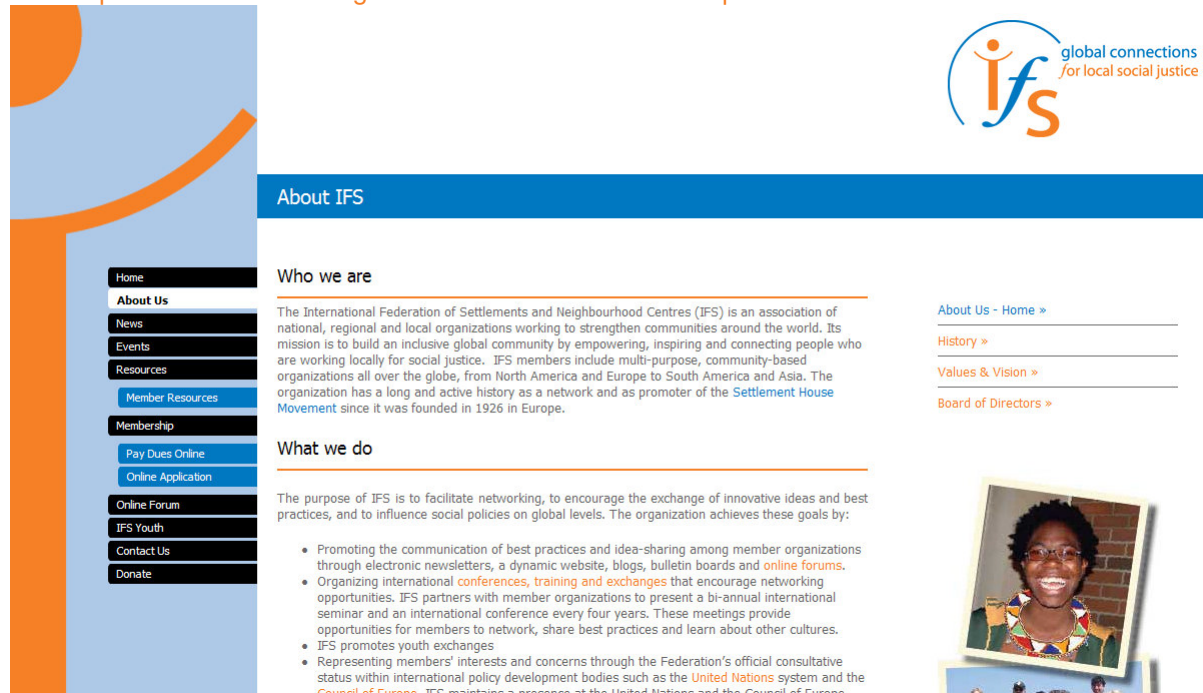


De 'International Federation of Settlements and Neighbourhood Centres'

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About IFS

Who we are

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What we do

The purpose of IFS is to facilitate networking, to encourage the exchange of innovative ideas and best practices, and to influence social policies on global levels. The organization achieves these goals by:

- Promoting the communication of best practices and idea-sharing among member organizations through electronic newsletters, a dynamic website, blogs, bulletin boards and **online forums**.
- Organizing international **conferences, training and exchanges** that encourage networking opportunities. IFS partners with member organizations to present a bi-annual international seminar and an international conference every four years. These meetings provide opportunities for members to network, share best practices and learn about other cultures.
- IFS promotes youth exchanges
- Representing members' interests and concerns through the Federation's official consultative status within international policy development bodies such as the **United Nations** system and the **Council of Europe**. IFS maintains a presence at the United Nations and the Council of Europe.

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De nieuwe 'Chief Executive' van Toynbee Hall is Graham Fisher (vanaf november 2008). Hij leidt ook het network rond de Internationale Settlement beweging.

Deze beweging functioneert samen met de Arts and Crafts movement op dit moment onder leiding van prof. Haruhiko Fujita van de Universiteit van Osaka. In 2008 was er een conferentie in Leiden van de beide netwerken gezamenlijk. Deze conferenties worden jaarlijks gehouden en min of meer in een afwisselende plaats. Er zijn conferenties geweest in Korea, VS, Japan. Van deze conferenties zijn verslagen beschikbaar.

Bij de conferentie in Leiden was er ook actieve samenwerking met V.U.B (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) via Wim de Pauw.

Er vindt dit jaar (2009) in elk geval wel weer een 'dubbele' conferentie plaats met aandacht voor zowel de geschiedenis van de settlements als van de Arts & Crafts beweging.

Dit keer in Yokohama, van 17 - 19 augustus aan de Keio University (E-mail: chacky@law.keio.ac.jp). Vanuit Europa heb ik naast Finland, Vlaanderen, Nederland en Engeland belangstelling voor de geschiedenis van settlements en Arts & Crafts bespeurd bij enkele Hongaarse en Litouwse collega's.

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