

## Service Enquiry II Now Available in Spanish

By Volunteer and Service Enquiry Southern Africa (VOSESA)

The second volume of Service Enquiry is now available! Focusing on civic service and volunteering in Latin America and the Caribbean, the book makes a significant contribution to the world's knowledge about service and volunteering in developing countries.

The book is available in Spanish at [www.service-enquiry.org.za](http://www.service-enquiry.org.za) and can be downloaded free of charge. The English language version will be available early in 2008.

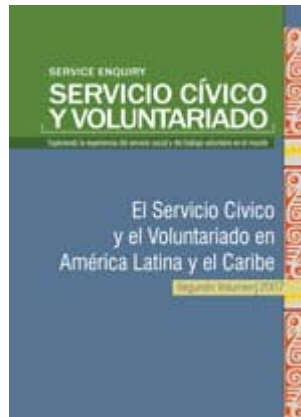
The book is structured in three parts. Part One provides an overview of volunteering and civic service in Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), and makes the case for volunteering as a tool for social development and democratization.

Part 2 focuses on the extent to which volunteering and service find expression in the policy and legislative frameworks of various LAC countries.

Part 3 explores the emergence of youth service in the LAC region and examines the conditions under which voluntary service fosters youth development and youth participation in society.

Twenty-four authors participated in producing this volume of 13 chapters and provide a range of perspectives on the role of volunteering and service in building democratic societies in the Latin American and Caribbean region.

The book makes a significant contribution to the field by providing examples of the role



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## Profile: Presidential Hopefuls' National Service Plans

By Paula Fortner, ICP Service Scholar

With primaries a few months away, National Service (NS) is gaining traction as an important campaign issue among presidential hopefuls. Here are summaries of National Service schemes proposed thus far by some of the 2008 Republican Presidential candidates:

- **Mike Huckabee:** Consistent with his image as the friendly face of conservatism, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee has recently turned toward younger voters in his campaigning. Huckabee was the first Republican candidate to sign the Presidential Pledge to Expand National Service, committing to expand Americorps by 100,000 members. Huckabee remarked "The greatest thing any American can do is invest something back in his or her country. When we do that, we understand what made America great. It's not its government. It's the sacrifices of its ordinary people and doing something for which they're not paid; doing it not because they're going to get something from it, but because they're going to become something as a result of it." Huckabee also supports tuition assistance for young people who engage in nonmilitary national service. This refers to programs like AmeriCorps, which gives tuition assistance and a small stipend to young people who participate in community service, such as teaching in an under-resourced school. "Basically the idea is that not just military but other types of national service would qualify students for tuition assistance for their college education," Huckabee said.

- **John McCain:** Although Senator John McCain voted against the AmeriCorps legislation in 1993, he is now a convert to the case for national service. In an op-ed on Senator McCain's website, he states, "There are few greater ways of infusing your life with meaning than by spending two or more years in the service of your nation. The military obviously forms an exceptional way

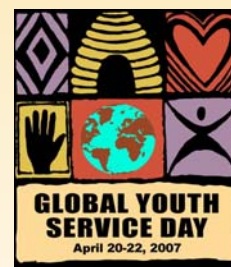
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## Global Youth Service Day 2007 Report Published

Launched in 2000, Global Youth Service Day is celebrated around the world. In 2007, more than 3.2 million youth participated. The



report contains reports on projects that were carried out around the world, supporting governments, the long term

impact of GYSD, and more. ICP is a member of the International Coordinating Committee for GYSD.

Download the Final Report on Global Youth Service Day 2007:

[http://www.gysd.net/doc/GYSD07\\_FinalReport\\_sm.pdf](http://www.gysd.net/doc/GYSD07_FinalReport_sm.pdf)

To learn more about Global Youth Service Day, and how to become involved :

<http://www.gysd.net/home/index.html>

## ICP Small Grants Program to Foster Service Policy: 3 Years Later

By Charmagne Campbell-Patton, ICP Program Associate

In 2004, ICP funded 11 organizations in 10 countries through its small grants program. The goal of the program was to support movements working to promote the development of national youth service policies in different countries around the world. As a follow-up to that program, this year ICP has asked for an update from its grantees on the status of the NYSP movement in their countries as well as on the organization's own activities related to youth service programs and policy, more broadly. This month's update comes from the New Horizons Foundation in Romania:

In 2005, the New Horizons Foundation approached the Romanian Youth National Authority about developing a policy on service learning, but the election process taking place in the country overshadowed this issue and they did not have much success. The following year, the government began developing a Youth National Action Plan, which included youth volunteering as a priority. However, little action has been taken to implement programs related to youth volunteering under this action plan. The New Horizons Foundation did report, however, that "the Ministry of Education and Research is showing great interest in the service learning method to be introduced in schools as a non formal education method."

As of September 2007, New Horizons Foundation opened 29 IMPACT clubs (450 kids involved) that implemented 120 service projects with 19200 direct beneficiaries in 9 counties in Romania. NHF reported a future sustainability rate for these clubs of 85%, which is very high for the country and illustrates that the programs will continue to have a broad impact in the coming years. Additionally, NHF was approached to consult with the Ministry of Education and Research to grow the service learning movement in Romania through the scholar system. To facilitate this partnership with Ministry of Education and Research, NHF opened an office in Bucharest.



Youth at an IMPACT meeting in Bucharest, part of the New Horizons Foundation's program to increase youth service in Romania.

Stay tuned for more updates in the upcoming issues of *Service News Worldwide*.

### *Presidential Service Proposals* Continued from page 1

to serve America and our ideals, but it is not the only route. The Peace Corps and AmeriCorps also provide excellent and fulfilling ways to serve." Recently, when asked by [ServeNext](#) about his stance on national service, McCain responded, "Yes, I would expand AmeriCorps. Yes, I would expand the Peace Corps... when I meet these young people who are serving, when I meet your friends in AmeriCorps in the inner-city... folks who are doing City Year - where they spend a year in the inner-city teaching children to read and helping their education - it's the best; the best we ever had... and I know America is well served by them." However, when asked to sign the Pledge to Expand National Service, the Senator declined saying, "I stand on my record, not on pledges."

• **Rudy Giuliani:** Although he has no specific national-service plan, the former mayor of New York City opposes anything mandatory, especially involving the military. Despite the fact that New York City has a long history of National Service with programs such as the New York Volunteer Corps, Rudy Giuliani said that he makes "no promises" when it comes to expanding National Service programs. Giuliani praises Americorps as a "great program," but has not committed to enhancing or expanding these programs.

Stay up-to-date on candidates from both parties and their positions on national service throughout the election cycle at [www.icicp.org](http://www.icicp.org)!

## Talloires Network Update



The Talloires Network, devoted to strengthening the civic roles and social responsibilities of higher education, has published a monthly update. It contains program highlights, new members, recent publications, upcoming conferences and much more. The October 31 update can be found at:

<http://www.tufts.edu/talloiresnetwork/?pid=38#top>

As always, you can learn more at the Talloires Network website,  
<http://www.tufts.edu/talloiresnetwork/>

or e-mail the Talloires Network Coordinator, Elizabeth Babcock, at [babcock@icicp.org](mailto:babcock@icicp.org)

## ATTENTION IANYS MEMBERS!

IANYS has its own box in ICP's monthly newsletter, but to fill it we need members to submit national youth service policy or program updates.

Please send submissions for the December newsletter to Robin Taylor at [taylor@icicp.org](mailto:taylor@icicp.org) by December 1<sup>st</sup>



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of service and volunteering in advancing socio-political change and development in the Latin American region during the 1970s, 1980s and 1990s through solidarity, increased participation and a passionate belief in the idea that citizenship involves much more than the periodic right to vote.

The authors examine the role of public policy in developing the voluntary sector and offer a range of insights on the potential for partnership between the state, civil society agencies, faith-based organizations and the private sector in strengthening democratic practice, combating poverty and reducing wealth disparities through service and volunteering.

This volume is the product of a partnership between the Center for Social Development at Washington University in St Louis, Missouri, USA, Centro Latinoamericano de Aprendizaje y Servicio Solidario (CLAYSS) in Buenos Aires, Argentina, Innovations in Civic Participation in Washington DC, USA, and Volunteer and Service Enquiry Southern Africa (VOSESA) in Johannesburg, South Africa.

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The first edition, *Service Enquiry: Service in the 21st Century*, is also available for download in English and Spanish. Hard copies may also be ordered. For more information, please visit [www.service-enquiry.org.za](http://www.service-enquiry.org.za)

## Resources

### Core Principles for Engaging Young People in Community Change

Published by The Forum for Youth Investment, this paper focuses on effective practices for engaging young people in their communities. They can be implemented in a wide range of organizations, including schools, youth organizations or community centers that want to strengthen their commitment to youth leadership, or community-change focused organizations or coalitions that want to strengthen their commitment to youth involvement. A copy can be downloaded here:

[http://www.forumfyi.org/Files/FINALYouthEngagement\\_8.15pdf.pdf](http://www.forumfyi.org/Files/FINALYouthEngagement_8.15pdf.pdf)

### Northern Ireland Millennium Volunteers Funding for 2008-2011

The Volunteer Development Agency is delighted to announce funding for the Millennium Volunteers programme to develop youth volunteering in Northern Ireland from 2008 to 2011. The application deadline is Nov. 14. Applications will be considered

from voluntary, community, statutory and non-profit organisations that are seeking to increase the number of young volunteers and volunteering opportunities for young people, increase the diversity of volunteers, develop dynamic and creative approaches to the involvement of young people, enhance the quality of volunteering practice including learning and skills of individual volunteers as well as benefit the local community through volunteering. For more information, e-mail to [mvgrants@volunteering-ni.org](mailto:mvgrants@volunteering-ni.org)

### 2007-2008 iLearn Project Book Available to Download

iLearn is a non-profit network that supports over 20,000 teachers and 2 million youth in more than 120 countries to collaborate through a global telecommunications network on projects designed to make a difference in the world. The 2007-2008 Project Book is currently available in English, with additional languages forthcoming. To download your copy, visit

<http://www.ilearn.org/projects/projectbook.htm>

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## Upcoming Events

**League of Arab States Youth Forum:** November 19-22, 2007; Ein Soukhna, Egypt. For more information please visit <http://www.lasyouthforum.org/en/index.php>.

**Youth Service Institute: "Surfing the Wave of Change":** hosted by Youth Service America in San Diego. December 12-14, 2007. <http://ysa.org/institute>

**19th Annual National Service-Learning Conference:** Youth for a Change. April 9-12, 2008; Minneapolis, MN. <https://programs.regweb.com/met/ro/NYLC2008/index.cfm>

**6th Annual Gulf-South Summit on Service-Learning:** Nashville, TN, March 13-15, 2008. <http://campus.belmont.edu/gss2008/speakers/index.htm>

**Global Youth Service Day:** events take place around the world, April 25-27, 2008. <http://www.YSA.org/NYSD>

### Youth Service America Survey

Youth Service America is currently surveying youth to find out what sort of service interests them: direct or indirect, advocacy or research, there are many different ways to serve. The survey will help YSA understand how youth volunteers view their service. To take the survey, please visit: [http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9mFqWXttC2Fy607JIsOpbQ\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9mFqWXttC2Fy607JIsOpbQ_3d_3d)



## ICP News and Happenings

### ICP welcomes Melanie Reingardt;

Melanie Reingardt has joined ICP as an intern. She is currently working on her Master's in International Peace and Conflict Resolution at American University. Melanie's research interests include Children, Youth, Conflict & Peacebuilding; with a focus on Latin America. She did her undergraduate studies at Florida Gulf Coast University, where she earned her BA in political science.

### Elizabeth Babcock Attends "Civic Learning at the Intersections" Conference

Talloires Network Coordinator Elizabeth Babcock recently attended the Association of American Colleges and Universities "Civic Learning at the Intersections: U.S. Diversity, Global Education, and Democracy's Unfinished Work." Further information about the conference can be found at <http://www.aacu.org/meetings/civic/index.cfm>.

## Service News Headlines

### Youth volunteering in Wales is to receive £800,000

The Welsh Government Assembly approved a grants package to be used to support and encourage youth volunteering opportunities. The package will include funds for diverse programs such as volunteering abroad, targeting youth who don't traditionally volunteer, the Millennium Volunteers program, and others. The announcement was made by social justice minister Brian Gibbons, who said that "young people can get enormous satisfaction from volunteering. It gives them the opportunity to do something different and worthwhile which is why we are keen to support them."

### Brunei Debates Compulsory National Service

The Borneo Bulletin conducted a phone survey to gauge the attitudes of younger Bruneians towards potential compulsory national service. Attitudes were mixed, ranging from enthusiastic support to strong disapproval. To read the full article, please visit:

<http://www.brudirect.com/DailyInfo/News/Archive/Oct07/061007/nite05.htm>

### Fiji Launches National Youth Service Scheme for 2008

Starting in January, 200 young Fijians will become members of Fiji's first National Youth Service Scheme class, aimed at teaching young adults the necessary life and work skills to succeed. Lekh Ram Vayeshnoi, Minister for Youth, Employment Opportunities and Productivity and Sport, said that the scheme marks a new chapter in Fiji's commitment to youth development.

### National Service Expands in Native American Communities

The 7th National Conference on Service in Indian Communities brought together service practitioners and tribal leaders from across the United States to strengthen and support service in the Native American community. More than 250,000 Native Americans participated in a wide range of service programs in 2006. More information about the conference can be found at:

<http://www.ackco.com/cnsc2007/default.asp>

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**Comments and/or suggestions are welcomed, and we strongly encourage contributions for future issues.**

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