



## Global Voices: Celebrating International Development Week 2008

### TIG Helps Youth Create Local Connections

TakingITGlobal

TakingITGlobal (TIG) is a youth run organization empowered by technology. TIG has managed to mobilize a substantial number of youth participants with their website [www.takingitglobal.org](http://www.takingitglobal.org), where youth can get informed, inspired and involved. All TIG members are able to participate in over 10,000 events and 13,000 organizations around the globe to ensure that youth contribute to the accomplishment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) by 2015.

TIG's campaign began in 2004 when it partnered with the United Nations Millennium Development Campaign and Global Youth Action Network (GYAN) to empower young people to achieve the MDGs. This led to an interactive portal launched in 2005, that included action blogs, games, and art submissions.

GYAN and TIG also developed a MDG Youth Campaign Kit for young people to use in planning their own campaigns – it includes an MDG Guide to Action, postcards, stickers, brochures and bookmarks and was distributed to 1000 members, and downloaded by tens of thousands.

In 2006 TIG in Education and One World Youth Project created lesson plans for teachers to implement the MDGs into curriculum: [www.tiged.org/mdg](http://www.tiged.org/mdg). That same year TIG produced a project called The Role of Canadian Youth in Achieving MDGs, which included the publication of a bilingual Canadian guide to action.

Through TIG's national program, Creating Local Connections (CLC) Canada, youth engagement coordinators from each province and territory educate young Canadians by implementing the MDG Guide to Action in interactive workshops and open forums.

*For more information on how to book a workshop or open forum in your community, contact [clccanada@takingitglobal.org](mailto:clccanada@takingitglobal.org)*