

Oxfam is currently seeking applications from Maori young people (aged 18-25 on 1 October, 2007) from New Zealand for the Oxfam International Youth Partnerships 2007-2010 program. We consider the participation of Maori young people as important. We did not receive many applications from Maori young people in New Zealand and, as such, we are calling on organizations, networks and young people to support young people to apply for this opportunity. We have extended our deadline to allow more young people from New Zealand to apply.

Please fill out the attached application form and return it to May Miller-Dawkins at the details below by Friday April 20. Please also contact May with any questions!

Applicants will be notified of their participation in May 2007.

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Oxfam International Youth Partnerships 2007-2010: APPLICATION FORM

Join a global force for change

"I strongly believe that with communication, cooperation, commitment, unity and friendship we can overcome all barriers."- OIYP action partner, Tonga

What is OIYP?

Oxfam International Youth Partnerships is a global network of young people working with their communities to create positive, equitable and sustainable change. If you are working with your community to create a positive future then you can apply to be a part of the Oxfam International Youth Partnerships.

How does it work?

Between 2007 and 2010 you will have opportunities to develop your skills, knowledge and understanding and to talk and share with other young people. You will be able to use these opportunities to support your work with your community.

Your participation in OIYP will start in April 2007. If selected, you must be available to attend an event in October 2007 in Sydney, Australia.

"As a young person, I'm taking action to make sure the future is better. In addressing this, I work with women and young people because to me, these are the backbone to the future." – OIYP action partner, Uganda

Who are we looking for?

- *Are you a young person who cares about what is happening in your community?*
- *Are you committed to working with others to overcome social, political and economic injustice?*
- *Do you want to learn from other young people working with their communities all around the world?*

If you answered YES to these questions we want to hear from you.

OIYP is open to all nationalities, Indigenous and ethnic groups. It is open to young people with any level of education and who live in rural or urban areas. We aim to recruit equal numbers of young men and women. We have a strong focus on the participation of Indigenous young people and those marginalised in their communities.

Apply to be part of OIYP

To apply, fill in the attached application form or download one from www.iyp.oxfam.org. See next pages for more information, instructions and selection criteria.

To apply you must be:

- aged between 18 and 25 as at 1 October, 2007
- speak English or Spanish

Your application will be assessed against selection criteria. See the application form for more details.

"The OIYP builds a network of like minded young people working in different communities all over the world." – OIYP action partner, Sri Lanka

What do I need to know before applying for the Oxfam International Youth Partnerships?

1. How are participants selected?

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Selection Criteria for OIYP 2007-2010

Eligibility

- Age: 18-25 at 1 October 2007
- Speak English or Spanish
- Not previously a participant with OIYP (an 'action partner')
- Available to attend an 8 day event in October 2007 in Sydney, Australia

Core Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated resilience
- Commitment to positive and sustainable change
- Analytical ability
- Community or organizational support

Diversity Criteria

- 50/50 males and females from a diversity of communities and countries.
- We are looking for people working on a diversity of issues including issues considered strategic by Oxfam International.

Our selection process involves:

- Checking applications for eligibility;
- Review of applications by Oxfam staff;
- Review of short-listed applications by selection panels with regional knowledge.

If you want more information about selection write to oiyp2007@oxfam.org.au.

Past participants have been from 150 countries and have worked with their communities in many different ways:

- *A young man in the Solomon Islands set up a drama group with unemployed young people to communicate about HIV/AIDS with other young people.*
- *A young woman from Mexico worked with mothers of disappeared and murdered women to achieve justice.*
- *A young man from Ghana supported small scale farms in his community.*
- *A young woman from Cambodia worked with garment workers to campaign for better labour conditions.*

Young people in the OIYP network create change in partnership with others in their communities.

2. When will I know if I've been selected?

Oxfam will be in contact in April 2007 to advise you if you have been selected for OIYP.

3. What will happen if I am selected?

If you are selected you will join the OIYP network as an OIYP 'action partner'. Between 2007 and 2010 you will have opportunities to develop your skills, knowledge and exchange with other young people from across the world. There will be three stages to your involvement in OIYP.

a) Getting to know each other - April– August 2007

Your participation in OIYP will start in April 2007 when you are selected. From April until August 2007 you will have the first opportunities to get to know and to learn from other young people in the OIYP network. During this time Oxfam will be in contact with you to learn more about you and your community. Oxfam will also give you more information on Oxfam and OIYP.

At this point you will also be informed of how OIYP will support you to attend the event in October 2007. All participants will be required to do some fundraising. There is a limited scholarship pool which will be allocated and Oxfam will provide support letters and training on fundraising.

b) Coming together – Kaleidoscope 2007 (October 2007 Sydney, Australia)

To be selected as an action partner, you must be available to attend an 8 day event in October 2007 in Sydney, Australia. At this event, you will meet other action partners and Oxfam staff, discuss issues affecting your communities, build skills, share ideas and experiences, celebrate and plan future action in communities.

c) Learning and working with others for change – October 2007-2010

After Kaleidoscope 2007 you will continue to learn and develop through opportunities provided by Oxfam and through exchange with other young people in the OIYP network.

Over the three years opportunities will arise that will be relevant to you and what you are doing in your community. You can choose which activities to participate in. You are not required to engage with the OIYP for a set amount of time each week, month or year. You are simply encouraged to contribute your learning experiences to the network and to draw support from the network as you need it. You can also help develop new opportunities for learning that are relevant to your work.

These opportunities will include skills-based training relevant to your work, discussion and exchange with young people on issues that are relevant to your community and support for your work in your community.

Examples of past opportunities include:

- *Gender Learning Group: Two young women from Papua New Guinea wrote to others in the OIYP network asking them to create a 'gender learning group' to exchange their stories and resources on gender through postal mail. This group has discussed and shared experiences on gender issues over a year. For many, gender is now a major aspect of their work in their communities.*
- *Project Management Skills: OIYP facilitates online and distance education around key skills like project management. Through online discussion participants share their experiences and gain new skills on project planning, project implementation as well as monitoring and evaluation.*

4. How do I apply?

You can apply by sending your application with your letter(s) of support from community members or organisations before **January 31 2007** by email, fax or mail.

If you are handwriting this application and there is not enough space in the boxes to write your answers, you can attach additional sheets of paper. Responses that exceed the word limit will not be considered.

OFFICE USE ONLY
OIYP ID#

DATE RECEIVED

Application form: OIYP 2007-2010

Section One: Personal Details	
Last/Family Name:	First/Given Name(s):
If the name you would like to be called by is different from the name given above, please write your preferred name here:	
Are you Female or Male?	
What is your age?	
What is your date of birth?(you must be aged 18-25 years old as at 1 October 2007): <i>day / month / year</i>	
Are you available to attend <i>Kaleidoscope 2007</i> , an event in October 2007 in Sydney, Australia? <i>Yes/No</i>	
Communication and Contact Details	
What is the best way for Oxfam to contact you? (<i>email / fax / phone / mail – choose one only</i>)	
E-mail Address: Primary (1):	
E-mail Address: Secondary (2):	
Fax Number (include all codes):	
Phone Number <i>Daytime</i> (include all codes):	
Phone Number <i>Evening</i> (include all codes):	
Mobile Number (include all codes):	
What is the best time of day for Oxfam to phone you?	
Street Address:	
City:	State:
Country:	Post/Zip Code:
Postal Address (<i>If different from above. All correspondence will be sent to this address</i>):	
Street:	
City:	State:
Country:	Post/Zip Code:
Which language(s) do you speak? Please indicate your level of proficiency.	
1. English (<i>fluently / conversational / with difficulty / not at all</i>): _____	
2. Spanish (<i>fluently / conversational / with difficulty / not at all</i>): _____	
3. Other (<i>please specify</i>): _____	
4. Other (<i>please specify</i>): _____	
In which language would you prefer to receive information from OIYP? English / Spanish	
How did you find out about OIYP? (<i>eg OIYP website, Other website (please specify), Oxfam office (please specify), Past OIYP participant ('action partner'), OIYP email, Other email (please specify), Media, Local organisation (please specify) or other (please specify).</i>)	

Describe your access to communications and technology (please bold whichever applies to you):

Post/Mail	Telephone	Internet	Computer
No	No	No	No
Daily	Daily	Daily	Daily
Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Weekly
Monthly	Monthly	Monthly	Monthly

Where do you have access?

At home	At home	At home	At home
At school	At school	At school	At school
At work	At work	At work	At work
Other	Other	Other	Other

How much does it cost you?

Per international letter: _____ (amount and currency)
 International phone call per minute: _____ (amount and currency)
 Internet per hour: _____ (amount and currency)
 Computer use per hour: _____ (amount and currency)

More information on where you are from

What is your country of citizenship? (as it appears on your passport if you have one):

In what country will you spend most time over the next three years?

In what country were you born?

Are you a member of a particular Indigenous group? Yes/No

If yes, please name (e.g. Maori, Inuit etc):

Which of the following best describes the place where you live? .

Urban / Rural

Where did you live two years ago?

Which of the following best describes the place where you lived two years ago?

Urban / Rural

Have you ever traveled outside of your community? (This is not a requirement for selection for OIYP)

Never / Once only / 2-5 times / More than 5 times

Have you ever traveled outside of your country? (This is not a requirement for selection for OIYP)

Never / Once only / 2-5 times / More than 5 times

Where have you traveled to? Please list country and purpose of your trip there for up to 3 trips:

Country 1 _____	Country 2 _____	Country 3 _____
Visiting friends / family	Visiting friends / family	Visiting friends / family
Tourism	Tourism	Tourism
Study	Study	Study
Work / Business	Work / Business	Work / Business
Asylum	Asylum	Asylum
Conference	Conference	Conference
<i>Please specify:</i>	<i>Please specify:</i>	<i>Please specify:</i>
_____	_____	_____
Other: <i>Please specify:</i>	Other: <i>Please specify:</i>	Other: <i>Please specify:</i>
_____	_____	_____

Education (OIYP encourages young people with all levels of education to participate. You do not need a high level of education to be part of OIYP.)

Have you ever attended school? Yes / No

How many years did you attend school (in total)? _____

What is the highest level of school you have completed? *Primary / Secondary / College / University*

Are you currently studying? Yes / No

If yes, at what level of school are you currently studying? *Primary / Secondary / College / University*

Please describe your field of study: _____

Community & Organisational Support

Letters of support: *Please provide 1-2 letter(s) of support with this application.*

These letters should demonstrate that you have the support of your organisation or your community. The letter should include information about your personal values or commitment to social justice and your community involvement. If you are applying as a member of an organisation, the letter should be from someone within the organisation. If you are applying as an individual, the letter should be from a key person from within your community (such as a community leader). The letter must include the writer's name and position and their contact details, including a phone number and email address. If possible, the letter should be on letterhead.

Your Organisation

Do you work with an organisation? Yes / No

If yes, please answer these questions:

What is the name of the organisation? _____

What is the aim of the organisation? _____

Is this a religious organisation or affiliated with a church? Yes / No

How many paid staff does the organisation employ? _____

What is the annual budget of the organisation? _____ (*amount and currency*)

What is your position in this organisation? _____

Do you work as a volunteer, paid staff person or in another capacity?

(please specify) _____

Contact person in this organisation

Name of an organisational contact person (*eg your supervisor*): _____

Email address: _____

Phone number (*include all codes*) _____

Organisational postal address:

SECTION 2: You, your community and your visions for the future...

1. Describe your community and the people who live in it. (250 words maximum)

2. Oxfam works to support people to realize their human rights. In particular, Oxfam works to ensure communities can achieve:

- Sustainable livelihoods (eg sustainable agricultural production or access to work and good working conditions).
- Access to social services (eg education, health and other services provided by governments).
- People having an effective voice in decisions that affect their lives.
- Freedom from fear and discrimination, especially for those who are currently oppressed or marginalized due to their gender, ethnicity, Indigenous status or cultural identity.
- Safety from conflict and disaster.

a. Which of the above is **most** relevant to your community? (*Please select one of the above*)

b. Describe how this issue affects people's lives in your community. Who, in your community, is most affected by this issue and why? (250 words maximum)

3. What would you like to see in your community 20 years from now? (250 words maximum)

4. a. What are you currently doing to contribute to this vision? (200 words maximum)

b. Who are you doing this with (e.g. other people in your community or other stakeholders)? (200 words maximum)

5. a. What might stop your community from achieving this vision? (100 words maximum)

b. How will you work with other people in your community or other stakeholders to overcome these challenges? (100 words maximum)

6. Why do you want to participate in the Oxfam International Youth Partnerships? (200 words maximum)

Permission to use your responses:

Do you give permission to OIYP to use your responses in this application form for research or publicity?

Yes / No

(Note: We will never publish your contact details without your consent. Declining permission will not affect your selection for OIYP).

Declaration:

I, _____ (your name) declare that everything in this application is true and correct.

Signature: _____ Date: _____