

### ***Inter-change 2010***

**How does creative practice make a difference?**

**- a two-week international programme for young people (9<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010) on the theme of shelter**

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### **Young People's International Conference**

**Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

**9.00 - 4.00**

hosted by Soka Gakkai International-UK

at Taplow Court, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 0ER

#### **This conference aims:**

- to demonstrate how creative practice can make changes in young people's lives and be strengthened by international partnerships
- to provide a sustainable platform for a bigger number of young people across the world to exchange ideas, exploring the use of traditional and emerging technologies
- to give participants the opportunity to lead sessions that inspire them to deepen their understanding of global issues and develop their own role as active young leaders

#### **The objectives of this conference are to offer young people:**

- hands-on cultural interaction with artists and young people from different parts of the world
- imaginative exploration of their own and others' identity
- ideas and structures for the sustainable communication and dissemination of
- a deeper political awareness of their local and global issues
- critical discernment in considering and experiencing creative practice
- a springboard for research that will encourage rigorous thinking for future developments

We hope to have representatives from cultural community organisations, schools and other learning settings in: Australia, Bolivia, France, Germany, Czech Republic, India, Mali, Malawi, South Africa, Uganda and the UK.

150 delegates will hear presentations that show the power of creative practice to effect change, delivered by young people from at least 6 of these countries.

They will have the opportunity to explore some of the creative practice described and to share ideas and skills that they can then develop in their own communities. A number of virtual links will be established, in order to allow a larger number of young people to share ideas within a forum that can be sustained across the world. The extended programme surrounding the conference will consist of a wide range of creative collaborative activities that will become models of intercultural partnerships in creative learning and global citizenship.