



### Youth Journalist at XVII International AIDS Conference

The Mexico YouthForce is looking for energetic and dedicated Youth Journalists to cover the XVII International AIDS Conference in Mexico City August 3-8. Through writing, blogging, podcasting, photography and video, this team of Youth Journalists will bring youth issues to the forefront of the conference agenda and offer a youth perspective on the important events, announcements and presentations through their reporting. The overall goal of the Youth Journalist team will be to provide excellent coverage of Mexico YouthForce activities, as well as the main conference, not only in the interests of increasing the exposure of youth issues at the conference and in the media, but to ensure that youth unable to physically attend the conference can remain updated on conference activities that are relevant to youth and HIV/AIDS.

The Mexico YouthForce is working to empower young delegates and promote youth participation around HIV/AIDS before, during and after the XVII Mexico City International AIDS Conference. For more information about us and activities please visit [www.youthaids2008.org](http://www.youthaids2008.org)

#### Roles and Responsibilities of Youth Journalists:

- Writing Blogs;
- Conducting interviews;
- Writing a youth column for the main conference newsletter;
- Writing articles for the youth newsletter;
- Podcasting;
- Photography
- Be available for online trainings prior to the conference and trainings at the youth pre-conference

#### Qualifications:

- Already be attending the conference or have the funds to cover all costs incurred with attending the conference. **Please note that the YouthForce cannot contribute financially to any costs associated with attending the conference;**
- Significant interest and knowledge in HIV/AIDS;
- Proficiency in English or Spanish (proficiency in both languages is an asset);
- Previous journalism experience or photography experience;
- Good communication and language skills;
- Detail oriented and the ability to work in a team;
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment;
- Between the ages of 18-29;

#### Application Process:

To submit your applications please include a cover letter, your CV, and a writing sample. For those interested in being photographic journalists please submit three examples of your work. The deadline for applications is **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008**

Please submit your applications and any of your questions to [mediamyf@gmail.com](mailto:mediamyf@gmail.com)