The NEYF 2004 is a follow-up conference to last year's meeting in Sweden in which 140 young people from 17 different countries came together and discussed the MDGs.

At last year's conference the participants elaborated and eventually adopted an action plan on how to implement the MDGs in Northern Europe. The action plan included recommendations on how the MDGs can be reached from a youth perspective. The participants developed many wonderful resolutions on how to solve various problems in Northern Europe and elsewhere.

This year we are taking another step further. Based on the recommendations from last year, this year's forum will instead welcome applicants to submit project ideas that you would like to carry out on different themes based on the MDGs. This is the chance for you to be creative and to think out new projects. The objective is that projects developed by innovative and motivated young people will emerge, that do not only talk, but also act.

During the forum in Norway, the participants will work in ten different groups and together develop a specific and concrete project to be put into action after the conference. The projects will be presented, shared and improved in cross-groups. They will also be developed with assistance from the United Nations and World Bank. At the same time you will be equipped through different work-shops with necessary tools to make them into a reality (project management, fundraising, etc.).

The conference is organised by WithVision in cooperation with a team of about 25 students from two International Baccalaureate (IB) schools in Stavanger. The Project Manager Ms. Ania WNUK and her organisational team are preparing an excellent event for you.

We are sure this will be an event not to be missed, so please send your application as soon as possible but **no later than 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2004**. Each country has a given number of places so make sure you will be one of your country's delegates.

Please find full details on the conference and how to apply in the documents attached. We look very much forward to seeing you in Norway in July so file the application and send before it is too late!

Best regards,

The Board of Directors of WithVision through

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*PS. We would very much appreciate if you could help us spreading information about the forum in your organisations and universities, to friends and families.*