



IV World Congress on Child and Adolescent Rights

San Juan, Puerto Rico, November 15 - 18, 2010

Youth Forum Invitation

Please receive warm greetings from Puerto Rico, host of the *IV World Congress on the Rights of Children and Adolescents*, to take place from November 15 to 18, 2010. The Organizing Committee is eager to involve adolescents from different countries in the Youth Forum to be held as part of the event. To this end, we are looking for local organizations to act as liaisons to configure delegations of adolescents to participate in the Youth Forum.

Each country delegation may consist of a maximum of ten (10) young adolescents aged 14 to 17, and must be accompanied by a responsible adult (chaperone). **The *IV World Congress* will cover the costs of accommodation, meals and ground transportation for up to five (5) young delegates and one (1) chaperone per delegation.** Each delegation is responsible for the costs relating to visas, air travel to Puerto Rico, and health and travel insurance.

The registration fee is \$ 25.00 (U.S.) per delegate and \$ 400.00 (U.S.) for the adult companion (chaperone). For more information, please send an email to youthforum@childrightscongress.org.

Thank you.



What is the **Youth Forum** at the *IV World Congress on Child and Adolescent Rights?*

The *IV World Congress* will be divided into two simultaneous forums: one for adolescents and the other for adults. Teens will join the Congress as members of delegations from around the world. Each delegation will represent their country and will be composed of up to 10 youngsters ages 14 to 17. Each morning, the youth delegations will attend and participate actively in the plenary sessions. Then, they will convene at the **Youth Forum**, where the adolescent delegates will participate in workshops and engage in working groups to reflect, debate, contribute their ideas, share experiences, reach conclusions and make proposals regarding the realization of their rights. Thinking on their own, speaking freely and interacting in a positive way, they will embody their deliberations in the *Declaration of Puerto Rico*. This significant document will be read in the closing plenary session of the Congress.

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