

**Announcement:**  
**Seeking nominations for IAF's**  
**First Annual Global Community Outreach Award**  
**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES EXTENDED!!**  
**NOMINATIONS DUE BY MARCH 15, 2010**

**WHY is the award being given?**

After several years of planning, the International Association of Facilitators (IAF) is initiating the Community Outreach Award in order to...

... *recognize*, honor and celebrate the ongoing outreach efforts of IAF facilitators

... *embody* a core IAF value of supporting socially responsible change

... *demonstrate* the spirit of service implied in the role of a facilitator

... *showcase* the significant difference that masterful facilitation can make in community life

... *encourage* IAF members to participate in a wide variety of community service roles

**WHO receives the award?**

The Community Outreach Award is presented annually to IAF members who have demonstrated excellence in a volunteer service project. Eligible candidates are any group of facilitators that include at least one person who has been an IAF member for a year before the nomination. Specific criteria include the following:

1. The community service **involved** a group of facilitators who participated without intent for personal profit or gain
2. The community service **responded** to a societal need or issue in a setting that lacked the resources to hire high- quality assistance for decision-making, planning or change making or situation
3. The community service **enabled** participants of a community to solve problems, identify directions **and (or)** accelerate their self-organizing capacity with the help of participative methods and facilitation

4. The community service **resulted** in positive, ongoing and recognized community change or improvement
5. The community service **demonstrated** the best practices and values of the profession through active demonstration

### **WHEN will the award be presented?**

The award is will be presented **at the IAF North American** Conference in Chicago, IL U.S.A., April 20-25, 2010. The recipients will also be honored on the IAF website and and at all other global conferences in the same year through articles and audio-visual presentations that highlight the honorees and their service.

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### **HOW are award recipients selected?**

An Outreach Award Selection Committee will be asked to serve on behalf of the worldwide membership to review the nominations and select the recipients of the Community Outreach Award. Members of the six-member committee will be composed of people who have served in past IAF leadership roles and represent at least three IAF regions.

### **HOW can you nominate award candidates?**

Anyone who has been an IAF member for a year can nominate candidates by submitting the following to the IAF office by March 15, 2010:

1. **Names** of the nominees, the main contact for the group and the person doing the nominating
2. **A 1-2 page narrative description** of the project, facilitators and how their work meets the award criteria
4. **Additional collateral materials if available** including background information on each facilitator and any photos,

articles, videos, and other information describing the service project

**5. Please submit your entry by March 15 to IAF GLOBAL OUTREACH AWARD COMPETITION, electronically to [office@iaf-world.org](mailto:office@iaf-world.org)**

**For questions please email [marysue@equusmediationandfacilitation.com](mailto:marysue@equusmediationandfacilitation.com): include IAF Award in subject line. Or call Mary Sue directly at 410-979-7744**