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Dear Friends,

The world is swiftly and constantly changing. Many people feel very helpless, almost trapped, by an administration that seems to be interested in profits, and profits only. With every day that passes by, the voracious consumerism of the so called "western world" grows more harmful to not only our natural environment but cultural integrity, human rights standers, and overall societal health. At a time of such curious circumstance, I hope to offer a glimmer of light, a hope, and a possibility. With your help I hope to make this idea a reality.

Not only from many indigenous cultures from across the globe, but also from almost every corner and center of our own society we hear one message resounding loud and clear: the hope of the world is in the young people, and in their strength and insight. Indeed, most of the projects and ideas that have changed the world, throughout all of time, have come from young minds. For only with a fresh vision, a beginners mind, can one truly have a objective perspective on our current situation. This is why I ask for your help at this time, in order to foster and catalyze these ideas into fruition, in order to provide young activists with the means necessary to dedicate themselves more completely to their dream of what this world can become.

The Young Activist's Funding Network exists to allow young people with a passion for justice to dedicate themselves more fully to their ideas for change. Too many beautiful minds are wasted doing busy work and chain store jobs, that often times contradict the morals and ideals of these competent young people. The conviction and potential of many young activists is left completely untapped, only to fade into forgotten dreams, when these ideas should be supported, celebrated, and manifested!

The Young Activist's Funding Network is a networking and media organization that exists to connect these future leaders in sustainability and social change with radical and progressive supporters who can help them make their dreams into reality, from unfeasible volunteer work to part and full time employment. By collecting submissions from the many youth communities, and compiling them into a visually pleasing and mentally stimulating publication and website, the YAFN will bridge the gap between these sometimes overworked and isolated youth, and communities or individuals who would be interested in making their ideas and dreams a reality.

By creating this bridge, the YAFN will not only exponentially increase the energy devoted to many pressing issues in the world today, but will also foster lasting dedication of committed organizers, and passionate involvement of young people in local, national and the greater world communities.

Please see the back side of this letter to find out how you can become involved, and support this effort.

In Solodarity,


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