

UNESCO's Global Advisory Group on Sexuality Education

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Ishita Chaudhry is the founder and present CEO of The YP Foundation (TYPF); a youth led organization in New Delhi, India. TYPF supports young people to create programmes and influence policy in the areas of gender, sexuality, health, education, the arts and governance, reaching out to over 300,000 young people in India. An advocate for youth rights and sexual and reproductive rights and health, Ishita works with youth communities in India on developing leadership skills and enabling young people's access to comprehensive sexuality education. She has worked with 5,000 young people in the last 8 years to set up more than 200 projects in India, training young advocates at regional and international forums.

Ariel González Galeano is a clinical psychologist and specialist on sexuality education certified by the Latin American Federation of Sexology Societies and Sexuality Education (FLASSES) and vice chairperson of the Youth Committee. He is also a member of the Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights (YCSRR).

Doug Kirby is a Senior Research Scientist at ETR Associates in Scotts Valley, California. Dr. Kirby has published the most definitive systematic reviews on the effectiveness of sex, relationships and HIV education in schools and is widely recognised as the leading world expert on sex, relationships and HIV education curriculum standards. He has painted a more comprehensive and detailed picture of the risk and protective factors associated with young people's sexual behaviour, contraceptive use, and pregnancy, and has identified important common characteristics of effective sexuality education and HIV education programs. Over the years, he has also authored or co-authored more than 100 volumes, articles, and chapters on young people's sexual behaviour and programs designed to change that behaviour.

Elliot Marseille is a California-based health economist focusing on the economics of HIV prevention and treatment in developing countries. He directed "PANCEA", a 200-site, NIH funded study of the unit costs of HIV prevention programs in five countries. Dr. Marseille consults for the World Bank, the US Centers for Disease Control and

Prevention and Axios International. Current projects include assessment of the economics of the female condom for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, evaluating the cost-effectiveness of home-based ARV provision in rural Uganda and assessing the economics of vertical transmission prevention in four African countries. Dr. Marseille has experience in translating the results of economic analyses into program and policy recommendations concerning resource allocation for HIV/AIDS, and has published these analyses in the peer-reviewed literature. He also has extensive public health program management experience.

Elizabeth Mataka is the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for AIDS in Africa. She is also the Executive Director of the Zambia National AIDS Network (ZNAV) and represents non-governmental organizations from developing countries on the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, and serves as the Board's Vice-Chair. Ms Mataka, a social worker by training, has been working in the field of HIV/AIDS for the past 16 years. In the past she served as Executive Director for the Family Health Trust from 1990 to 2003. She pioneered peer education in Zambia through the facilitation of the formation of over 2,000 school/community based Anti-AIDS Clubs. She also pioneered work on mitigating the impact of HIV/AIDS on children by initiating the Children in Distress (CINDI) project in 1990. This was the first community based response to the increasing number of orphans and vulnerable children.

Sara Seims is Director of the Population Program at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, USA. Immediately prior she was President of the Alan Guttmacher Institute where she led the organization to a greater involvement in international reproductive health issues and behavioural research in the areas of HIV/AIDS. Dr. Seims was also Associate Director of Population Sciences at The Rockefeller Foundation in New York, where she contributed to the expansion of international collaboration in reproductive health and promoted dialogue between developed and developing nations. Dr. Seims has been Deputy Chief of two divisions of the United States Agency for International Development: the Office of Health, Population and Nutrition in Dakar, Senegal, and the Policy Division of the Office of Population in Washington, DC. She is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the National AIDS Fund and The Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy and Chair of the Development Committee of the Population Association of America.

Alice Welbourn is a freelance social development adviser, writer, trainer and activist on participatory approaches to gender, sexual and reproductive health and has worked in international development since 1984. She is founder of Stepping Stones, a training package in gender, HIV/AIDS, communication and relationship skills. She was diagnosed HIV positive in 1992, and is former Chair of ICW, the only international network of HIV-positive women, which campaigns for the sexual and reproductive rights of HIV positive women and girls. Dr. Welbourn is now co-chair and a founding member of SOPHIA, the UK-chapter of the UNAIDS led Global Coalition on Women and AIDS (GCWA). She is also a member of the leadership council of the GCWA.

Jimmy Whitworth is Head of International Activities within the Science Funding Division at the Wellcome Trust in London, UK. He is responsible for strategy, policy and developing the scientific portfolio for research in low and middle income countries. Previously he was Professor of International Public Health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He is a physician by training, specialising in infectious diseases, epidemiology and public health. From 1995 until 2002 Jimmy was Team Leader for the Medical Research Council Programme on AIDS, based at the Uganda Virus Research Institute in Entebbe. This programme ranged from virology and immunology to anthropology and health services research, all underpinned by a strong epidemiology and statistics base.