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Developing Creative Leaders  
for Transformative Youthwork

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Ugandan AIDS worker, Mash, shows off murals made by youth in her new arts/action program.

### Welcome from PYE Global Director, Charlie Murphy

Welcome to our first PYE Global E-Newsletter. For the past 4 years we have been traveling the globe working with youth workers, artists, and teachers to increase their leadership skills and to provide arts-based empowerment programs for their youth. We are constantly amazed by the passion to make a difference we see in the young people we meet.

A Ugandan AIDS worker named Mash is a perfect example. I first met Mash at a training we led in Kayunga, Uganda in 2008. She was enthusiastic, but lacked confidence. During my visit to Kayunga this past April, Mash greeted me with great excitement and told me she had initiated a major "say it with art" program for students in her local schools. Through a participatory art and design process led by Mash and her colleagues, the youth identify issues they care about and then paint public murals to make their views known. The issues are intense and range from HIV/AIDS to violence to child sexual abuse to child sacrifice. There are now hundreds of young people involved in the project with more joining every week.

Mash's face glowed as she proudly took us on a tour of the murals, which are plentiful and beautiful. She told us that it was the training and mentoring she received from PYE Global that gave her the confidence and leadership skills to start the project.

Through partnering with youth serving organizations and vibrant young leaders like Mash, we hope to reach 5 million young people with arts/empowerment programs over the next 5 years. The purpose: to provide skills to lead meaningful and fulfilling lives in this rapidly changing

world.

With our community of supporters we know we can do this and more! We invite you to join us in this bold venture with your ideas, your contacts, and your donations. Together, we can make a significant difference in the lives of young people across the world.

Much appreciation,



Charlie Murphy, CEO

PS: Please enjoy the stories below and spread the word by forwarding this e-letter to your friends and colleagues.

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### Dream A Dream

New Partnership in Bangalore



[Dream A Dream](#) provides critical life skills training to children from vulnerable backgrounds in India. They have a big dream of reaching 250,000 children in the next five years. To achieve this, they are partnering with PYE Global

to adopt our Creative Community Model and to train their program leaders. In February, Charlie and PYE Global facilitator Nadia Chaney spent 3 weeks in Bangalore training staff and volunteers and leading a 3-day arts/empowerment camp for youth. "Being at the training and the camp will forever change the way I teach," said...

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[Video of the trip](#)

### UK Program

Launches 3rd Season



Lucy Sicks

This summer 150 teens from diverse cultures in the UK will attend week-long camps at Stanford Hall in Leicestershire and Magdalen Farm in Somerset. [LIFEbeat](#), our UK program partner, is entering its third summer and is ready to fly on its own. In February, PYE founders Charlie Murphy and Peggy Taylor delivered an advanced facilitation training for 22

### Uganda and South Africa

Empowering Thousands of Youth



We are now making twice yearly visits to Uganda and South Africa where our work continues to spread and deepen. We were invited to work in the Eastern Cape region of South Africa by our new program partner, [ASAP \(African Solutions to](#)

[African Problems](#)). The Eastern Cape is an area particularly hard hit by HIV/AIDS and poverty. ASAP called on us because the communities they are working with are losing their teens in droves to drugs, HIV, and migration to the cities...

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### Trainings, Trainings

And More Trainings



Training leaders to do transformative youth work is our core mission. With our US partners, Power of Hope and Inside Out Development, we recently completed a 5-month Heart of Facilitation training with 34 participants from the

Pacific Northwest. The next training starts in November and is already almost full. We and our partners provide first and second level creative facilitation trainings in the US, Canada, UK, Uganda, and South Africa. We'll be offering trainings in Brazil in November. Check out the [calendar section of our website](#) for our rapidly developing schedule. We are also available to bring training to your own community. PYE Global

LIFEbeat staff and volunteers, and this summer's programs will be fully led by the British staff for the first time. LIFEbeat is a powerful demonstration of how a group of caring adults can come together to build a youth program based on the Creative Community Model. We are so appreciative of LIFEbeat founder Lucy Sicks and her dedicated staff and volunteers.

### Help Us Build a Social Network

Your Input Is Needed!

We are creating an international learning network linking adults and programs involved with transformative youth work. Our interactive web platform will connect programs and youth workers; demonstrate facilitation techniques; list volunteer and job opportunities; and share successes and best practices. Social networking whiz, Jeff Vander Clute, is at the helm. Your input is vital to make this a useful and engaging site. [Please fill out the survey at surveymonkey.](#) Many thanks in advance!

### Camps Galore!

We are on our way to having arts/empowerment camps available to youth all over the world. Here are the offerings for this summer:

July 7-14: [Power of Hope](#), British Columbia, Canada  
 July 11-18: Power of Hope, Washington State, USA  
 July 20-27: Power of Hope, British Columbia, Canada  
 July 24-30: [LIFEbeat](#), Leicestershire, UK  
 Aug 5-11: LIFEbeat, Leicestershire, UK  
 Aug 7-14: [Culture Jam](#), Oregon, USA  
 Aug 15-22: Power of Hope, Washington State, USA  
 Aug 24-30: LIFEbeat, Somerset, UK  
 Aug 30-Sept. 3: [In Movement](#), Kampala, Uganda

### The PYE Global Team

Changing and Growing



Gwyn Wansbrough

Our Administrative Director, Rebekka Goldsmith, has moved on and Gwyn Wansbrough has joined us as Strategy and Operations Director. We're grateful for the major contribution Rebekka made in our start-up phase and wish her all the best in her next

ventures. Gwyn is based in London, UK, and has over 12 years of international experience in the funding and delivery of youth-led arts programs. She is working shoulder-to-shoulder with Charlie on planning and implementing PYE's expansion. We are also pleased to announce that Nadia Chaney has been hired as our Regional Coordinator for India.

trainings are designed for youth workers and teachers as well as for human-resource specialists, corporate trainers, and others. [For more info](#), contact [Peggy Taylor](#), Director of Training.

### Hands Across the World

US and Ugandan Teens Connect



Ugandan youth enjoy mural painted by US students

For two years, PYE Global associates Charles Terry and Betsy MacGregor have been working with the M-Lisada orphanage in Kampala. M-Lisada is an acronym for Music, Life Skills, and Destitution Alleviation, a name that well identifies their mission. The 150 children served

by the orphanage make money through music and dance performances produced on their grounds and for organizations throughout Kampala. Their motto is "music to the rescue," and this has certainly...

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[See excerpts of the videos exchanged](#)

### We Mourn the Loss of Our Friend and Colleague

Susan Bamutenda

These past few months have brought sadness and loss to our community of facilitators in Kampala with the sudden death of Susan Bamutenda in March. Susan was a core member of our Ugandan team and a shining star in creative facilitation and arts-based youth work. We will deeply miss her loving heart and inspirational presence.



### Power of Hope's New ED

Welcome Mark Smith



We're delighted to introduce Mark Smith, the new Executive Director of [Power of Hope](#) (POH), our flagship program in the US and Canada. POH is where the Creative Community

Nadia is a poet and writer with extensive experience working with the Creative Community Model. We also welcome Marjorie Triplett and Lynn Willeford who are lending support from Whidbey Island, Washington, PYE's US home base.

### Join Us In This Work

When you donate to PYE Global, a little goes a very long way. A gift of any size will help provide young people around the world with life-changing programs.



We have strategy documents for PYE Global's expansion, for our India project, and for a new project in Brazil. We are happy to send these documents to you, if you want to learn more.

Model was first rooted. Mark brings a strong background in non-profit management, diversity training, and teaching, not to mention a love for the work of Power of Hope. As is the case with so many who get involved in this work, Mark was deeply impressed by the impact POH had on his own children. A few years ago, his two young children tagged along to a camp with Mark and his wife, Kelly, both longtime POH board members. "My daughter, Lauren, was only 9 at the time, way below the age for camp, but she attended lots of the arts workshops. She was particularly impressed by the spoken word workshops, and she has written poetry everyday since." Mark's son, Jacob, was similarly inspired in the realm of dance. Says Mark of his work at POH: "I want every young person to have the opportunity to know just how creative and powerful they are."

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