

Hi Sprout fan!

Welcome to our first installment of the Sprout e-newsletter. We're excited to bring you the latest, biggest and best news from the desk of the Sprout e-course, keeping you informed, up to date, and in the loop about all things Sprout. Remember to check out our website www.sproutecourse.org to get informed and involved in changing your world.

Announcement

Are you interested in changing the world? Do you have an idea for a project in your community?

Sprout is an e-course designed for aspiring social innovators and environmental entrepreneurs who want to grow their project ideas and learn to create lasting changes in their communities.

Sprout provides innovative young people (ages 16-30) all over the world with a unique way to learn, grow and connect with like-minded leaders in a supportive online environment that encourages your hard work to create a better world. The Sprout journey offers a chance to learn more about community-focused project management, apply your knowledge and skills, interact with an international learning community of youth and an opportunity to turn your idea into reality. Sprout also pairs participants with experienced e-mentors of all ages who provide inter-generational support, encouragement and insight through the Sprout journey. What are you waiting for? Sprout your project and change the world.

Applications for participants and e-mentors are due **September 27, 2009**. Feel free to contact our team by email at sprout@takingitglobal.org. For more information please visit www.sproutecourse.org.

Sprout e-course is a program of TakingITGlobal, the social network that connects you to the global issues that affect us all. Visit us at www.tigweb.org.

Opportunities

TakingITGlobal is looking for volunteer Interns to work in our Toronto office this fall! Have a look at the descriptions below - and please forward on to any friends or colleagues you think might be interested.

TakingITGlobal's mission is to provide opportunities for learning, capacity building, cross-cultural awareness, and self-development through the use of Information and Communication Technologies. Its key strategic initiatives include; providing a virtual space for cross-cultural expression, dialogue, networking and collaboration among youth, supporting youth action and understanding around global issues, developing rich interactive, global education experiences, and facilitating the development of local initiatives, multilingualism and skills training.

We are looking for 4 volunteer interns in the fall to fill the following positions:

1) Sprout e-course Program Manager Assistant

For more details: <http://opps.tigweb.org/7455>

2) Sprout e-course Communications Assistant

For more details: <http://opps.tigweb.org/7453>

3) Human Resources and Office Assistant

For more details: <http://opps.tigweb.org/7457>

4) Volunteer Management Assistant

For more details: <http://opps.tigweb.org/7459>

The application deadline is Monday, September 7th, 2009

Please submit a resume, cover letter to:



ATTN: Sulmaz Ghoraishi, Human Resources and Office Manager
Email: jobs@takingitglobal.org
(include the title of the position in the subject of the e-mail)
Mail: 19 Duncan Street, Suite 505, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 3H1, Canada
Fax: 416-352-1898
For Inquiries: 416-977-9363 ext. 317

Sprout Sighting

Sprout has been chosen to appear in the upcoming publication called A Digital Shift: Youth And ICTs for Development by the United Nations Global Alliance for ICT and Development. Stay tuned for a link to the document once it's published!

Sprout is also heading to New York City for the Feast Conference on October 1-2nd, 2009. The Feast Conference gathers the world's greatest innovators from across industries and society to empower, inspire and engage each other in creating world-shaking change. Our mind-blowing speakers include:

- Annie Duke, Professional Poker Player
- Joshua Viertel, Slow Food USA
- Uffe Elbæk, The Kaos Pilot
- Matthew Bishop, The Economist
- William Drenttel, Winterhouse <http://www.feastongood.com/>

If you're in the area those days, feel free to email us at sprout@takingitglobal.org.

Quote

"When asked if I am pessimistic or optimistic about the future, my answer is always the same: If you look at the science about what is happening on earth and aren't pessimistic, you don't understand data. But if you meet the people who are working to restore this earth and the lives of the poor, and you aren't optimistic, you haven't got a pulse. What I see everywhere in the world are ordinary people willing to confront despair, power, and incalculable odds in order to restore some semblance of grace, justice, and beauty to this world." - Paul Hawken

Stay amazing,

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