

# >> *Open Source Youth Network*

## *Project Description*

### *Social Networking for Social Change*

The Open Source Youth Network will become by the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007 the most innovative platform for social engagement and voluntary work.

This network will strongly contribute to social change by creating multitude opportunities for social movements and action around the globe.

An empowered community of young volunteers, social-minded talents united with NGOs and other non-profit organisations merge their strengths and abilities to increase the direct participation of every individual in social change.

An open network of actors, motivators, experts; of people and organizations who believe in the social movement and social change.

### *OPEN SOURCE*

Building on the spirit of open source as one of the core values of the network enables a permanent exchange and transfer of volunteering ideals and knowledge.

The Open Source idea of a community and network that is heading for the same aim, that empowers itself by supporting each other and gaining experience together, creates an enormous potential for the successful implementation of web born ideas into real-life action.

The open access and availability of valuable experience that volunteers make within their work, things they learn and personal skills they develop through it, creates an inspiring base that for others to become social actors and innovators. Beside the inspirational factor, each member of the community is engaged in a process of gaining personal and social skills.

*Non-Formal Education in a non-formal environment.*

### *REAL LIFE*

Traditional networks link people without connecting them, the Open Source Youth Network goes one step ahead.

Community is the keyword:

The feeling of belonging, the feeling of change, the personal freedom and the recognition of individual and collective competences are the pillars of the community.

Members of the community can develop together projects in various fields of youth, cultural and in general social work. Local and international teams including individuals, groups and organizations implement them into real life actions.



### *Combination of individual skills*

A permanent transfer of social competences creates a win-win situation for all participating parties in this process.

The aim is not only to work and connect web based, the aim is to use these networking for real change, for real movement, for real empowerment of voluntary culture and therewith society.

### *MEMBERS AND PARTNERS*

On one hand we offer our community members and participants the opportunities to enlarge their social engagement and social network

Extending personal knowledge, finding new possibilities in voluntary work, experiencing new activities remain as core attraction points for young people to contribute to the network.

The Open Source Youth Network opens as well an opportunity for organizations to work together with a large number of qualified young people, of young volunteers who want to make a difference.

Support of this network enables interest parties to access something very special in these days:

Young and credible role models of modern society.

***The Open Source Youth Network Project makes the change.***

***Join the project.***

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