



## Preparing for the 63rd UN General Assembly - 2008

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Youth Organisations participating to the International Coordination Meeting of Youth Organisations, such as the Scout Movement, and the National Youth Delegates, convened by the European Youth Forum for its first European UN Youth Advocacy Meeting to prepare for the upcoming UN General Assembly. The meeting was hosted by the Finnish Youth Cooperation - Allianssi, in Helsinki.

During three days (4-6 September), the youth delegates and representatives agreed on the key messages to bring at the 63rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly and on the practical coordination of the youth delegations. One of the main goals of the mission will be to increase the recognition of the importance of youth participation to achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

Moreover, the 3rd Committee of the UN GA this year will discuss important topics for young people and youth organisations. Following the conclusions of the Commission on Social Development in February 2008, Member states will discuss the issue of decent work for all. Further, the children's and disabled people's rights will be among main issues in the agenda. Finally, in December, in view of the forthcoming celebrations of ten years of the International Year of Volunteers 2001, a report from the Secretary General and a resolution on volunteering will be discussed.

The coordination of youth representatives which will be coming in New York from International Youth Non-Governmental Organisations participating to the ICMYO, Regional Youth Platforms and the Youth Delegates will continue as well during the UN GA.

For more update and information visit the website of the National Youth Delegates to the UN GA 2008 [www.youthdelegates.org](http://www.youthdelegates.org) or the ICMYO website [www.icmyo.net](http://www.icmyo.net)