

2010 YES! Global Leadership Jams*



Hui Whakapakiri (formerly Nice 'n' Native), April 23-27, 2010, Takapuwhi Marae, Aotearoa/New Zealand – The name means “gathering to build, change and grow” and will unite young Maori leaders for conversations and action-planning around indigenous community rights and environmental preservation.

“Nice 'n' Native was the first time I had the opportunity to sit and share in an indigenous space. I felt a mutual understanding without words being spoken...and felt humbled in the presence of such strong leaders from other countries around the world. I also came away with a clear vision and am done wasting time... Nice 'n' Native is an experience that empowered me and recharged to give more back to my people.”

- Tia Taurere, 30, Greenpeace, Nga Puhī

Leveraging Privilege for Social Change (LPSC) Jam, July 26 through August 2, 2010, California – This eighth annual program will bring together 30 participants coming from many forms of privilege, financial and non-financial, to explore privilege, power, and strategic impact in a deep, transformational way.



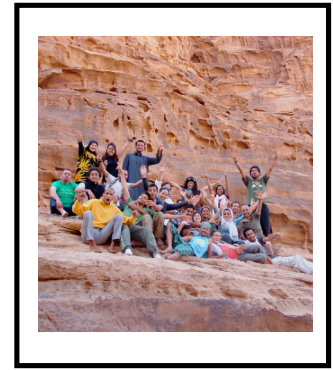
Middle East Jam, October 2010, Wadi Rum, Jordan – Gathering 30 young leaders from all over the region will connect and build partnerships to empower their work for sustainability, peace, localization, community resilience, justice, human rights, interfaith dialogue, social entrepreneurship, youth development and conflict transformation.

“During the days that brought us together, I was both humbled and honored to meet this group of young promising individuals who were mere strangers yet today are my dear brothers and sisters. Listening to each participant's religious script through their ears and viewing the kaleidoscope of cultural colors through their eyes has created in me a genuine personal sensitivity towards diverse traditional and religious values. I have as a result gratefully grown into an individual who is rooted in my beliefs yet open towards and respectful of other traditions. The Jam left me with treasured memories, wide smiles, warm tears, funny songs, deep understanding, grateful appreciation, and peaceful serenity. The Jam was an amazing inspiration to me and I'm so grateful to have been part of it. I also learned so much from our facilitators that I can apply in facilitating future events here in the United Arab Emirates.”

- Abrar, 21, United Arab Emirates, 2008 Middle East Jam participant

*Subject to change based on funding and other considerations. Additional programs may also be added depending on financial resources.

Arava Jam, November 17-21, 2010, North Shouneh, Jordan – This inaugural Jam comes from a collaboration of Middle East Jam alumni and alumni of the Arava Peace and Environmental Network' sustainable masters degree program. It will convene 25 young environmental leaders from Israel, Palestine and Jordan for self-discovery, systemic inquiry, ecological action and community building.



Philippines Lambakan Jam, Fall 2010, Cordillera, Philippines – 40 young indigenous people coming together in efforts to protect their culture and environment in the face of mining, warlordism, and aggressive tourism.

“This week has been full of unlearning moments for me. The knowledge, skills and the whole process we went through exceeded my expectations. This Jam is an experience that I will surely treasure and want to share with my friends and colleagues. The friendship we built here is invaluable aside from all that we have learned. We might have to say goodbye but not to the things we gained from the Jam.”

- **Maui Bayundang**, participant in the **Philippines Lambakan Jam 2009**

Arctic Institute for Indigenous Leadership, Fall 2010, Alaska – Bringing together 30 young indigenous leaders will attend AIIL which supports personal and professional development for Native leaders focusing on preserving traditions, land, and community.



Amazon Jam II, Fall 2010, Rio Branco, Brazil – Convening 30 young indigenous leaders and their allies from throughout the region to explore solutions that meet social and economic needs of communities without destroying their environment.

“This Jam created deeper alliances among diverse people. All the representatives left with a fire burning in their hearts to follow-up with strategies and continue empowering the grassroots communities with information. We also saw how to create alternatives that make the indigenous communities so self-sufficient, they won't need to give up their land for exploration, which is one of the most precious things they have. It means their life and survival as indigenous peoples, and the survival of the last lung of the earth which is the Amazon Rainforest.”

- **Tashka Yawanawa, 35, Chief of the Yawanawa Tribe, Rio Branco, Brazil**