



## What is YAHAnet?

YAHAnet ([www.yahanet.org](http://www.yahanet.org)) is a new web-based networking tool for youth. Its slogan ("SHOW. SHARE. LEARN. LEAD.") encompasses all the different ways to use and benefit from the webtool. Whether it's by **showing** creative talent, **sharing** ideas with similar workgroups, **learning** from a variety of available guides and resources, or **leading** one's community with newly-gained knowledge and strategies, YAHAnet provides youth groups and organizations with multiple opportunities to strengthen their development.

The idea of creating this webtool was initiated by McGill University in Montréal, Canada, and the development of the website was sponsored by UNESCO. McGill University partnered with the University of Toronto in Canada and the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa to realize the project. The webtool is currently maintained by a student team at McGill University.

## What features can you find on YAHAnet?

YAHAnet is equipped with video, audio, and image galleries and also provides members with a variety of resources such as how-to guides for raising awareness through the arts, fact guides on gender issues and stigma, and up-to-date medical research and case studies. YAHAnet not only provides a safe online meeting place where members can showcase their artistic messages about HIV and AIDS but also facilitates the development of youth-created strategies to deal more effectively with this global crisis. YAHAnet aspires to be the leading instrument for peer-to-peer empowerment and social change in the fight against HIV and AIDS.

## How to become a member and get involved!

1. Go to the [member sign-up page](#) to create a member profile
2. Start networking by creating/joining Workgroups and posting Events
3. Start spreading artistic messages by posting to the Gallery
4. Explore all the available resources and upload new ones
5. Give feedback in the Forum

***Thank you for your interest, and we look forward to welcoming you to the new global youth network!***