



"Good innovation is like lifting up the horizon and looking through to see the future."

The Young Innovators UNconvention, 26 -27 June 2012 in Brussels

A Clarion Call for Mobilisation to Foster Innovation and Youth Employment in Europe Brussels, 13 June 2012. The European Young Innovators Forum convenes innovative and entrepreneurial youth from across Europe to the first Young Innovators UNconvention. The UNconvention is a unique two-day event dedicated to inspiring innovation among European youth. It will bring together young people with innovative ideas and leading personalities who will guide and support them: entrepreneurs, businesspeople, investors, experts, opinion leaders and policy makers, joining forces to stimulate innovation and growth in Europe.

In defiance of the deepening economic and financial crisis, of lagging innovation, and of record youth unemployment in Europe, the Young Innovators UNconvention sends a positive call to action: "let us tap into our youth's vast pool of underutilized creative talent; let us channel their boundless energy and enthusiasm; let us give them the inspiration, resources and mentorship to help them turn their ideas into innovative, job-creating projects and businesses".

The UNconvention will feature inspiring keynotes, interactive sessions including a panel on women entrepreneurship and the first European Young Innovator of the Year awards, networking lunches and cocktails, as well as opportunities to engage directly and informally with leaders of innovation and entrepreneurship from Europe and the USA.

Keynote speakers include,

Jan MUEHLFEIT	Chair of Microsoft Europe;
Harry VAN DORENMALEN	Chair of IBM Europe
Neelie KROES	European Commissioner
William E. KENNARD	US Ambassador to the European Union
Marne LEVINE	Vice President Global Public Policy of Facebook

In addition, the UnConvention will feature the advisors on innovation to Secretary of State Hillary CLINTON and Prime Minister David CAMERON; representatives of the European Parliament, European Investment Fund, World Economic Forum, and Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD); senior partners of venture capital firms Amadeus Capital and Seedcamp, and many others.

Under the High Patronage of the President of the European Parliament, Martin SCHULZ, the UNconvention will be held at the SQUARE Brussels Meeting Centre on 26 June and at the European Parliament on 27 June.

To view the full agenda and list of speakers, please go to www.unconvention.eu.