

## **iEARN Suriname YEAR REPORT**

### **june 2009 – may 2010**

#### **Public Section:**

- Name of iEARN Coordinator/ Contact person and email contact.

In Suriname we have a foundation called: 'iEARN SURINAME FOUNDATION'. There is a board consisting of the following persons:

Chairman( general director): Dave A. Abeleven ; email address: dave\_abeleven@yahoo.com

Vice-chairman & coordinator of projects: Elizabeth Burgos; email address: betty\_burgos2003@yahoo.com

Administrative & finance director: mrs. Nila Pershad; email address: nilapershad@gmail.com

Coordinator for individual development: mrs. Dorothy Traag ; email address: djtraag@yahoo.com

Coordinator for special education: mrs. Miriam Weekers; email address: weekers\_cat7@hotmail.com

We have also the following person working for us:

Management & administrative assistant: mrs. Henna Coulor; email address: hcoulor@hotmail.com

- An outline of the main activities/projects in last 12 months

The activities of iEARN Suriname in the past 12 months were focused on the implementation of several iEARN projects in schools of different levels (primary, secondary), Coordination of YES in Suriname and the Global Teenager Project together with partner schools and organizations in the Netherlands and Dutch Antilles.

Here is an overview of the activities:

1. June – July 2009: trainings, workshops and sessions conducted for the 5 selected YES 7 students as part of Pre departure Orientation. As well as meetings with the ambassador of the USA and the minister of education and community development.  
Mrs. E. Burgos and mrs. N. Pershad together with 2 teachers from the advanced teachers training college attended the annual iEARN Conference in Morocco.
2. August 2009: departure of 4 of the 5 students to the USA for their year long exchange program. During the Orientation sessions in Washington DC the students were accompanied by mr. Dave Abeleven.
3. August- September 2009: Mrs. Burgos also facilitated two online courses during the fall of 2009: 1. Teacher Education in the 21st Century en 2. Creative Arts .
4. October – December 2009: the selection process was started concerning the new group of YES students (YES 8).
5. November 2010: mrs. E. Burgos represented iEARN Suriname in Dubai during the annual AYUSA consortium meeting on the YES program.

6. schoolyear 2009/2010 (February 2010 - june 2010): several iEARN projects were conducted on several schools on primary and secondary level in Paramaribo and other districts and also by the yES-students. These projects are:
    - a. One day in the life: carried out by YES students
    - b. Special place: „
    - c. My Name project: „
    - d. Local History: „
    - e. My City and me: „
    - f. Women in my country: „
    - g. My identity, your identity: Wulfingh school
  7. January – may 2010: the Global Teenager Project was carried out on several schools on primary and secondary level and schools for special education in cooperation with schools in the Netherlands and Curacao. This concerns a learning circle (GTP learning circle). The number of schools which participated in the learning circles increased to about 30.
  8. February – april 2010: a teacher of one of the schools which is actively participating in iEARN projects mrs. Vivian Enschede participated in the spring 2010 online course on social studies and was able to successfully complete this course. With this she was able to get her “Master iEARN teacher” certificate.
  9. oct 2009 – june 2010: mrs. N. Pershad also facilitates the "VISION" creative writing online project with teachers and students of the Wulfingschool and other schools on secondary schools.
  10. febr 2010 – current: mrs. Pershad and mrs Weekers facilitate several learning circle groups on schools on secondary and special education level.
  11. January 2010: teachers from the Netherlands and Curacao participating in the GTP learning circle visited Suriname and participated in several meeting and workshops concerning GTP together with the teachers from the partnerschools in Suriname. Most of the workshops were facilitated by the Telecommunication Company Suriname: Telesur.
  12. February – march 2010: the iEARN Suriname organization was restructured and the regulations of the organization were modified. Also a new board came in to place. The changes were all legally recognized by the ministry of Justice in Suriname giving our new status also the legal backing.
  13. January – current 2010: the YES 8 students for suriname were selected and started with numerous activities, online projects workshops and sessions in order to get them prepared for their exchange starting in august 2010. these sessions are about dealing with mentally challenging situations, how to be a good ambassador.
  14. june 2010: the YES 8 students take part in a UNESCO sponsored student exchange program in French Guyana together with students from Brasil and Guyana. It is the slavery commemoration month in French Guyana. The students will do some presentations about Suriname’s diversity of nature and cultural and ethnic groups.
- The number of schools/sites involved in iEARN in Suriname has increased from 30 last year to about 40 this year. The levels are: primary, junior high, and special education.
  - A list of WWW pages from schools/sites in your country/Center

- A list of hard-copy publications produced by schools/sites in your country/Center this past year (List publications produced in any language)  
Several presentations by students during the GTP learning circle in dutch
- Anything special activities in iEARN in your country that you would like to tell people about? (no more than ½ page)  
Special attention is still going out to the YES program and GTP program. These program still attract a lot of media attention. Interviews and articles are written about these programs. This of course gives a great boost to the iEARN activities in Suriname.

## Private section:

- Full contact details of the iEARN Suriname foundation board:  
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- An outline of your plans for the next 12 months  
The main focus of our activities in the coming 12 months will be as follows:
  1. Development and launch of the iEARN Suriname website.
  2. The Learning Circle / Global Teenager projects: getting more schools, teachers and students involved
  3. Intensifying the activities concerning the YES program: getting more schools and students involved. We are planning to get all schools in all districts of Suriname involved.
  4. Getting more schools on the levels of primary education, special education, and secondary education involved in iEARN projects and activities
  5. Setting up an office for improving the coordination of iEARN activities in Suriname.
  6. Continuing setting up more structural relationships and partnerships with relevant national and international organizations.
- Any problems that you have had in the last 12 months
  1. getting schools and teachers actively involved in the iEARN projects and activities.
  2. getting the business community more involved in supporting iEARN activities.
  3. having enough financial support in order to carry out iEARN activities
- The names of organizations with who you have partnerships/collaboration agreements.
  1. the ministry of Education and Community development
  2. Global Teenager Project Netherlands
  3. The Round Table in the Netherlands
  4. iEARN Nertherlands
  5. the embassy of the USA in Suriname
  6. AYUSA / ECA (US State department)
  7. The board of the Roman Catholic Education program in Suriname

## **Finance statement**

The main financial contribution was generated from the YES program and the GTP program.

**Financial statement June 2009 May 2010**

**Balance June 2008 :**

**Receipts :** USD 24,002.33

**Expenses :** USD 17,451.79

**Balance May 2010:** USD 6550.54