

The following stories are edited excerpts from www.ypinews.co.uk with pictures of young people enjoying the Indian events last year.

indian magic

yp team members take responsibility for maharaji's live introductory event

prabhat ranjan

With the **GRACE** of Maharaji and all of your

love & best wishes we have achieved the target for the Ludhiana event. Official report was that more than 70,000

NEW PEOPLE

attended the event. It's a record

gathering in North India. I **ENJOYED** a lot.



Maharaji said "many years ago, more than 30 years people are inviting to me that please come Ludhiana - please come Ludhiana. 30 years passed I couldn't come.

But today I got opportunity to come. And I am very happy that I could come and I can speak here. Sabhi logon ko bahut-bahut dua aashirwad (Given their blessings to everybody)."



We all enjoying very well here and I am so lucky that I got

OPPORTUNITY

to participate in the team and Maharaji could come here after a

long time wait. I can't forget this event in rest of my life.



give peace a chance

naira rosales hernandez

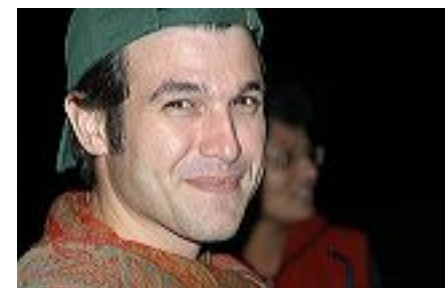
It was so amazing... For the first time, many people of different musical backgrounds performed in a concert to

GIVE PEACE A CHANCE.

In the concert, there were different groups including heavy metal music, hip-hop music, classical music but all the groups imparted the same message and this message was about 'giving peace a chance'. As part of the concert, we showed excerpts of Maharaji speaking at various universities. He spoke of peace and to finish, He said that "**...PEACE IS A NECESSITY AND NOT A LUXURY...**" we finished the concert off with the DVD "Who are you?" (with pictures and translation in Spanish).

A person, who is a Consular of Culture, told me that he wants to stage this concert in his country. Back stage, all of the artists gave us hugs before leaving. They said that they had never felt so much **SUPPORT** and fondness from a totally new audience and the supporting team.

So, it is so difficult to explain in words...only you can feel it!! I hope that you can make it to the next concert, which is on 30th January 2005 (the Peace Day).



new year's eve in nepal

deep rana

In the beautiful and hilly country of Nepal where Himalaya stands with all its grandeur and strength, some of our friends are busy



spreading Maharaji's message of **LOVE** and peace.

They have already started the events there and they are in need of few

good CDs to introduce Maharaji's message. After two long years (due to political disturbances), Maharaji may be in Nepal this year.

shiv tiwary

This New Year's Eve was a special day for young people in Kathmandu. It was the first introductory programme initiated by young people. The event took place in a medical college and out of the 75 students attending the college, 70 attended the programme. Some professors and college staff were also present. Altogether there were 79 new guests.

On the way to the venue there was some kind of political strike going on. Just as we entered the college, we saw some of Maharaji's brochures pasted on a college notice board. **I FELT PROUD.**



The event went for 50 minutes and everyone was enjoying it. It was inspiring to see them hushing each other up and enjoying the programme in pin drop silence. We ended the programme with a clip from Maharaji's "give peace a chance" video.

After the programme, I was standing at the door of the hall and could see the students leaving with stunned looks on their faces. They have asked for a follow-up and have promised

to provide a big hall so that we can accommodate the staff of an adjoining hospital too.

How **INSPIRING** it is for us, what a grace... Seeing it and feeling it.

deep rana

fundraising la style

jenika and wadi

In August 2004 in Southern California, PWK of **ALL AGES** came together to hold a very successful fundraiser. Young PWKS were



involved in most facets of the event including the planning, the catering, and the donation of original art works for a silent auction. YPWKS also contributed extensively to the spectacular **LIVE**

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES that made the night truly memorable.

Over \$10,000 US was raised, \$3,000 of which was allocated to support YPWK propagation in Southern California. The strong involvement of a large number of YPWKS helped to make this fundraiser not only financially profitable, but **FUN** for both the participants and the attendees, no matter how old or how young.

It was a pleasure and an honor for the Young PWK community to be included in this amazing evening and many more of these events are eagerly anticipated.



lets go to the movies.....

emma, lata, vinny, and rowan

In London we have been organising cinema screenings for a few years now. We have used some great venues. At the minute we use a 75 seater. You can see it at www.moving-picture.com.



In the past we always hired the cinema for one hour screenings but last time we cut it down to just 30mins. Luckily some cinemas do 1/2 hour hires. So it is both cheaper

for us and also hopefully more suitable for our purpose!

We want to help bring Prem Rawat and his message more into the public domain. We have started doing a little promotion, calling newspapers and magazines trying to get into listings. Also we advertised on a couple of online sites.

Last event there were 10 new people. **A SMALL START BUT SO WORTH IT!**

We are trying to create a really comfortable environment where people can come and listen to M and just enjoy that. We feel we need to get away from intro events where we present not only the message but also a group of people and then say would you like to follow up and you can join our group too!! Sorry only kidding we have never actually literally done that! But do you know what I mean?



So at the last event we had no MC, no sales table, no information table, and no video library. Just a donations box!

We printed a program which we gave to everyone when they arrived. In it there were details of websites phone numbers etc to follow up and details of the next event. It was an **EASY EVENT TO ORGANISE!**

We got some great feedback and we all thought event was a success!

funky beats

priya and ben

The idea was to have a great party with funky beats and instead of playing a video of Maharaji (which could be very confronting for a crowd of tough beer swilling pub heads), we would have an uplifting "quote" show projected onto a screen next to the dance floor. This way **THE 'FUN' ENERGY** could be allowed to flow.



On all of the tables were placed business card and A6 size cards informing the guests of the program "Words of Peace" which screens here on local community television, which is free-to-air, twice a week. These are twenty-five minute edits of Maharaji's broadcasts.

Once there was a bit of a crowd, the party really got going with people joining the dance floor around 8pm. It didn't stop...**THE GROOVY BEATS JUST KEPT COMING!!!**

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The hotel Manager was surveying the crowd at 10pm waiting to shut us down (this is when the beer garden usually closes Fri and Sat) but was blown away by the dancing and **ENTHUSIASM** which he had never seen the likes of before in old Ipswich town. It was the party peak, 48 people, 18 guests who had been invited or just walked in.



He let the party go until 11.30pm with eventual vacation of the beer garden by midnight. This left the 'revelers' to move inside and party on.

university events

sunita dryer

A few months ago yps in North America, offered to go to cities where there are no yps and help put on events in universities. Below are the results of working with one of the cities.

The introductory event in Asheville this October was very beautiful for me to attend. Sean & I drove 10 hours from Gainesville so that Sean could be the MC for this event, and everything went smoothly for us. We arrived at the college just one hour before the event was to begin, and we could feel the **EXCITEMENT** among the people helping to prepare for this event.

Shortly before 6pm, students started arriving, and continued even after the event had begun. Sean's introduction was great, no rehearsed lines, or reading a script, but just very

simple and **FROM THE HEART.**

Most of the 26 guests stayed to the end. The info table was nicely laid out with a few printed materials, and lots of free CD's.



Quite a few of the guests seemed delighted when I told them they could have the CD's for free. One even commented, "Oh **THANK YOU!** My roommate is going to LOVE this!"

There were pizzas and sodas outside, the sounds of the music were drifting out of the auditorium in the cool evening air, and the atmosphere was very relaxed. One lady had given out 200-300 invitations around campus in the days before the event.

This event truly felt like a success working with the local teams. Thanks to Judy, Rick, Diego, Mike and Teresa. I had a wonderful time, and I would gladly do it again.

raising the bar in 2005

In the YP meeting in India, we came up with a list of things to do for 2005. This is what the YP team plan to complete in 2005.

- ✿ Create a website for introduction with a young flavour
- ✿ Create a materials website to list poster, invites, music, slide shows, pictures, newsletters, hand outs. This will show the sample and will be in downloadable format. This is currently being developed www.coolchill.org
- ✿ Create materials that are suitable for YP events (for example: videos with a young voice over for introduction and with new faster music)
- ✿ Create music and quotes videos
- ✿ Focus on the University events, working with local communities where there are no yps, and help them organize events in Universities. We will visit the city for couple of days and promote and MC the event. The event is organized by local team and materials are supplied by yps.