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Dear Friends,

The John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights, a non-profit based in Edmonton, is proud to present the Ignite Change Now! Global Youth Assembly 2009 (GYA). The purpose of this letter is to inform you of this four-day conference taking place from July 30th to August 2nd, 2009 at in Edmonton, Alberta. We invite you and your students to attend the GYA and be part of the movement and Ignite Change Now!

The GYA is a dynamic social forum for youth between the ages of 16-28 from Canada and around the world to move from awareness to action. In 2007, over 500 youth from around the world came to Edmonton for the GYA. The GYA presents an opportunity for 1000 youth of diverse backgrounds to come together to learn from each other and create action plans to make a difference in their own communities and the world. The GYA 2009 will feature dynamic, hands-on workshops based around the theme of YOUth Building Community. Accomplished keynotes include Craig Kielburger, co-author of *Me to We: Finding Meaning in a Materialist World* and co-founder of Free the Children, and Lloyd Axworthy, former Minister of Foreign Affairs and current President of the University of Winnipeg.

Teachers and other youth educators/mentors are also invited to attend the Youth Educators Forum on August 2nd 2009. The Forum is geared towards providing teachers and youth educators/mentors with the tools and resources to support their students/youth projects and bring local and global issues into their classrooms or programs in creative and effective ways. The day will also feature a keynote by Dr. W. Andy Knight and workshops presented by partners such as TakingITGlobal and DreamNow.

Unfortunately, The John Humphrey Centre cannot offer scholarships for the many deserving youth who wish to attend the Global Youth Assembly. We encourage and appreciate any support you can offer your friends who are working hard to make their participation in this empowering event a reality. More information on the GYA and all it has to offer can be found at www.youthassembly.ca.

The GYA is presented by the John Humphrey Centre for Peace and Human Rights under the patronage of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO and in partnership with the Rights and Democracy Network. The GYA would not be possible without the funding contributions of the Government of Canada and the City of Edmonton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lisa Baroldi'.

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