



National Newsletter

September 2009

Welcome to the new Youth Venture National Newsletter. We apologize for the tardiness in September's National Newsletter. We have switched to a new email client, Exact Target, and are also updating the look and feel of our Newsletter to make it even more snazzy and viewer friendly for everyone in the Youth Venture community. Please update your spam filters to make sure you receive all future emails from Youth Venture. Thanks for your patience and we appreciate your feedback. If you would like to be featured in an upcoming YV Newsletter, please email [kmyers@youthventure.org](mailto:kmyers@youthventure.org).

### Youth Venture Updates

What's new around the US

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## Grassroots.org

All YV teams can now set up an account with [Grassroots.org](http://Grassroots.org) and get FREE access to their [Grassroots Toolbox](#).

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On August 21, YV New England hosted Dinner on the Lawn. The event gathered all kinds of changemakers, including 10 Youth Venture teams and 17 socially responsible businesses for an evening of music, food and fun.

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### Featured Venture

Spotlighting...

## Minga

YV team [Minga](#) just wrapped up its summer road trip across North America to raise awareness about the global child sex trade. Through their [Let's Get Read Campaign](#), Minga hopes to empower two million youth, one youth for every child exploited in the sex trade each year, to take action against the child sex trade.

[Watch their Video](#)

Minga Let's Get Real



### Golden

### Opportunities

Check out these grants, conferences and award

### Movers and Changers Challenge



The Challenge asks youth 16 years and older to submit a business plan that will do something positive for a community, the country or the world and will also be profitable and sustainable. The Grand Prize winner will receive \$25,000 and two teams will receive First Place Prizes of \$5,000.

*Deadline: October 16, 2009.*

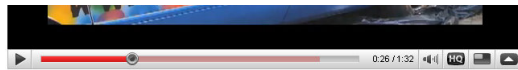
### Y2Y Global Youth Conference



The Global Youth Conference will be held at the World Bank in Washington, DC on October 22, 2009. The conference will focus on youth development through the themes of education, employment and civic engagement. Registration is free, but required.

*Registration Deadline: October 16, 2009*

### Campus Progress Actio



### Alliance Grants



The Action Alliance grants are open to youth-led community and campus groups working towards social issues. Progressive Partnerships and Organizing Grants worth up to \$1,500 are available.

*Deadline for Progressive Partnerships: September 14, 2009.*

*Deadline for Organizing Grants: Ongoing*

*Check out [YV's Blog](#) for more [opportunities](#).*

### Meet an Ashoka Fellow Highlighting Social Entrepreneurs

[Molly Barker](#) is building a new women's liberation movement that breaks the cultural stereotypes and barriers preventing girls and young women from living healthy, authentic lives. Her program [Girls on the Run](#) encourages preteen girls to develop self-respect and healthy lifestyles through running. [Read more >>](#).

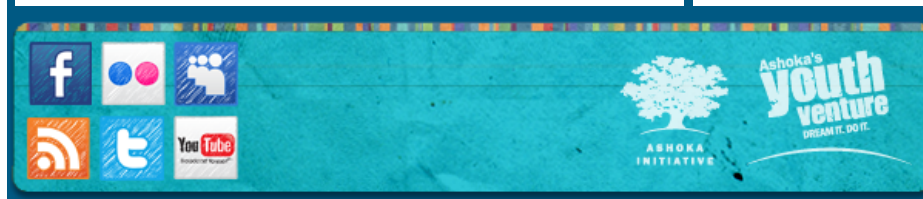


### Action Kit Tip Tips to Grow Your Venture

[Video: Venture Guide Fundraising](#)



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