



Day 3

Austria

MISSION CONTROL CENTRE

PATICIPANTS PROFILES: INDIA and ECUADOR

“Think globally, act locally” – This is the motto of the Global Village Project. So to achieve this goal we are proud to welcome people from many countries in Kapfenberg, Austria. They are part of the Mission Control Centre and build contact to the Action Projects in their countries. In the following Sneha Devaraj and Ayesha Devaraj from INDIA and Francisco Pereira from ECUADOR will tell us about the importance they see in the Global Village Project.



Sneha and Ayesha, studying business and event management have been integrated into NGO work since the age of ten as their aunt established ARIVU the NGO they are working for.

The positive thing they see in a participation of the Global Village Project is to see that other countries are “going through the same things” – they state that **“being heard gives you confidence to make a difference”**. Sneha and Ayesha would have done their project anyway, but the Global Village Project gives them the chance to give their experience to other people and to work as a good example. **“The Global Village Project is a wonderful idea to get people together and to get youth to know what is happening around the world”**. They see it as essential that the projects are youth-led. **“Adults have to have faith in the youth, they should trust them.**

This is most important if you want to have success.” About the Youth participating and working here in Kapfenberg, Austria both say “they seem to have a lot of confidence about the aim and the projects of the MCC”. The Global Village Project is a possibility to make people think and also to find other interested people to exchange their experiences.

Sneha and Ayesha would be happy to welcome the support of volunteers in India. Interested people can inform themselves on <http://www.arivu.org/>.



Francisco Pereira has been working in the NGO sector since the age of 19. He has been the national coordinator of **Peace Child in Ecuador** and is now in the advisory board of this NGO. For him it was very important to establish something local additional to the World Youth Congress. That is why he welcomes the idea of the Global Village Project a lot. Together with his friend Carina he spread the idea of the World Youth Congress in Ecuador. Since two years he has been working on a **project on “learning how to recycle”**. The goal of this project is that students after learning about it teach other students. This calls for a **sustainable aspect**, which is essential for a successful project, Francisco sees the Global Village Project and especially the Mission Control Centre as the „**extra push**“ which **motivates people to act** after seeing that it is worth participating in projects. Additionally the Global Village Project is important for the promotion of

local projects as local authorities recognize projects in their region more if they are recognized by international NGOs. The Mission Control Centre lives the fact that we have all different cultural aspects but still all feel the same.



**Youth are not the leaders of tomorrow
– WE ARE THE LEADERS OF TODAY!!**

THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE!!

