

Projects to share the future



Global Junior
Challenge



Comune di Roma

Youth empowerment: a challenge for a better world

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The Global Junior Challenge is a global award promoted by the Digital Youth Consortium (www.gioventudigitale.net), a non-profit organization founded by the Municipality of Rome and six major ICT companies.

The intention of the award, dedicated to young people and to schools, is to identify and reward best practices on the use of new technologies in education and training of youngsters. An international jury selects finalists and winners are announced during the award ceremony that will take place in Rome, at the Campidoglio City Hall, in autumn 2004.

THE TOPIC

On this occasion the Global Junior Challenge award will pay special attention to a new category of projects: "Women & equal opportunities". Projects under this category must be working to realise equal opportunities between men and women in every sphere of their professional life, specifically through the innovative use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs). The aim is to contribute to the achievement of the goal of gender-balance in decision-making in the information and communications technologies (ICTs) sector. An another important theme of the Global Junior Challenge 2004 will be the fight against the "Digital Divide" and the innovative use of the information technologies to reduce poverty in the world.

THE AWARD CERIMONY

The award ceremony will take place at the Rome Campidoglio City Hall and will be the culmination of a series of events organised by the Digital Youth

Consortium to exploit the knowledge and networking opportunities generated by the Global Junior Challenge.

It will include a large seminar, an exhibition of finalist projects, a projects show in which youngster perform their projects to other youngsters, and an important meeting about "Women & ICT" where international organisations, companies and public authorities will discuss strategies for supporting gender balance in the ICT industry.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

The Global Junior Challenge is dedicated to all young people, from school children to teenagers and youth taking their first steps on the job market. It concerns cities, institutions, local authorities, businesses, NGOs, communities and individual citizens. The Global Junior Challenge concerns all those who are interested or involved in child and youth education and training, and more broadly, in helping in the construction of a more inclusive society.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Fill in the form directly online at the web site www.gjc.it, or by e-mail at projects@gjc.it, or print the form and send it by post or fax to:

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THE 2002 EDITION

The second edition of the Global Junior Challenge was a great success: more than 400 projects from 67 countries joined the competition. The theme of the Global Junior Challenge 2002 was the fight against the Digital Divide and the development of the spirit of international solidarity through an effort to twin ten Italian schools and the schools from poor countries in the world.

An important moment of the Global Junior Challenge 2002 was the birth of the Global Inclusion Movement against the digital divide in the world.

Please visit the web site www.e-inclusionsite.org anyone, with a free click, can support the projects from poor areas of the world that participated to the Global Junior Challenge 2002.



Superhighway Patrol, Rome 2002



Palazzo dei Congressi, Rome 2002



Twinning activities, Rome 2002

What was said:

"Youths and Technology against Poverty and Inequality" *Corriere della sera* (13.12.2002)

"5000 Youths meet Technology" *Il Tempo* (11.12.2002)

"Rome, Capital of the Battle against the Digital Divide" *Il Nuovo* (13.12.2002)

"Together to Overcome the Digital Divide" *Metro* (11.12.2002)

To read more what was said about the Global Junior Challenge go to www.gjc.it