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**Dedicated young people from across Africa to participate in a unique
'model of change-making' process and affect tangible, local change.**

[Please join the 50 participants of the One World Africa Youth Summit at a Press Conference](#)

One World Africa Youth Summit Press Conference

Tuesday July 31st 1:00 p.m.

British Council building, Accra

The Press Conference will be held on the final day of the One World Africa Youth Summit taking place at the University of Ghana July 26th – 31st. The One World Africa Youth Summit (OWAYS) creates an opportunity for young people, institutions of higher education, the corporate sector, development specialists, and a diverse group of individuals to see the power of their collaboration take tangible form and make a lasting and measurable impact on the local community.

The Summit is an initiative of One World Youth Project (OWYP) in collaboration with RESPECT Ghana and will bring together youth representatives from the OWYP groups of Ethiopia, Tanzania, Nigeria, Morocco, and Liberia to join the Simba Friends OWYP group of Accra and young people of the RESPECT Intellectual Club OWYP group of the Buduburam Refugee Community. The youth of the RESPECT Intellectual Club, the host group of OWAYS, are participants in the British Council/World Bank Debate-To-Action Programme which prepared them well to be leaders at the Summit. One World Youth Project (U.S. 501[c]3) is a unique sister-school program for middle and high school youth, linking groups around the world together in learning partnerships for the purpose of community service toward the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals. OWYP's philosophy is that through participating in cultural exchange, youth are inspired to take positive action. This past year, the program connected 44 schools/youth groups from 16 countries and 12 USA states. www.oneworldyouthproject.org

The RESPECT Intellectual Club has worked hard over the last six months preparing for the unique prioritization process to take place at the Summit. They have identified 5 major challenges in their community (inadequate community resource facilities, improper sanitation, non-existence of educational funds, inadequate health facilities, and teenage pregnancy); have worked via email with professors from Georgetown University in Washington DC, the University of Ghana and the University of Cape Coast to write papers on each of the challenges as well as papers outlining resources in their community. These papers are now posted on-line at the wiki portion of the OWAYS webpage (www.oneworldyouthproject.org/wiki/).

One World Youth Project has obtained funding to implement one or more of the solutions. During the 6 day Summit, youth will learn about the identified challenges through discussion and touring the host community, learn about cost-benefit analysis, discuss the suggested solutions, participate in a prioritization process, and ultimately choose as a group one or more of the solutions that can be enacted within the budget of the allocated funds. **The selected solution(s) will be enacted by the Ghana-based OWYP groups during the 2007/2008 program year - leaving a lasting positive impact in the community.** In a world overwhelmed with challenges and occupied by a populous with restricted means, OWAYS will create the framework for a community leadership model which others could enact in an effort to find specific, tangible solutions for local challenges.

The OWAYS Press Conference is a time for the youth participants to speak out and present on their experiences and the unique 'model of change-making' process that they have been involved with during the Summit. They will also announce the solution chosen and present their action plan to enact that solution.

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