



## TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR REGIONAL COORDINATOR

# Region of the Americas (Middle- and South America)

YOURS – Youth for Road Safety

Date : 14 June 2011

### 1. Objectives of the programme

Contract type: Volunteer

Duration: 24 months (1 August 2011 – 1 August 2013)

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Duty Station: n/a

#### INTRODUCTION:

Road crashes are the leading cause of death among young people, aged 10-24 years. Road crashes kill more young people than HIV/AIDS, TB or Malaria. Worldwide, the number of young people killed in road traffic crashes each year is more than 400.000 and millions more are injured or disabled. On a daily basis more than 1000 young lives are lost. The social and economic costs of road crashes are enormous. In low and middle-income countries youth are often the breadwinners of their families and when they are killed or seriously injured due to a road crash, entire families are pushed into poverty. Yet events which result in injury are not random or unpredictable. The causes of injuries can be studied and acted upon; road traffic injuries can be prevented. YOURS – Youth for Road Safety is a unique global youth-led NGO that acts to make the world's roads safe for young people. It does so by:

- **Advocating:** to provide *one* voice for youth on road safety issues at a global level in order to increase awareness of youth road safety in the world as a global issue and to increase participation of youth in road safety.

- **Networking and sharing:** to inspire, connect and unite young people and youth-led NGO's active in the road safety field around the world, so they can work together and easily share information and experiences.
- **Capacity development:** not just to turn young people into road safety advocates, but also equip them with project management, communication and advocacy skills, in order to organize effective road safety campaigns in their countries and raise awareness for the vulnerable position of young people in traffic.

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YOURS is looking for in total 5 COordinators of the REgions for our YOURS Network. There will be 7 Coordinators in total but two positions have already been filled (Europe: Mr Axl Druart, North America: Ms Jennifer Heatley). These two Coordinators come directly from the the YOURS Taskforce and bring Taskforce knowledge and continuity to the CORE Group.

Together you form the CORE Group of YOURS. You will be the first line of our network members. You are young and motivated and have been active in the road safety field and remain so for the next two years. You also live in a country that is part of the region you coordinate. Preferably you are working at a larger youth-led NGO for Road Safety to ensure your work is being facilitated and supported on the ground. As a member of the CORE Group, you will feed the Secretariat with the recent trends, needs and results in your region. It is your responsibility to identify and connect the young people in your region and you are the focal person of the region. In addition you will have a say in the YOURS strategic direction and will be a 'soundboard' for the secretariat. The CORE group has one nomination for the Supervisory Council of YOURS.

## 2. Summary of tasks to be performed

- Help creating, maintaining and expanding the global network of young road safety advocates, with a focus on your region.
- Liaise with young road safety advocates from many countries in your region to ensure a broad understanding of their programmes, activities and needs.
- Introduce and help to further develop the MINE section where they can easily share information and experiences.
- Help organizing regional events and assemblies.
- Help support the development of communications related to the activities of YOURS, including the website, newsletters, flyers, and other advocacy material.
- Participating in other YOURS work as appropriate

## 3. Work experience required and profile

- Age Restriction: 18-30

- Relevant experience in communicating with networks.
- Relevant experience in organizing events and assemblies.
- Project management skills like budget control, planning and reporting.

**4. Preferred experience, skills and competencies seen as an advantage**

- Familiarity with national youth-lead organizations in developing and developed countries.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- Ability to work independently, but also contribute effectively as part of a team.
- Ability to adapt to diverse cultural and educational backgrounds.
- Computer literacy (including the use of social media).

**5. Languages required (indicating whether for reading/writing/speaking)**

- Excellent knowledge of Spanish and English
- Knowledge of an additional language (Portuguese) is an asset.

**6. Which benefits do you get in return. You will...**

- gain experiences with an internationally renowned organization.
- have access to training opportunities.
- have direct input and a soundboard role for the (strategic) direction of YOURS.
- have (occasionally) opportunities to travel.
- gain leadership experience and be part of a bigger global youth movement.
- have a great reference on your CV.
- have access to all information and (high level) network of YOURS.

**Interested?**

Please send your motivation letter, contact details, photo and recent Curriculum Vitae before **31 July 2011** to: [info@youthforroadsafety.org](mailto:info@youthforroadsafety.org).

You will receive a confirmation email after we have received all required documents.

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