



SUBUD YOUTH ACTIVITIES INTERNATIONAL FOUR YEAR REPORT

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AIMS

The aim of Subud Youth Activities International (SYAI) team over the past four years has been to connect and network with the youth worldwide and to promote and support programs and projects that can help young people to develop their talents – to identify direction for their life work and to be more involved in the Subud organisation. In addition to this, the SYAI team aims to help foster and support events, activities, opportunities and the distribution of information that will create a space for you people to begin their journey with the latihan and become a part of the Subud Organisation.

THE TEAM

At the 2010 Subud World Congress in Christchurch a team of six youth coordinators was tested in, a male and a female from each area. This format was something of an experiment and was proposed by the outgoing SYAI coordinator along with the World Subud Council (WSC).

Of the original six coordinators only three are still working in their roles as the other coordinators had to pull out due for various reasons. Currently there is a team of four coordinators; Lucinda Young (Area 1), Roland Fraval (Area 1), Marcus Vagany (Area 2) and Alexandra Woodward (Area 3). The SYAI team has put forward a proposal to the WSC in regards to the format of the incoming SYAI team, which will be discussed at Congress.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Of these, there are many! Much of the efforts of the SYAI team over the past two years have been focused around fundraising for the International Youth Travel Fund (IYTF) and as a result, with the support of youth around the world (not to mention the deep pockets of the amazing Subud Brotherhood along with just a wee bit of help from the WSC ;) since 1 January 2013 we have raised... wait for it... here it comes... are you sitting down? We have raised \$51,025.36 USD. These funds have gone directly to assist youth from around the world travel to gatherings, the details of which you can see in the IYTF section of this report.

Apart from the fundraising efforts, the team is also very proud of the following;

- The fact that we made it through four years!
- The Subud Youth Fellowship
 - This program saw three young Subud members receive grants to help them start / continue an enterprise of their creation. The three recipients were;
 - Mara Grbenick (from the USA) who put her money towards developing a website to promote artistic expression, writing and community.
 - Lucas Almeida (from Portugal) who has been living at the Subud Portugal owned Bucelas property and slowly bringing it back to life. He used the funds from the grant to build greenhouses, fix the existing infrastructure and pay for talented individuals to come in and run workshops and events. As a result Bucelas is slowly creeping back to life!
 - Riyana Gieger (from Indonesia) who has used her grant to buy the necessary equipment to start up a textile business that will create t-shirts, bags and other clothing.
- The support we have given to local groups in creating events, fundraisers and gatherings
- The Subud Youth blog that has been established and is now the focus for IYTF applications and all youth communications

CHALLENGES

Nah... I don't think we had any of these... oh... wait, now that I think about it, there were a few! There have been many challenges for the SYAI team over the past four years including, but in no way limited to, a lack of direction / understanding of the role, difficulties in forging the team into a cohesive unit, struggling to keep the team in tact with coordinators resigning from their positions and issues with communication (due to the team being spread across the globe) and maintaining a constant energy and output of work.

The issue around exactly what the role of the SYAI team is was a big one for in the beginning of our term and still exists today. There are many views on what Subud youth is, on what the goals of the SYAI team should be and how these goals should be achieved. The aims written above is what the current SYAI team have come to understand, believe and work towards, however there is still plenty of room for discussion and interpretation

Many of the other issues the team has faced stem simply from the fact that the team was made up of young volunteers, with lives that were often changing and chaotic which often prohibited a constant and continual output of work. As they say... such is life! The current team believes that the recommendation we have put forward regarding the structure of the incoming team will help to negate much of these issues (though the fact that it will still be a team of volunteers spread across the world cannot be ignored as this will always make things tough!).

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH TRAVEL FUND

The IYTF is pretty much the best thing ever! It has continued to support youth from around the world to travel to gatherings, congress', camps and humanitarian projects in the four years and this year we have already given support to 36 youth to travel to World Congress in Puebla (with more applications still rolling in). The IYTF is undoubtedly one of the key focuses for the SYAI team and a high priority for the incoming team will be to identify ways that the fund can become more self sustaining through enterprise, long term donations and other external sources of income.

The breakdown of finances over the past four years can be seen here;

Year	Income	Expenditure	Year End / Current Balance
2014	49,142.36	47,085.43	24,097.29
2013	1,883.50	1,347.39	22,039.86
2012	3,865.00	4,579.57	21,503.75
2011	26,159.65	7,729.94	22,218.32
2010	796.20	841.97	3,788.61

CONCLUSION

Life is good, so be happy!