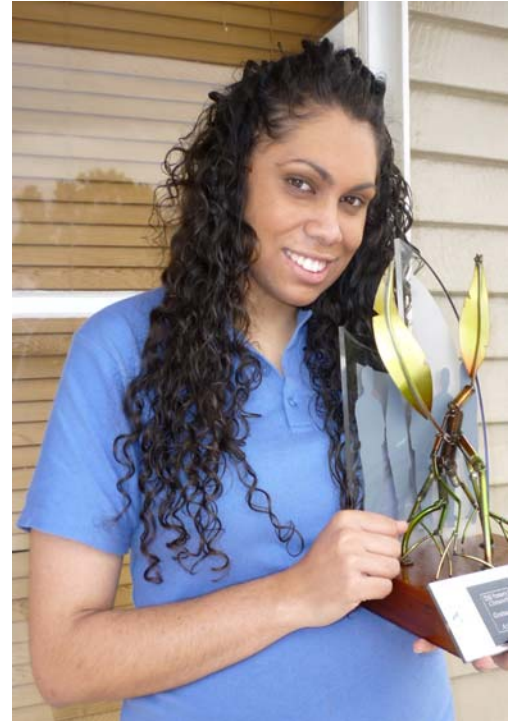


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Local Representation at International Youth Conference

CTC Chief Executive Nina Temperton has extended her heartfelt congratulations on behalf of the Board and all staff to Katina Leedie (*pictured at right*) who has been selected as one of twelve participants from Australia to attend the Oxfam International Youth Partnership Conference in India later this year.



Mrs. Temperton said 'Katina works as the Office Manager of the CTC Connections and Safe Haven site in Murgon and this is an honour not just for our organisation but the whole region. To assist Katina in her fund raising efforts and to ensure she can participate fully in this exciting opportunity the CTC Board has approved a sizable donation and are further encouraging of staff and community members to also contribute.'

The Oxfam International Youth Partnerships (OIYP) is an initiative of Oxfam International and originally started as the International Youth Parliament. The OIYP supports youth led initiatives, facilitates skills/capacity building programs and supports young people to advocate for their rights and freedoms and those of their respective communities. The 2010 program is an eight day Youth Conference that will take place in New Delhi, India with a total of 300 young leaders from 127 different countries from around the world in November.

At this event, Katina will get the opportunity to meet other action partners and Oxfam staff, discuss issues affecting our communities, build skills, share ideas and experiences, celebrate and plan future action in our communities.

Some of the sessions that will run over the eight days:

- Gender Issues
- Introduction to Advocacy & Campaigning
- Project Management
- Setting up an Non Government Organisation
- Human Rights
- Education
- Indigenous Rights and issues
- Drug and Alcohol
- Healing Methods
- Youth employment

For more information on this program please visit www.ojyp.oxfam.org.au and if anybody else would like to assist Katina with her fund raising you can contact her on 4169 5940.