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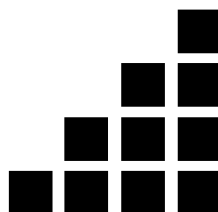
Celebrating 10 years of the World Forum



World Forum Foundation Annual Report

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

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President's Report

Ten years ago Bonnie Neugebauer, Roger Neugebauer, and Bruce Schon decided it was time to connect all of the people around the world who were working with great determination and creativity, but little support or recognition, to improve the life chances of the young children of the world. They announced the first World Forum on Early Care and Education to take place in Hawaii. Over 500 early childhood professionals from 36 nations arrived, instantly sharing and bonding — and we knew we were on the right track.

In the intervening years, this risky experiment has evolved into a highly valued point of connection for the early childhood world. Early childhood professionals worldwide value World Forum events as stimulating and safe environments where people are free to share, to learn, and to develop life-long professional alliances and relationships.

FY 2008 was a breakthrough year for the World Forum Foundation. Three successful Forums were conducted as described in pages 3 – 10 of this report. In addition, the many Working Groups of the World Forum continued their productive work, some of which is summarized on page 6. Finally, as the year drew to a close we were pleased to learn that major commitments were made to the World Forum Foundation by Boeing, IBM, and the Clinton Global Initiative.

The great successes of FY 2008 will propel the World Forum Foundation forward in accomplishing its mission of “promoting an ongoing global exchange of ideas on the delivery of quality services for young children in diverse settings”.

David Gleason
President
World Forum Foundation



World Forum on Early Care and Education Belfast, Northern Ireland June 16 - 19, 2009

The signature activity of the World Forum Foundation in FY 2008 was the 8th World Forum on Early Care and Education. By all accounts, the event was an impressive success. Even though it was held in the midst of a major global recession, it sold out three months in advance and ended up with over 500 people on the waiting list. This response in tight times attests to the credibility the World Forum Foundation has achieved in its first 10 years.



I have received a lot of benefit from attending this marvelous global perspective-sharing experience. This definitely will be reflected in the mental health of Iraqi children.
Hussan Ba'ey, Iraq

Over 600 early childhood administrators, trainers, caregivers, public officials, and advocates from 76 countries gathered in Belfast for the 2009 World Forum to exchange ideas about the quality of services for young children in diverse settings. The local host for the Forum was Early Years, a comprehensive early childhood agency working in Northern Ireland and throughout Europe. Some Forum highlights...

- **Overall theme: UN Convention on the Rights of the Child**

In the opening plenary, Youssef Hajjar (UK/Lebanon) gave an inspiring address: "The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is 20 Years Old – Should We Celebrate?" In the Thursday plenary, Dr. Agnes Aidoo (Ghana), a member of the UN Committee on the CRC, gave a challenging update, "Young Children and Basic Needs: A Global Status Report on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child."

- **Over 120 presenters from 60 nations shared their ideas**

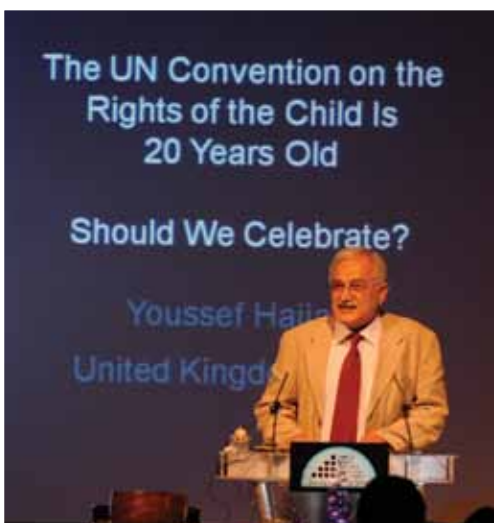
Presentations addressed a wide range of issues impacting the well being of young children including: leadership, advocacy, play, curriculum, technology, multi-cultural issues, indigenous people, staff development, nature education, peace and conflict, immigration, evaluation, funding, public policy, sustainable development, poverty, nutrition, environments, NGO management, and gender balance. To view presentations, please visit www.worldforumfoundation.org/2009presentations.

- **All delegates participated in Northern Ireland Study Tours**

On Tuesday morning delegates boarded buses that transported them to points around Northern Ireland. Each group experienced a different variation of the natural beauty, the history, the culture, and the early childhood world of Northern Ireland. The tours were organized by Early Years.

- **Delegates received three new publications**

Three new resources were unveiled at 2009 World Forum and distributed to all delegates: *Conversations on Early Childhood Teacher Education* captures, shares, and sparks the continuation of conversations initiated at the inaugural Working Forum for Teacher Educators in Auckland, New Zealand; *Journal of Early Childhood Development: 2009 Edition*, a publication launched with World Forum funding in 2003 and now in its fourth edition; and *Promoting the Value of Play CD Book*, a compendium of articles on making play happen in early childhood programs, gifted to delegates by the HighScope Educational Research Foundation and *Exchange* magazine.





• Events captured in many formats

Tori Hogan, the official video/photographer of the World Forum prepared a video to capture the spirit of the World Forum (view at www.worldforumfoundation.org/video) and a photo gallery (view at www.worldforumfoundation.org/2009photos). World Forum team member Michael Kalinowski interviewed a wide range of people in preparation for launching WoFo Radio in the fall of 2009.

• Global Leaders and Working Groups met prior to World Forum

In the two days prior to the World Forum, a new class of Global Leaders met (see page 5), and eight Working Groups convened to plan future activities (see page 6).

• Celebrating 10 Years!

At the 2009 World Forum we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the World Forum Foundation. During these 10 years, over 5,000 early childhood professionals from 90 nations have participated in World Forum gatherings in Singapore, Greece, Malaysia, the Netherlands, México, Fiji, New Zealand, Canada, United States, Northern Ireland, Italy, Hungary, and Colombia.

• Delegates participated in post-conference events

Many delegates participated in, and gave enthusiastic reviews of, post-conference working tours: “Enthusiasm for Nature Conference” in Scotland; and “World Forum International Study Tour” in Reggio Emilia, Italy.

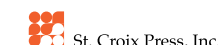
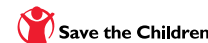
• Many sponsors supported 2009 World Forum

More sponsors than ever before stepped forward to support the event and make possible the participation of over 100 fellowship recipients. For final budget details on the event, see page 7.

I have attended many conferences in my life — big and small, national, regional, and worldwide. The joy of sharing, the genuineness in everyone’s eyes, the commitment to continue and accelerate action are truly unique and wonderful.

Agnes Akosua Aidoo, Ghana

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2009/2010 Global Leaders

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Global Leaders for Young Children

One of the most successful World Forum projects, Global Leaders for Young Children, launched a new phase at the 2009 World Forum on Early Care and Education – the inauguration of the Global Leaders Institute. The goal of the Institute is to move the Global Leaders project to a stable, self-supporting status within three years. Funding for this transition is provided by a range of sponsors including Boeing, Community Playthings, Bernard van Leer Foundation, Save the Children, International Child Resource Institute, ICF International, and Knowledge Universe.

In Belfast, the 2009/2010 class of Global Leaders – 23 emerging leaders from 13 nations – met for the first time. Under the guidance of facilitators Judith Evans, Joan Lombardi, and Youssef Hajjar, the leaders experienced two days of intensive training and mentoring designed for them to:

- learn leadership and advocacy skills
- add perspective to their understanding by learning about policy and implementation issues in multiple countries
- gain confidence in their abilities
- be inspired to make a difference in their countries

Global Leaders, now back in their home countries, will be provided grants to launch leadership or advocacy projects to try out their new-found skills and motivation.

Since 2004, over 70 emerging leaders from 35 countries have received training and mentorship through the Global Leaders project. “Graduates” have gone on to implement major policy initiatives in their countries, as well as to be accepted into key positions and high-level training programs.

Global Leaders Mission

To improve life chances for young children around the world by providing opportunities where developing early childhood leaders can become effective change agents and advocates for quality early childhood development services in their home countries.



World Forum Working Groups Met at 2009 World Forum

The work of the World Forum is carried out by Working Groups of delegates interested in a topic joining together to develop a plan of action. Four ongoing Working Groups of the World Forum and four emerging groups met prior to the 2009 World Forum to plan agendas for 2010/2011.

Ongoing Working Groups



Nature Action Collaborative for Children. The focus of this group, which has been hard at work since coming together at the 2005 World Forum in Montreal, is reconnecting children of the world with nature. At its meeting in Belfast the group planned their upcoming “Action Forum on Connecting Children with Nature” to take place at the Arbor Day Farm, Lincoln City, Nebraska in October 2010.



International Working Group on Peace Building with Young Children. This is the longest-standing Working Group of the World Forum. Its point of conception was at the 2001 World Forum in Athens, Greece, when early childhood professionals from Israel, Palestine, Northern Ireland, Croatia, and the United States gave a plenary presentation on the impact of armed conflict on the well-being of young children. The Working Group was then launched with a Working Forum on Peace Building with Young Children in 2004 in Belfast. The book *From Conflict to Peace Building: The Power of Early Childhood Initiatives, Lessons from Around the World* is a powerful outcome of the work of this group.



Voices of Hope for Children Impacted by HIV/AIDS. This project is the work of the HIV/AIDS Action Tank of the World Forum, which came together at the 2007 World Forum in Kuala Lumpur. In Belfast planning continued for how the group can support grassroots organizations serving young children whose lives are impacted by HIV/AIDS. Models were explored for sharing ideas as well as for implementing micro-financing.



Men in Early Childhood Education. The idea for this Working Group was sparked at the 2005 World Forum in Montreal and its first meeting took place at the 2007 World Forum in Kuala Lumpur. In FY 2007 the first ever Working Forum on Men in Early Childhood Education was created by this team. In Belfast discussions centered on whether to have a follow-up Working Forum or to be highly visible at major existing early childhood meetings. Plans were made to provide a web mapping of groups actively promoting gender balance around the world.

Emerging Working Groups

Indigenous People’s Action Group. Members of indigenous communities often come together and share work and stories at World Forum events. At the 2009 World Forum, early childhood professionals from indigenous communities in Canada, the United States, Fiji, Peru, Northern Ireland, New Zealand, and Australia met to explore the creation of a formal World Forum Working Group. Consensus was reached on forming this group, as well as on holding a Working Forum on Serving Indigenous Children in Canada in FY 2009.

Immigration and Young Children. Delegates attending a workshop on immigration and young children explored the idea of forming a Working Group to share stories and strategies on the many challenges young children face due to global immigration patterns. The group intends to continue dialogue in the coming year.

Play and Young Children. A large number of delegates came to the 2009 World Forum two days early to share global perspectives on play and to consider ways of working together to strengthen advocacy efforts. Brainstorming took place about possible activities of such a Working Group.

Working Group for the Rights of Children Without Families. Delegates working with orphans in Hungary, France, Ecuador, Belize, Indonesia, the United States, and Singapore met to organize a Working Group that addresses the needs of this most vulnerable group of young children. Specific plans were shaped for developing resource materials, building a support network, and potentially holding a Working Forum on the topic.



2009 World Forum on Early Care and Education

Belfast, Northern Ireland • June 16 – 19, 2009

Income Statement

	WF 09 Funds	Global Leaders	Other WF Projects ***	Early Years Contribution ****
REVENUES				
Sponsorships	\$ 191,808	\$ 31,300	\$ 25,700	\$ 238,800
Project Grants	7,500	110,000	0	74,000
Tuition	0	63,841	0	0
Bookstore Sales	0	0	0	27,406
Registrations	300,283	0	0	0
Transferred to WFF	0	0	0	(160,374) *****
Total Revenues	\$ 499,591	\$ 205,141	\$ 25,700	\$ 179,832
EXPENDITURES				
Administration	\$ 27,254	\$ 4,473	\$ 1,743	\$ 795
Management Services	14,208	0	0	0
Fellowships	71,261	106,450	6,948	0
Advertising	79,507	6,940	0	24,300
Catering	141,263	0	0	10,253
Conference Expenses	131,707	6,588	12,072	52,912
Travel Expenses	50,952	8,802	4,399	11,695
Compensation	43,480	13,044	4,348	102,008
Total Expenditures	\$ 547,433	\$ 146,297	\$ 29,510	201,964
NET INCOME	\$ (47,842) *	\$ 58,844 **	\$ (3,810) *	\$ (22,132)

NOTES

- * 2009 World Forum finished in a deficit due to shortfalls in raising funds in difficult economic times and because of a significant unexpected invoice that was submitted months after the budget was established.
- ** Accounting for meeting of Global Leaders during 2009 World Forum. The positive balance of funds in Global Leaders account applies toward advocacy grants and other ongoing Global Leaders expenses that will occur in FY 2009.
- *** Accounting for meetings of other World Forum Working Groups that met during 2009 World Forum.
- **** Early Years raised certain funds in Northern Ireland for the 2009 World Forum and expended some of these funds in Northern Ireland toward World Forum expenses. The exact amount of these revenues and expenditures has not been verified as of the publication of this report.
- ***** Amount of Early Years sponsorship income that was transferred to World Forum Foundation and applied towards catering and conference expenses.

World Forum National Representatives

In most nations the World Forum Foundation is represented by an early childhood leader. The role of these National Representatives is to spread the word about the World Forum and to share suggested topics of concern as well as potential presenters with the World Forum program planners.



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Working Forum on Nature Education

New Tools for Connecting the World's Children with Nature
Arbor Day Farm, Nebraska • July 21 – 23, 2008



Children in today's world are being adversely affected by their growing disconnection from the natural world. The World Forum's Nature Action Collaborative for Children is committed to helping children re-connect to the joys of nature. The 2008 Working Forum on Nature Education brought together 280 educators, environmentalists, designers, and landscape architects from six continents who gathered to share ideas on reconnecting children with nature.

Delegates participated in the exploration of center and play yard transformations, gained tools for advocacy, and new ideas and new perspectives. In addition, they participated in outdoor art, music, and photography experiences.

The Forum was sponsored by over 30 organizations and individuals including Dimensions Educational Research Foundation, International Paper, Lakeshore Learning Materials, Nature Conservancy, North American Association for Environmental Education, USDA Forest Service, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.



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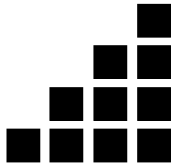
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South America

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Income Statement

	FY 2008	FY 2007	Total
REVENUES			
Sponsorships	\$ 464	\$ 72,000	\$ 72,464
Project Grants	30,000	0	30,000
Registrations	9,870	104,279	114,149
Total Revenues	\$ 40,334	\$ 176,279	\$ 216,613
EXPENDITURES			
Administration	\$ 2,161	\$ 4,612	\$ 6,773
Management Services	400	2,050	2,450
Fellowships	30,974	9,024	39,998
Advertising	11,566	6,818	18,384
Catering	78,986	5,000	83,986
Conference Expenses	3,522	0	3,522
Travel Expenses	8,829	6,190	15,019
Compensation	13,044	24,117	37,161
Total Expenditures	\$ 149,482	\$ 57,811	\$ 207,293
NET INCOME	\$(109,148)	\$ 118,468	\$ 9,320



WORKING FORUM
Multi-Site Early Childhood Organizations

Working Forum on Multi-Site Early Childhood Organizations

Growing with Integrity: Working Forum on Managing Performance in Multi-Site Early Childhood Organizations
Lihue, Hawaii, USA • October 22 – 24, 2008

In October, 2008, leaders from 200 early childhood organizations providing services to over 500,000 families on five continents convened in Hawaii to share ideas on how to grow an organization with integrity. The following themes were explored:

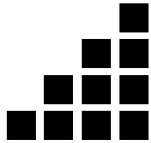
- Sustaining Quality in Multi-Site Organizations
- Developing and Sustaining the Early Childhood Workforce
- Maintaining Organizational Culture in Changing Times
- Consistently Meeting Customer Needs and Expectations

The event was sponsored by Knowledge Learning Corporation, Bright Horizons Family Solutions, Children’s Creative Learning Centers, Stepping Stone Schools, Minnieland Private Day Schools, Oncare, TREE, and the Early Care and Education Consortium.

What an amazing opportunity to get to know and learn from our peers from around the world.
Chris Legg, Australia



Income Statement			
	FY 2008	FY 2007	Total
REVENUES			
Sponsorships	\$ 21,250	\$ 13,750	\$ 35,000
Registrations	26,771	17,570	44,341
Total Revenues	\$ 48,021	\$ 31,320	\$ 79,341
EXPENDITURES			
Administration	\$ 3,766	\$ 140	\$ 3,906
Catering	35,812	0	35,812
Conference Expenses	710	4,144	4,854
Travel Expenses	16,910	2,725	19,635
Compensation	8,696	0	8,696
Total Expenditures	\$ 65,894	\$ 7,009	\$ 72,903
NET INCOME	\$ (17,873)	\$ 24,311	\$ 6,438



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FY 2008 Income Statement

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009

REVENUES

Sponsorships	\$ 300,522
Project Grants	442,500
Tuition	83,041
Registrations	338,049

Total Revenues \$ 1,164,112

EXPENDITURES

Administration	\$ 40,399
Management Services	14,608
Fellowships	229,430
Advertising	77,568
Catering	290,061
Conference Expenses	160,599
Travel Expenses	89,891
Compensation	86,960

Total Expenditures \$ 989,516

NET INCOME \$ 174,596

FY 2008 Balance Sheet

As of June 30, 2009

ASSETS

Total Bank Accounts	\$ 86,812
Total Accounts Receivable	504,900

Total Assets \$ 591,712

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Liabilities

Total Accounts Payable	\$ 131,837
Total Credit Cards	335,478
Total Payroll and Tax Liabilities	52,376

Total Liabilities \$ 519,691

Equity

Retained Earnings	\$ (102,575)
Net Income	174,596

Total Equity \$ 72,021

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$ 591,712

NOTES ON FY 2008 INCOME STATEMENT:

- Sponsorships:** Received from over 80 organizations and individuals.
- Project Grants:** Three grants were secured in FY 2008: \$195,000 from Boeing for Global Leaders project; \$240,000 from IBM Work/Life Fund; and \$7,500 from USDA Forest Service for Nature Action Collaborative for Children.
- Tuition:** Global Leaders tuition paid by their sponsoring organizations.
- Fellowships:** For individuals whose financial aid applications were approved, World Forum paid varying combinations of airfare, lodging, and registrations.
- Catering:** Breaks, meals, and receptions for delegates at Forums.
- Conference Expenses:** Meeting rooms, audio visual services, office supplies, decorations, entertainment, buses for study tours, programs, and badges.
- Net Income:** Positive balance reflects funds secured in FY 2008 for Working Group activities in FY 2009.

NOTES ON FY 2008 BALANCE SHEET:

Large balance in credit card liabilities reflects timely payment of conference expenses awaiting receipt of sponsorship and grants receivable.



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