

Deaf-Blind Young Adults in Action: Participating in the Policy Process

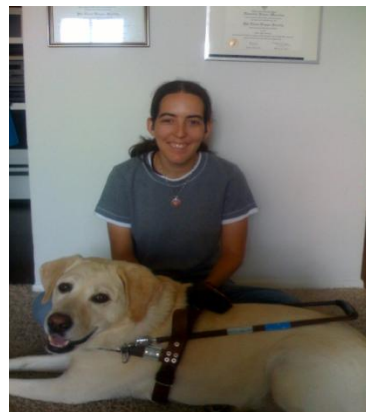
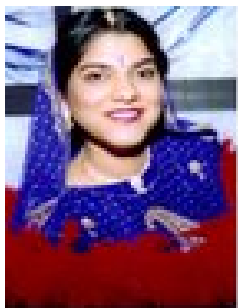


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Collaborating Partners

- Helen Keller National Center
- Texas Tech University- Virginia Murray Sowell Center for Research and Education in Visual Impairments
- American Foundation for the Blind
- American Association of the Deaf-Blind
- Gallaudet University

Deaf-Blind Young Adult Participants



Co-Coordinator of the Program



Suzanne Ressa and Amy Parker

Classroom Experience



Divya Listening Intently



Crystal and Umbro



Making a Plan on the Hill



Advocacy for Four Issues Facing Deaf-Blind People

Education-
Deafblind
Children's Program

Helen Keller
National Center

Technology

Support Service
Providers

Combination of
these issues

Crystal and Umbro in the taxi



Virginia and Divya



Meeting with Senator John Cornyn's Legislative Assistant



Thanking Senator Kohl



Thanking Congressman Markey



Meeting President Obama in the Oval Office



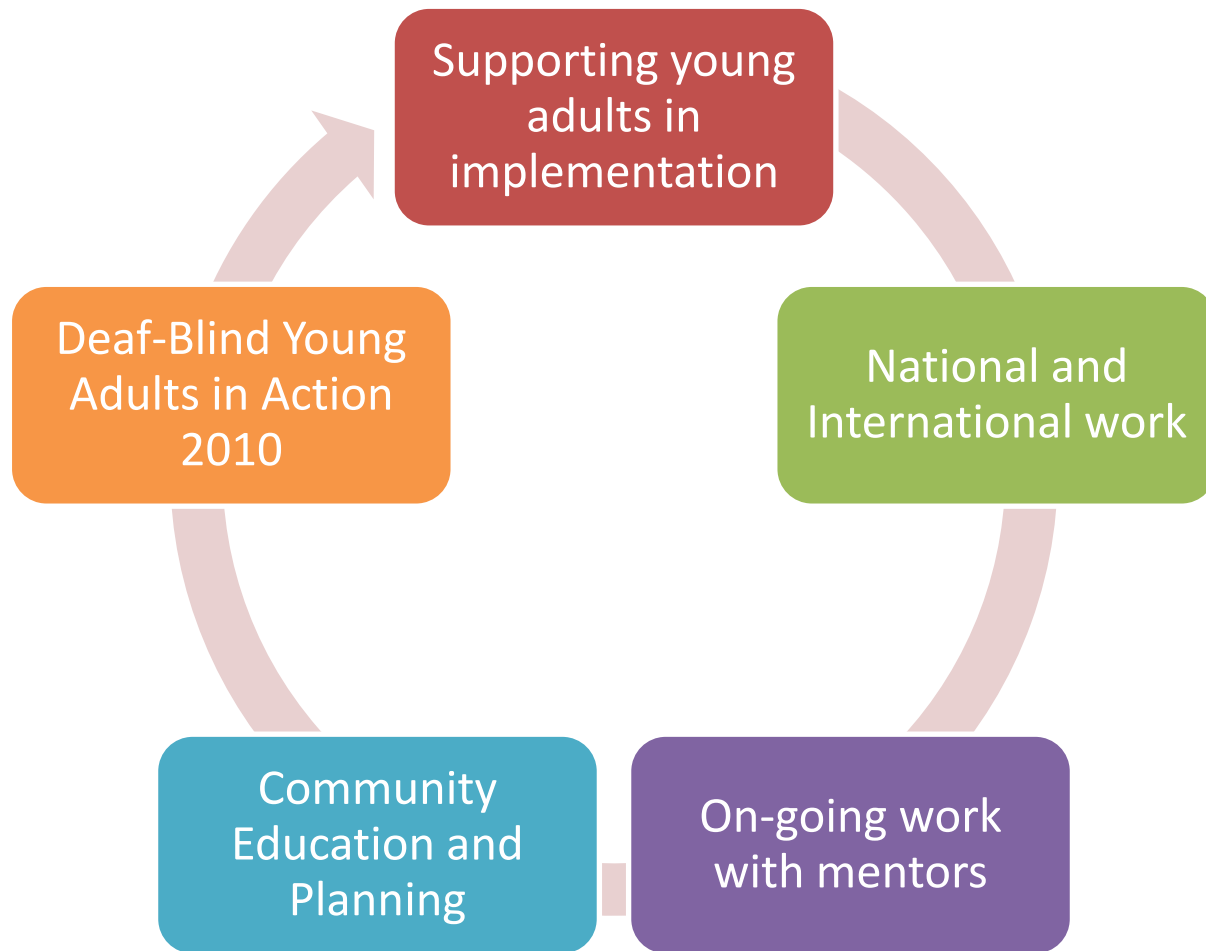
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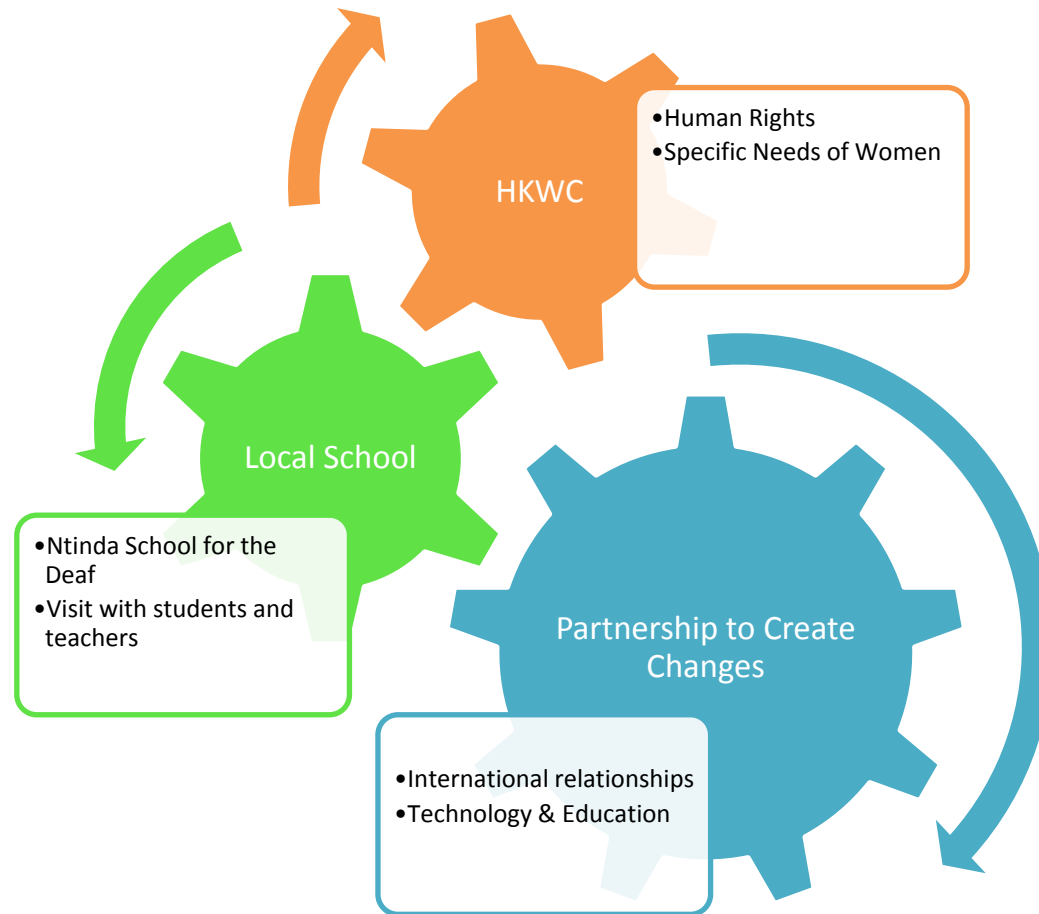
Positive Young Adults Making Positive Changes in the World



Phase II- Implementing Action Plans



Helen Keller World Conference Kampala, Uganda



A vision for HKWC and Growing Young Leaders

