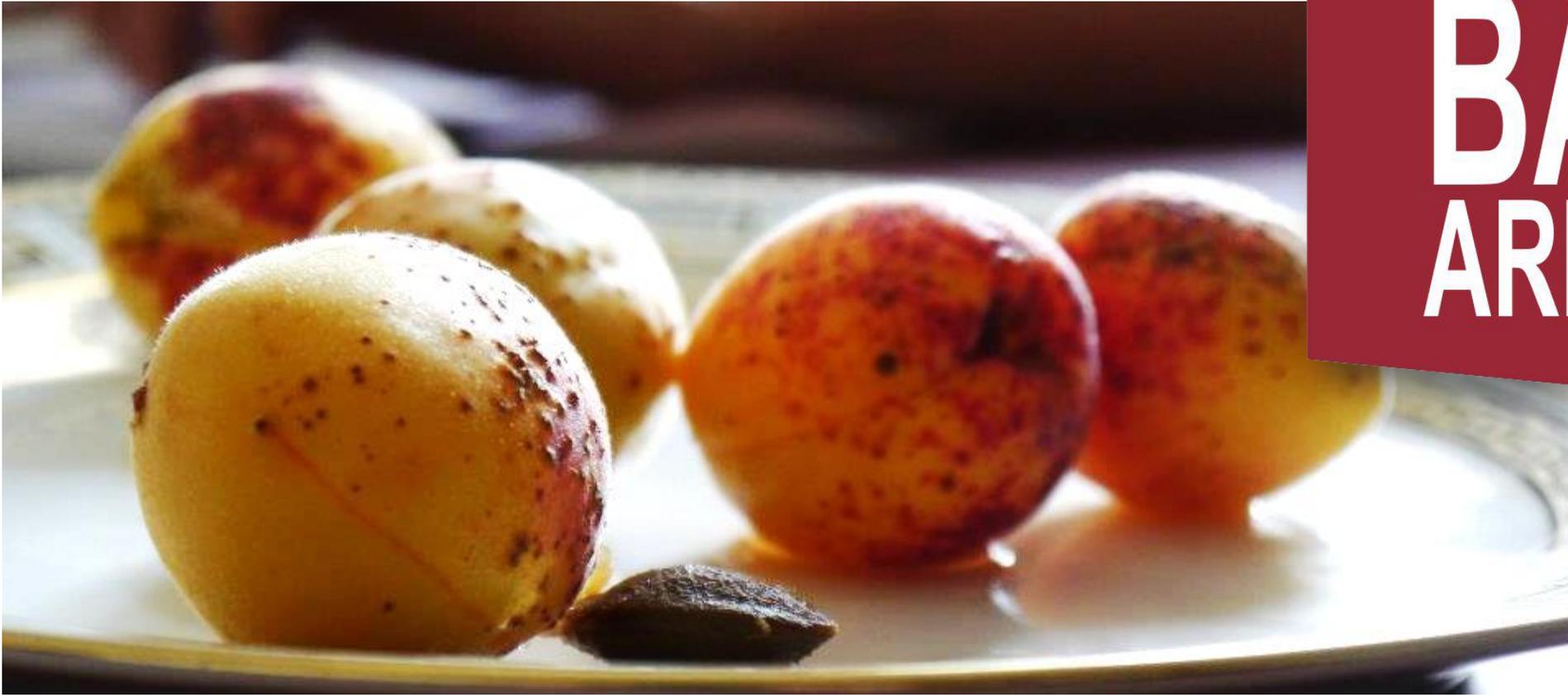


*...a change in one life
is a change in the country's future...*



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Youth Bank? Are you sure?

Can you please tell me the address of this bank, I need to take a loan for my business.



Interest?

Money exchange?

Plastic Cards?

Debit Cards?

Loans?

Commercial Bank?

Youth Bank is a...

Youth-led grant-making programme within a host organization, which channels money into projects that will improve the quality of life of local communities.

It is also a process and way of working with young grant-makers that encourages and trains them as they develop essential life skills as well as increase their employability capabilities.

The program is based on a model developed in Northern Ireland to help youth overcome conflict and poverty.

Youth Bank is **unique**

It **puts** money directly into the

hands of **young** people

who **decide** on **how** it will be spent.

Youth Bank 16 STEPS

1. Recruitment and Selection
2. Grant Making Training
3. Publicity and Promotion
4. Needs assessment
5. Setting themes and priorities
6. Receiving applications
7. Pre-selection of the applications
8. Interviews



Youth Bank 16 STEPS

- 9. Scoring and Decision-making
- 10. Saying Yes, saying No
- 11. Contracts and changes
- 12. Monitoring and Mentoring
- 13. Report writing and PR
- 14. Fundraising
- 15. Celebration
- 16. Volunteering



Youth-led Projects

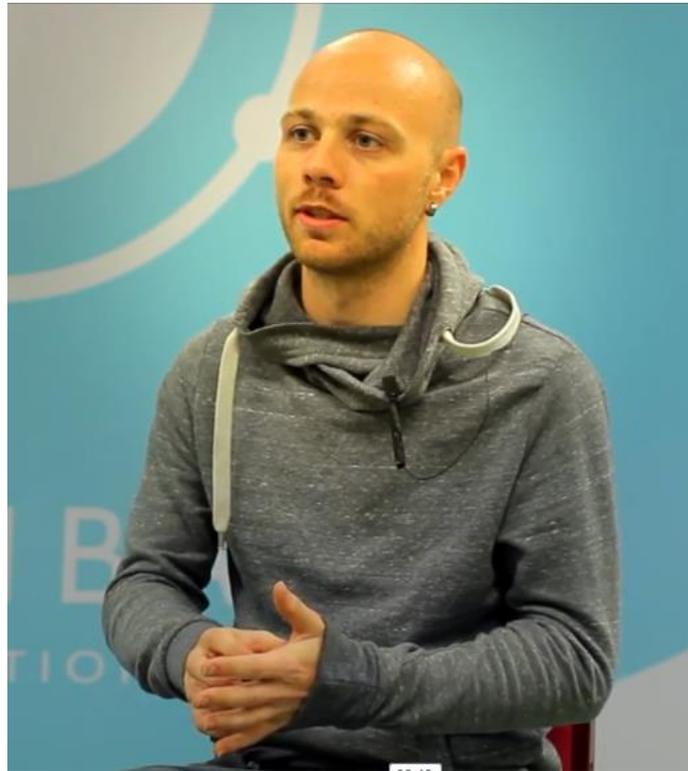


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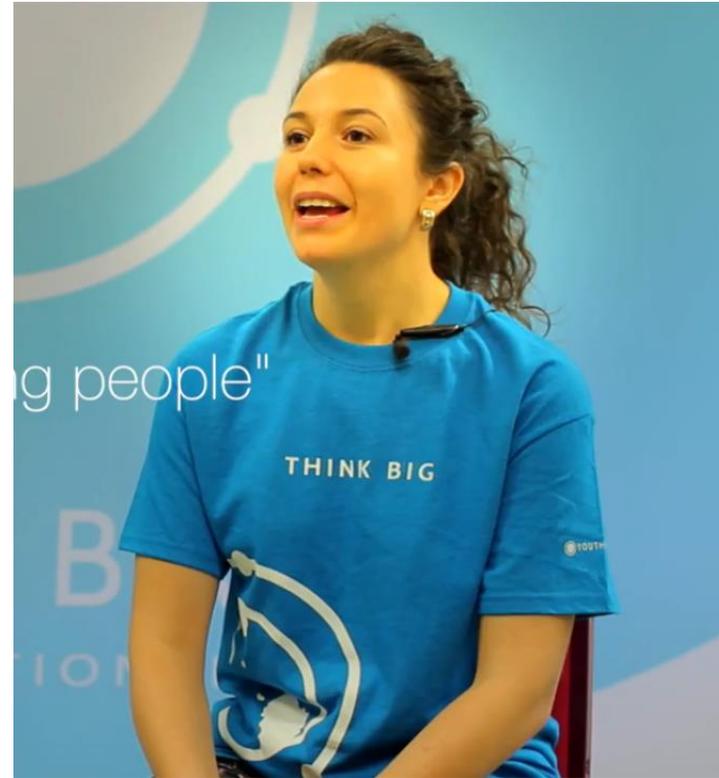


YouthBanks operate in **27** countries around the Globe

**Our belief is that
it makes sense to put money into young people's hands.**



Oystein Flemmen, Norway



Mariana Buruiana, Moldova





Golden Rules



While all Youth Banks are given flexibility to develop in a variety of ways to suit local needs, their work is underpinned by a number of key principles. These are called the Youth Bank Golden Rules.

YB boosts Volunteering

YBs learn to take initiative, enjoy giving and cultivate the culture of philanthropy



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Snowball effect



YouthBank CONTEXTS

- Leadership and Civic Activism
 - Community Development
- Conflict Transformation and Peace-building
 - Business and Entrepreneurship
- Poverty Reduction and Social Exclusion
 - Environment and Healthy Living
- Life Skills, Career Skills, Arts and Crafts
 - Sports and Recreation
 - Youth Mobility and Exchanges
 - Education and Empowerment
- Participation in Local Government
 - And much more...

The Youth Bank and Conflict Transformation



The peace-building value of YouthBank was first seen in Northern Ireland (NI) following over three decades of violent internal conflict. The potential to replicate this initiative was grasped by various organizations in the emergent states of the former Yugoslavia. They approached the Community Foundation for Northern Ireland (the home of YouthBank International in NI) to share the knowledge and expertise they had gathered.



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YB BENEFITS

YouthBank brings a range of benefits to young people involved, particularly as regards their **skills, confidence, personal growth** and development

When YouthBanks are hosted by a larger organisation the latter benefits greatly. YouthBank members raise the **organisation's profile** as they promote their own projects.

Young people who benefit from YouthBank grants realise that they have the confidence and ability to make **effective decisions, improve their local communities and become active citizens.**

YB KEY INGREDIENTS

The YouthBank model allows young people to take real responsibility through decision-making about the allocation of grant funds.

It encourages young people to put their own ideas into practice through fund raising and budgeting



SIMPLE, FLEXIBLE FORMULA:

Young grant makers are in the driving seat but are never alone: they receive all the support they need from YouthBank International and experienced national YouthBank coordinators when relevant.

Local young people are recruited, trained and appointed to act as grant makers. They decide on local priorities and develop application and assessment systems.

Measurable benefits for grant makers:

Grant recipients learn to implement their projects, plan their activities, manage their budget and promote their message through media outlets:

Employability skills:

decision making, publicity, communications and public relations, design and IT, project planning, financial literacy, negotiation, team work.

Life skills:

dealing with differences, enhancing cultural understanding, working as a team, negotiation

Benefits to local communities:

- Makes young people's **participation real and positive**
- Benefits for the **wider community**: legacy of funded projects, assumptions about young people are challenged.
- YouthBank is fully inclusive and encourages the participation of **young people from disadvantaged backgrounds**



FUN? – Of course!!!



MAY 25 - YouthBank Day





THANK YOU and STAY TUNED

