



Global Youth Media & Arts Festival

Performances: Friday-Saturday, January 12-13
6-8pm. Exhibition viewing 5-6pm
Zeum: Howard @ 4th St., San Francisco
For tickets, please call 415-292-7421 or email your request to tickets@worldsavvy.org.

Quiz Night

Are you world savvy? Find out
6:30 pm, Thursday, Jan. 18 & Feb. 15
Café Royal, Post & Leavenworth, S.F.

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our mission

To educate and engage young people about community and world affairs.

What We've Been Up To

Year in Review

Happy New Year and **THANK YOU** on behalf of all the students who are now learning about global issues because of your support. Through our Fall Fundraising Campaign we **raised over \$48,000!** This surpasses our original goal of \$35,000, and shows how important our community feels global education is for youth!

Programs

The **Global Youth Media and Arts Program**, centered on the theme *Immigration and Identity*, is almost complete, but student work is still on display at Zeum until the end of January. The exhibition opening was on December 8th, and saw 200 people turn out in support of the 300 youth artists and to listen to keynote speaker and spoken word performer, Ise Lyfe.



Ise Lyfe being filmed by BAYCAT youth

Youth from two partner organizations that participated in the exhibition, BAYCAT and YO! Youth Outlook, also filmed the evening. Their videos are posted at http://www.youtube.com/view_play_list?p=11114F27DE8F9D9E and <http://youthoutlook.org/news> respectively - check them out!

The 2006 **World Affairs Challenge**, centered on the theme *Contemporary Conflict*, hosted 400+ students and 400+ guests on March 18, 2006. This year's theme is *The Global Marketplace* and we are expecting approximately 450 students. Students will be researching and learning about how economics underlies many of the most pressing global issues, and will explore the concept of globalization. Presentations may explore a broad range of topics, including international trade,
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Community Profile

Read about the teachers, students, volunteers and donors who are involved in World Savvy's global education programs. We are grateful for their commitment to education and youth development.

Why Travel
by Amy Holste

Amy, a World Savvy volunteer and supporter has been traveling for the past year in South America, Africa, South-East Asia -combing travel with various volunteer opportunities along the way. She reports that it has been a ton of fun, very challenging, but extremely rewarding - and a huge source of information and new ideas about the global world and culture.

Over the past ten months many people have asked me, "how can you afford to travel?", "don't you get lonely?", "aren't you scared?"
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energy and food sustainability, biodiversity, labor laws and standards and human rights, or corporate responsibility. *We are currently recruiting volunteers, so if you're interested, please contact Kelly Korenak at 415-292-7421 or kelly@worldsavvy.org.*

The **Professional Development Program** is packed with action. We have awarded 10 *Savvy Scholar Fellowships* to Bay Area public school teachers and are consulting with 35 educators through the *Teachers Program*. This fall we hosted a two part *Teacher Workshop* on the theme of Global Water Issues and co-hosted a workshop at Zeum using media to integrate *Immigration and Identity* into classroom learning. We are also connecting with 200 teachers through the *Online Educators Network*. In the coming semester we will continue consulting through the *Teachers Program*, host 3 more workshops on a variety of topics, and continue providing up-to-the-minute resources for teachers through the *Online Educators Network*.

If you are interested in signing up for the second semester of programming, please contact Kelly Korenak at 415-292-7421 or kelly@worldsavvy.org.

Organization

- Our new name and tagline, *World Savvy: Think Beyond Your Borders*, is gaining recognition throughout the community.
- We partnered with Salesforce to install a mural outside our building that was created by Precita Eyes and is based on the theme *Immigration and Identity*.
- The *San Francisco Examiner*, *The Guardian*, NPR's *Morning Edition*, Comcast's *Local Edition*, *Philanthropy Journal* and the Foundation Center profiled our work.
- We are involved in the Adobe Youth Voices Grant Initiative, as the iEARN-USA site coordinator for Bay Area sites.
- From a staff of two, World Savvy has grown to a staff of four full-time and one part-time.
- Co-founder of World Savvy, Madiha Murshed, returned home to Bangladesh and has now joined the Board of Directors.
- We launched *Monthly Quiz Nights* beginning in July, building new support in the community and raising over \$800. Quiz nights will continue on the 3rd Thursday of each month at local bar, Café Royale (Post and Leavenworth, SF)



November winners: *That Girl*

- Our 4th Annual Fall Fundraiser & Silent Auction at Gallery 16 in San Francisco raised \$20,000 and contributed to our Fall Campaign, which raised a **total of \$48,029!**
- Not only did our community speak up with their wallets but also with time and energy - **250 volunteers provided over 1600 hours of service!** We could not fulfill our mission without this amazing support!

Who Supports Us

THANK YOU TO ALL DONORS & VOLUNTEERS!

We are pleased to announce recent contributions from the following local businesses, corporations and foundations:

- Café Royale: Post & Leavenworth: caferoyale-sf.com
- Donsuemor Madeleines: donsuemor.com
- Microsoft Giving Campaign
- PK Art & Floral Design: pkflowersandgifts.com
- Trader Joe's: traderjoes.com
- Whole Foods Market: wholefoodsmarket.com
- Zeum: zeum.org

We also are pleased to thank the following generous individuals:

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We thank **Lisa Clausen** for contributing to this newsletter.

We Need Your Support

mila (www.shopmila.com), a local boutique, is sponsoring World Savvy through a t-shirt of the month program. Go to www.mailboxtees.com/for_a_cause.php to order yours! \$5 from every August t-shirt goes to us!

Tell Us What You Think

What should the theme be for the 2007 Global Youth Media and Arts Program?

- a. Global Trade and Exchange b. Youth Activism Worldwide c. Natural Elements: Global Environment Issues
d. Money, Money, Money: International Wealth and Poverty e. Other: _____

Please visit www.worldsavvy.org to submit your response.

News and Events

Global Youth Media and Arts Festival Performances

When: Friday, January 12 & Saturday, January 13, 6-8pm. Exhibition tours 5-8pm

Where: Zeum: an arts & technology museum for kids and families, 221 Fourth St. @ Howard, San Francisco

What: Youth performances expressing perspectives on *Immigration and Identity*.

Contact: To reserve tickets, please call 415-292-7421 or email your request to tickets@worldsavvy.org.

World Affairs Challenge

When: Saturday, March 24, 8am-4pm

Where: San Francisco State University

What: Youth present and compete based on their knowledge of *The Global Marketplace*.

Contact: Kelly Korenak at kelly@worldsavvy.org or 415-292-7421 with questions.

Monthly Quiz Night

When: Thursdays, January 18 and February 15, 6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Quiz starts at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Café Royale, 800 Post Street (at Leavenworth), San Francisco

What: Test your knowledge of world affairs and support World Savvy. **Free** round of drinks for winner. \$5-10 door donation requested.

Contact: Sarah Haldan at sarah@worldsavvy.org or 415-292-7421 with questions.

Test Your Global Awareness! Take the quiz online at www.worldsavvy.org.

Practice here, then hit the renowned **World Savvy Quiz**

Night on the 3rd Thursday each month at Café Royale. *Test your knowledge of all things global (and trivial) while enjoying fine beverages among good company.*

1. The Line of Control is the current, unofficial boundary between which two countries?

- a. Pakistan, India b. Sudan, Ethiopia
c. North Korea, South Korea d. Iran, Afghanistan

2. Which controversial figure, previously involved in the Iran Contra scandal, is the President-Elect of Nicaragua?

- a. Hugo Chavez b. Daniel Ortega c. Evo Morales d. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva

3. Which two countries are legitimate participants in the diamond trade?

- a. Sierra Leone, Cote d'Ivoire b. Angola, Republic of Congo
c. Angola, Sierra Leone d. Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire

4. In which country is the world's tallest waterfall?

- a. Republic of Congo b. Brazil c. Venezuela d. Canada

5. Which country divided into two parts in the "Velvet Divorce" of 1993?

- a. Yugoslavia b. Czechoslovakia c. USSR d. Croatia

Answers from the last quiz...

1. **Q:** Immigrants from which of the following countries had the greatest influence on Bordeaux's wine industry?

b. Ireland Correct: 12% Incorrect: 88%

2. **Q:** What is the only nation with a NON-rectangular flag?

c. Nepal Correct: 24% Incorrect: 76%

3. **Q:** Where in the world are you most likely to be caught in a hailstorm?

a. Kenya Correct: 6% Incorrect: 94%

4. **Q:** Hailed as the 'Father of Microfinance' and the founder of the Grameen Bank, Muhammed Yunus was recently awarded the Nobel Peace prize. He is from what country?

a. Bangladesh Correct: 56% Incorrect: 44%

5. **Q:** Landmark post-war presidential elections recently happened in this African nation with help of UN monitors.

a. Democratic Rep. of Congo Correct: 63% Incorrect: 37%

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And after some combined reply of “sometimes”, “not really”, and “never!”, my internal response has always been: “actually, how can you afford not too?”

In an age of globalization, with new emerging markets, such as China and India - poised to change the economic (and with it - cultural) balance of trade and international relations, and with a widening gap between rich and poor, a world view seems to become even more crucial. Acknowledging reasonable factors of career, finances and general life responsibilities - wanderlust is not always a viable option. But it is something that, especially as Americans, we should consider putting higher on the priority list.



This year I have gratefully had the opportunity to take a break from the “normal” 9-5 office environment and visit some of the destinations that have been patiently keeping placeholders on my ever lengthening “things to see-places to go” list. If you had told me a year ago at this time, that I would have flown down the “world's most dangerous road” on a rubber wheeled Schwinn bike in Bolivia, watched saffron-robed Buddhist monks during alms offerings at daybreak in Laos, listened to the lone call of the muezzin and watch as loyal Muslim's break their day to honor Allah in the magnificent space of a neighborhood mosque in Dubai, watch the sunrise over the spiritual center of the Inca empire in Peru, or participate in a traditional Balinese religious ceremony to honor the fight between good and evil, I would have been suspect at best.

But the last ten months have included all of these things and more. As the time has passed, I have become cognoscente of my changing attitude and beliefs. Each new place and experience has challenged my boundaries, introduced me to new friends, enlightened, amazed, and at times also frustrated, and baffled.

But the experience of visiting the gorgeous Savannah's of Africa and seeing firsthand the struggles so many communities and families are faced with, to hear personal stories and viewpoints from Vietnam war veterans (veterans of the “American” war), or to talk openly with a Muslim father and hear his angst, frustration and concern over the world that will welcome his two daughters as they grow up - are experiences that can't be found in books, in the media, or in the confines of one nation. At times dramatically, and at times gently - they have all affected the way that I will think of poverty, war, and religion. Across cultures, borders, languages and religions, there are surprisingly more commonalities than differences in the basic needs one strives for in life - health, love, happiness, safety, opportunity.



There is a popular legend that tells the story about a group of blind men and an elephant. One version of the story describes six blind men who each touch a different part of the elephant and go on to describe how it feels:

“The blind man who touches a leg says the elephant is like a pillar; the tail-toucher claims it's like a rope; the one who feels the trunk compares it to a tree branch; the man who felt the ear says the elephant is like a hand fan; the belly-toucher asserts it's like a wall; and the tusk feeler insists the elephant feels like a solid pipe.” Afterwards, a wise man explains to them: “All of you are right. The reason every one of you is telling it differently is because each one of you touched the different part of the elephant. So, actually the elephant has all those features that you all said.”

I love this simple story for many reasons. Most importantly, it reminds me that ‘reality’ is so often derived from limited individual experience and perspective. It also alludes to a larger harmony in sharing differences in opinion or knowledge and how each in its own right can be “correct.”

Travel, if anything, is a fun and adventurous way to gain a new perspective and lens with which to expand personal experience and become more well-rounded and well-informed. Plus, it also does wonders for one’s monthly World Savvy quiz scores!

Thank you for supporting World Savvy and global education!

