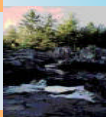




# YPI NEWS

## Young People Initiative

### *Remarkable gathering in India*



The first YPI meeting was held in the rest tent in the Western Bazaar area, on site at Raj Vidya Kender (RVK), during the Hans Jayanti event in November, 2003. There were 40-50 people from different countries. This was the first time Indian people had heard about the initiatives taken around the world by other young people. There were 15 people presenting stories about propagation from their respective countries.

On Maharaji's birthday, December 10, the second YPI meeting in India was held. This time it was a grand affair and we needed to be accommodated in the International Conference Hall, on site at RVK. The response from the young Indian premies was HUGE! Around 250 people attended of which 95% were young Indian premies who were, for the most part, already plugged into participation. Many were involved in

organizing the event for Maharaji's birthday. From the outset there was a huge surge of enthusiasm and accordingly there were offers from many young premies to help update the database and the YPI website. Excellent! India is rockin! In India it is encouraging for everyone to see that people from all age groups are extremely active in propagation.  
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### *Letting people know about the possibility...*

#### **Europe**

Many more people are now regularly logging on to [www.ypinews.co.uk](http://www.ypinews.co.uk) to get inspiration, ideas and news from all over the world. There is a message board and links to examples of our materials. There are plans for many developments to this site, so stay tuned!

Gabi in Germany is in the process of creating a website [www.soulchill.com](http://www.soulchill.com). The idea is to have a cool brand (soulchill) which helps promote the YPI

events happening all over the globe. Places like Munich, London, Tenerife and Brisbane to name a few will be using it soon. It is a really exciting idea!

The young team in London has been busy organising a New Years Eve party. We are using a brand name also, and are developing a website [www.thethirstyfish.com](http://www.thethirstyfish.com). The team also organizes introductory screenings in a cinema with bar and chill out area once a month. The idea is to be able to invite our friends to parties as well as to intro events. So we get to have lots

of fun doing propagation! Hopefully we can introduce a lot of people to knowledge using this new approach!

A lot has been happening on the island of Tenerife. Pub, cafe and beach events are happening on a regular basis. Check out <http://www.conocetef.com/SanTelmoBeach.htm>. It looks so cool!

Slovenia hosted the annual Piran party. This is a chance for us to party and holiday together. I have been for the last 3 years and have witnessed a lot of inspiration and ideas. I

think it's a great thing when we come together to enjoy life and knowledge to the max! Corrina who lives in a small town called Savigno in Italy recently gave the Mayor, the Bangkok United Nations DVD and he enjoyed it very much!! She is now organising an intro event where there will be a presentation, some songs, comedy and a few expressions.

**Rowan**

## Australia

After the incredibly inspiring YPI meeting in Miami, YPI made its long awaited arrival Down Under. After calling all the young premies together in Brisbane we slowly made our way towards a regular event for young people. So far we have had four YPI events which have been happening on a monthly basis.

After attending the Kuala Lumpur and Hans Jayanti events with Maharaji I had the chance to do some YPI meetings with young premies and interested people from the southern part of Malaysia (Johor Bahru) and Singapore. The Brisbane Young Team had prepared a Power Point Presentation to show at the Kuala Lumpur event which was mainly based on the Miami Presentation from April. I had a copy of this presentation coupled with a

special short video of Maharaji's quotes accompanied by some very funky music. I realized I had enough substance to do a YPI meeting.

Finally, on my return to Australia, (which is currently under a cloud of doubt) I hope to visit some of the main cities where there is already much enthusiasm amongst young premies.

In India, during Hans Jayanti event in November, it was decided that Australia would be responsible for improving the YPI Power Point Presentation. In order to make it a truly global presentation, invites or photos of YPI events in your area are appreciated. Please send them to me via FC or to [bensalk77@aol.com](mailto:bensalk77@aol.com) so we can update the presentation. The second thing to come out of the Hans Jayanti meeting was that Canada would be responsible for this newsletter. (This has finally been achieved after weeks of psychological torture from Janaki)

Thirdly, and finally, it was agreed that UK would create a database which would include details of people from all different countries. The purpose of such a database is so that young premies can contact each other easily.  
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## Malaysia & Singapore

The first "Youth Event" happened in Malaysia in 2002. We had two events focusing on propagation for young people. We promoted the first event with distribution of book marks and the second event using invitation cards. Both the events took place at the local video screening. Event management was done by the youth. Videos were edited to suit the interest of young people. We used alternative music edited to blend with music by TPRF and Visions. The overall vibe was casual and fun!  
**Abi & Prasant**

Just to let you all know that recently a Youth team has formed in Singapore and we have successfully organised an event on 7th Dec for Maharaji's birthday. It was fantastic as it was the first time we held such a retreat event in another place other than our Singapore centre (registered under the name "Society for Insight"; web page: [www.insight.com.sg](http://www.insight.com.sg)).  
**Adrienne Seet & Mala**

## North America

The first ever large young people's meeting was held in Miami, in April 2003. This was an international event with more than 250 people attended from countries all over the world. It was very enthusiastic and many shared their efforts made in their respective countries.

During the year, with the support of the main event team, we organized 2 university events. These events were a great success. Maharaji was extremely happy to be talking to university students.

Currently, we are hoping to get young people with enthusiasm to visit other cities to inspire and inform other young premies of the activities around the world. We are currently organizing a party for young people who are aspirants,

guests or premies.  
**Beejal & Janaki**

There is a website that I created when I was at school. The website is at [www.isye.gatech.edu/~knkarthik/personal.html](http://www.isye.gatech.edu/~knkarthik/personal.html). Hopefully, it could be helpful with outreach. A lot of prospective students go through these sites. As it is neutral sounding I feel that it is a good propagation tool. At least two people became interested. Ideas from this site can be used for future sites. Good Luck!  
**Karthik**

I have set up a group for knowledge called Knowledge Within org at uni of FL. We get free access to meeting rooms on campus. We also have an information/materials table out in the student's union area.

The most successful events we've had were when an instructor came to speak. One person who has been coming to the events there just received knowledge.  
**Daya Apunte**

## South America

Here in Peru events are often held at National Union of Blind people of Peru. Every event has been incredible for the blind as well as us. There are already some aspirants. Those blind people are young and old, but all of them are very poor economically. Now they have the opportunity to find gold in their hearts.

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