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Dear Jessica,

Check out ALL the wonderful **opportunities** below that can help grow and support your Venture!

[Windows 7 Ways to Change the World Competition:](#)

Microsoft wants to know how Windows can help your community. Submit your idea and you could win a new PC and \$7,000! **Upload your video by November 11.**

[Action for a Better World Challenge:](#) In connection with Global Entrepreneurship Week, Challenge Your World wants to hear your idea for a sustainable business that positively impacts society. **Deadline is November 8.**

[Inspiration for a Better World:](#) Challenge Your World in partnership with Motionographer, is hosting a video challenge to celebrate Rendez-Vous 2009. **Deadline is November 10.**

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["Creative Spark Challenge"](#): Encourages students to design new interactive games that ignite creativity, teamwork and problem solving in teenagers. **The deadline is Nov. 22.**

[Dell Social Innovation Competition](#): Share your solutions to todays social problems. Finalists will receive a trip to the final event, held at the University of Texas in Austin, where the overall winner will receive \$50,000. **Deadline is March 1, 2010.**

[Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge](#): Open to middle school students who have the desire to create environmental improvements in their communities. **Deadline is March 10, 2010.**

[2010 Do Something Awards](#): Four winners receive \$10,000 and the Grand Prize winner receives \$100,000. **Deadline is December 15.**

[Powered by Service](#): Participants have access to online toolkits and opportunities to apply for financial resources.

[Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes](#): Venturers **Sejal** of **Girls Helping Girls** and **Becca** of **AstroTots** were recently chosen as winners for the 2009 award. **Deadline for next year is April 30, 2010.**

For a full descriptions of these opportunities visit the [Youth Venture blog](#).



## Around New England... and Beyond

Thank you to everyone who participated in Blog Action Day. An amazing 13,600 blogs from 156 countries with more than 18 million readers participated!

[Click here](#) to see just a few of the Venturers who participated.

### New Hampshire

On Saturday, October 17th, Venturers Natalie and Ariel of **Food Fight** took part in the Bands for a Cure Benefit Concert. **Food Fight** is a United Way of Greater Nashua Team that sells baked goods to benefit cancer research. The Venture Team sold "cookies for a cause" to attendees, with proceeds benefiting the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life Nashua and St. Joseph Hospital.

### Massachusetts

Summer of Solutions Worcester recently held an Energy Barn-raising on October 24. An energy barn-raising is an event where the community gets



together and spends the day working to weatherize a house, making it more energy-efficient. The next barn-raising is scheduled for December 5. Check out video from the latest barn-raising and sign up for the next one at the [Summer of Solutions Website](#).



Want to be on TV? Venturer **Connell**, who started the **National Association of Youth-Owned Businesses (NAYOB)**, is piloting a cable television show in Boston called **Change Makers**. The show will follow 30 of New England's most talented 17 to 25 year-old social entrepreneurs as they compete in an Apprentice-style Social Enterprise contest. Think you have what it takes? Contact the YVNE staff for more details.

On October 20, Youth Venture held its first **Dream It. Do It. Challenge in Boston**. The Challenge is a series of 13 milestones designed to guide high school students through the process of creating and launching their own Venture. Students from 7 Boston-area high schools are participating. This is the second Challenge in New England, the first took place in Providence, RI last spring. [Click here to watch the youtube video](#).



### Rhode Island

Youth Venture has been invited to attend the **Social Enterprise Rhode Island Summit** on November 12 at Bryant University. The event will bring together stakeholders from academia and the private, nonprofit and government sectors to promote positive social and economic change in the state. Ashoka President, Diana Wells, is scheduled to speak on fueling social enterprise locally and globally.



## Bill Drayton Honored by Huffington Post

Youth Venture founder Bill Drayton has been named a Huffington Post Game Changer in the area of Philanthropy. Please [vote](#), spread the word and encourage your friends and associates to vote for the Ultimate Philanthropy Game Changer!

[Click here to vote.](#)



## YVNE Partners with iParticipate NH



Youth Venture New England is a proud partner of iParticipate NH, an initiative of the national iParticipate campaign that took place October 19-23. iParticipate NH highlights volunteer opportunities, specific community needs and resources available to get residents started toward making a difference.

Visit the [iParticipate NH blog](#) and read how everyday people are volunteering in extraordinary ways.

[YVNE's Matt Crandall tells his story.](#)



## Breathe NH to Host Youth Summit

The New Hampshire Youth Network statewide Youth Summit will unite youth from across the Granite State to cleanup the environment and improve lung health.



The Summit will be held in Nashua on Friday, Nov. 20 and Saturday, Nov. 21. [Read More.](#)



## Ten9Eight: New Film Focuses on Youth & Entrepreneurship



From Harlem to Compton, Ten9Eight: Shoot For the Moon tells the story of several inner-city teens as they compete in the annual business plan competition run by the Network for Teaching Entrepreneurship (NFTE).

Free screening of TEN9EIGHT will be shown at the AMC Common 19 Theater in Boston on November 12th at 10am. The theatrical run begins November 13th.

[Read more.](#)



## Global Entrepreneurship Week

[Global Entrepreneurship Week](#) is November 16-22, 2009. The week will connect young people everywhere through local, national and global activities designed to help them explore their potential as self-starters and innovators.

For more information check out [www.unleashingideas.org](http://www.unleashingideas.org).



## Give a year. Change the world.

[City Year New Hampshire](#) is looking for youth to serve during their 2010-2011 service year.

As a City Year corps member (17-24 year olds), you will serve full-time as a tutor or mentor in schools and run afterschool and school vacation programs. You will also help rebuild neighborhoods and perform a variety of community service projects. To learn more about City Year, go to [www.cityyear.org](http://www.cityyear.org) or contact us at [nhrecruitment@cityyear.org](mailto:nhrecruitment@cityyear.org)



City Year has locations at 19 sites across the country and is an affiliated AmeriCorps program.

"Age is whatever you think it is."

- Muhammad Ali



## Ventures - Share Your News!

New England Venturers: we know you're busy making your Venture a success. Let us help. Email us updates on your team's events, fundraisers and awards. It's easy: send news and pics to Matt Crandall [mcrandall@youthventure.org](mailto:mcrandall@youthventure.org) or Ethan Burton [eburton@youthventure.org](mailto:eburton@youthventure.org).



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**YVNE Staff at YV Summit 2009**

*Not pictured: Becca Korduner*



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project at a nonprofit or public agency. For more information visit the [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov).



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