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**To Rainmaker Schools in Europe,  
You are all invited to participate at Young Agenda's international children's  
conference "What is Energy?" 2 – 5 June 2010!**

"What is Energy?" is the theme of the international environmental children's conference, which is to be held in Stavanger 2 – 5 June 2010. 250 children from all over Norway and children from 20 other countries are expected to participate. Participants need to be between the age of 9 and 13 years on 2 June, and be actively involved in an environmental project, to qualify.

Energy – and renewable energy in particular – is the main focus of the conference. Each conference day has its subtheme; "Water", "Wind", "Fire" and "Earth". The last conference day, 5 June, is the UN defined World Environment Day, celebrated in collaboration with Stavanger municipality, the Green Living organisation, Young Entrepreneurship and other environmental organisations in Stavanger city centre. This day will focus on the UN Millennium Goals and the interrelations between environmental degradation and poverty. Intercultural understanding is also an important theme to be illuminated – followed by the importance of staying in touch with the other participants as they go back home, each to their own.

The children are naturally invited to exhibit their own environmental projects. Young Agenda would like to emphasize the effect a 3D model has on its audience, and the importance of visual presentation. The conference program will offer a variety of workshops and field trips, as well as discussion groups and cultural activities in the afternoon. The discussions groups happen after the participants have come back from their workshop or field trip. Group leaders ask the children how their activity related to today's subtheme, and ask them to discuss their local challenges in this relation with the group. Each group should end up with one action point to pass on to politicians and other decision-makers of today. These action points are collected and summarised in a letter and sent to the Ministers of the Environment in the represented countries, as well as to the UN Secretary General, Ban Ki-Moon.

The Young Agenda foundation has been certified as a green foundation by the Norwegian Eco-Lighthouse foundation. The conference will also be certified as such, and focus on local, healthy and preferably organic food for the participants. These conferences are organised as part of the Children's University of Stavanger, which is organised in collaboration with the University of Stavanger. Professors hold lectures for children twice a year, focusing on natural sciences, the environment, outdoor life and sustainable development.

## **Background**

Young Agenda has organised six international children's conference on the environment since 1997. 500 children participated in 2005, and 1000 children from 106 countries took part in the "Tunza International Children's Conference 2008", which was organised in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

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Young Agenda has experienced vast success with our activities and can now proudly say that we are:

- The largest environmental arena for children in Norway
- The initiator and organiser of Norway's first Children's University
- The organiser of Norway's largest international children's conference on the environment

The conferences were initially founded upon the document Agenda 21, which culminated from the Rio Summit on the Environment for world leaders. This document stated that children and young people should be involved in decisions regarding the future environment. This has been a stated goal at every global summit on environmental issues for world leaders since then. The conference objective is to give children the opportunity to discuss environmental issues with their peers and the politicians and decision-makers of today, and to show off all the good environmental work being done all over the world by schools, organisations, governmental institutions and industry and trade.

### **How do we apply?**

Children between 9 and 13 years of age from all over the world are welcome to apply to participate at Young Agenda's children's conference "What is Energy?" 2 – 5 June 2010. All children have to be accompanied by an adult. Participants usually come in groups of 3 to 10 people. Participants cover their own travel expenses. A small fee for room and board is also applicable. More details will be available shortly. Participants from developing countries can apply for travel and expenses support.

The application form is to be sent by email to [post@youngagenda.com](mailto:post@youngagenda.com), fax at +47 51 90 54 01 or by regular mail to:

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The application form has to be sent no later than 10 February.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the manager of Young Agenda by phone +47 51 90 54 21, mobile +47 917 90 544 or email [post@youngagenda.com](mailto:post@youngagenda.com)

Best regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlotte Sørås".

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