

On the theme of  
Tackling Poverty Together: Young People and Poverty Eradication

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY 11 AUGUST 2006

**Conference Room 3, UN Headquarters, New York City**

PROGRAMME

Moderators:

- Mr. Joop Theunissen, Senior Social Affairs Officer, Social Perspective on Development Branch, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA
- Dayana Echeverry, Director, Global Teens Program of the International YMCA of Greater New York City

**10:00 – 10:20 – Words of welcome and statement of the Secretary-General**

- Johan Schölvinnck, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development, DESA
- Jack Lund, President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater New York
- [Mohammed Sumbundu, an alumni of the YMCA's Global Teens 2006 Programme who traveled to the Gambia](#)

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- [Tiffany Younger, senior at Thurgood Marshall High School and youth representative on the Board of Directors of the YMCA of Greater New York who traveled with Global Teens to Costa Rica.](#)

**10:20 – 10:30 – “A song through signing”, performance of the West Side YMCA**

**10:30 – 11:50 – Interactive panel discussion on the theme “Tackling Poverty Together”, interspersed with performances from the West Side YMCA**

- 10:30-10:40: Introduction to the theme of the panel discussion by Joop Theunissen, who will introduce the many aspects of poverty, including food security, education and environmental health concerns.
- 10:40 – 11:00: T'neil Eссор (Teens Take the City - Dodge YMCA) will discuss access to fresh food in her community / [\[---\] \( University of Connecticut/UNESCO Conference\) will discuss \[---\]](#).
- 11:00 – 11:10: Second performance of the West Side YMCA
- 11:10 – 11:30: Shanequa Lassiter (Teens Take the City - Harlem YMCA) will discuss the importance of sex education classes for students in her community in order to prevent STDs, AIDS and unwanted pregnancy. / [\[---\] \( University of Connecticut/UNESCO Conference\) will discuss \[---\]](#).
- 11:30 – 11:50: Vincent Little John and Ravi Johnson (Teens Take the City - Harlem YMCA) will talk about how the environment, health and poverty interact in their community / [\[---\] \( University of Connecticut/UNESCO Conference\) will discuss \[---\]](#).

**11:50 – 12:05 – Final performance of the West Side YMCA and closing remarks by the moderators**