

## Board of Trustees 2010

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### Board Profiles

#### **Shahnaz Siganporia, Founding Board Member**

28 years, Female, MA in English Literature, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi

Shahnaz Siganporia completed her Masters English Literature from Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi with a first division in 2007. She was soon after joined Platform, a bi-monthly contemporary arts and lifestyle magazine as their Features Editor. She has been since been involved in various facets of the magazine, ranging from conceptualizing and planning, coordinating and managing content for the publication. Shahnaz is also involved with identifying upcoming talent within the contemporary Indian and International Creative Industry concentrating on the genres of Art, Photography, Design, Fashion, Literature, Music and Film. Shahnaz has also had an extensive association with The YP Foundation. In 2003, she was joined the organization's staff as the Coordinator for The Facilitative Branch where she coordinated a peer education programme with adolescents, with an expertise in communication and facilitation training, as well as addressing issues of Substance Abuse, Peer Pressure and Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights amongst adolescents and young people. In 2006, Miss. Siganporia transitioned to the Senior Management of the organization, coordinating the Trainers Cell of the organization. She has also briefly worked on the Editorial Board of The YP Foundation's publication 'The Bridge' during her tenure with the organization.

#### **Arshiya Sethi, Founding Board Member & Authorized Signatory**

52 years, Female, M.Phil in International Relations, from Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, BA Political Science (Hons) from Lady Shri Ram College, Delhi University.

Arshiya Sethi is a 1980 batch alumna of Lady Sri Ram College. Presently she is a consultant with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, spearheading a nation wide primary prevention Programme on drugs and HIV. Additionally she is a mentor, in her capacity as Vice President – Creative at the newest cultural centre in Delhi Poorva Sanskriti Kendra (PSK in East Delhi). She is also Managing Trustee of the Kri Foundation, a foundation dedicated to the development of the Arts. A Fulbright fellow (2003-04) Arshiya has had an active media career in print as Dance Critic for Times of India (1987-1992) and as Arts interlocutor and commentator on TV and Radio. She was able to bridge her media skills and love for the arts in the National Programme for Music and dance that she anchored for 25 years. Before taking on her present responsibilities, Arshiya was part of the project team that set up the India Habitat Centre, where she was Creative Head Programmes for a decade. During her college and university days Arshiya was very active in extra curricular activities and left her mark in the Quiz, Debate, Dramatics and dance societies.

#### **Ishita Chaudhry, Managing Trustee & Chief Executive Officer**

26 years, Female, Bachelors in English Literature, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi

Ishita Chaudhry founded and is the CEO of The YP Foundation (TYPF) in New Delhi, India since 2002, when she was 17. TYPF supports and enables young people to create programmes and influence policies in the areas of gender, sexuality, health, education, the arts & governance. The organization promotes, protects and advances young people's human rights by building leadership, and strengthening youth led initiatives and movements, reaching out to over 300,000 young people. An advocate for youth rights and sexual and reproductive health and rights, Ishita works with youth communities in India on developing leadership skills and enabling young people's access to comprehensive sexuality education. She has worked with over 5,000 young people in the last 8 years to set up over 200 projects in India, training youth at international, regional and local levels as well as networks such as UN Young Changemakers Conclave 2010, Students for the Promotion of International Law, the Global MDG Summit India 2008 and the Indian Youth Climate Network. Ishita has worked as a consultant with UNAIDS, UNODC, The Ford Foundation, the Development Communication Division of Doordarshan, India's largest National Television Channel and the consultancy division of CAF India. She has trained officers at the Government of Nagaland and official staff at UNDP and

UNICEF in India on developing youth friendly communication. Ishita has facilitated regional/international youth advocacy trainings for the IWHC at the 4<sup>th</sup> APCSRHR in India and the 53rd and 54th Commission on the Status of Women in New York. She was selected to represent India by UNODC, Geneva, as a chair at the 17th International Conference on the Reduction of Drug Related Harm in 2006.

In 2008 Ishita was selected to participate in the Clinton Global Initiative in New York and in 2009, invited by GTZ to address the UNAIDS Inter Agency Task Team on Education on political recommendations for reaching at risk youth in the context of HIV/AIDS. She has addressed the Global Health Council and Women Deliver Conference in 2010 and partnered with UNESCO for The YP Foundation as a Trainer for the AIDS 2010 Youth Pre Conference, additionally moderating a session on HIV Prevention and Sexuality Education for young people for UNAIDS, WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA and UNESCO at the International AIDS Conference in Vienna in 2010. Ishita has a member of the consultation for the National Strategic Framework for HIV Prevention hosted by the National AIDS Control Organization, India and is currently serving on UNESCO's Global Advisory Group for Sexuality Education, for the period of 2010 – 2012. She is currently a Global INK Fellow and was a speaker at the 2010 The INK Conference in association with TED. Ishita is the recipient of the Change Looms Award for Social Entrepreneurship from The Ashoka Foundation, The Seen and Heard Award from British Telecom, The Karamveer Puruskaar – National Award for Social Justice and Action and is the first Indian youth to receive the Young Achiever's Award from the President of Nepal. She was nominated as the Pepsi MTV Youth Icon of India in 2008. Her work with TYPF has received support from multiple stakeholders including the Global Fund for Children, IWHC, WHO, American Embassy, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA and UNAIDS amongst others. Ishita is currently serving on the Board of Directors of AASRA (Association for Scientific Research on the Addictions) and CYON (Connecting Youth Organizations Nationwide) in India.

### **Vidyun Sabhaney, Advisory Board Member**

Age 23, Female, Bachelors in Journalism, Lady Shri Ram College, University of Delhi

Vidyun Sabhaney is a freelance writer who works in the field of comic books/graphic novels. Her recent publications include a commercial project done for Radio Mirchi- a 360-page book on radio programming, complete with illustrations and comics! She has also been working She is currently running a project focused on keeping alive the tradition of interpretive story letting in the Mahabharata, through the Japanese comic medium 'Manga'. The idea is to re-imagine the Mahabharat as a manga comic book series, create original stories within the Mahabharat universe and develop a style of manga that will work in an Indian context. In the past she has written for Apne Aap Women Worldwide, COMIX.INDIA and Campfire Comics and will soon be published by Harper Collins in an anthology of Indian Comics. Vidyun has also worked with The YP Foundation for 5 years as part of its staffing team, in the capacities of Administrative Coordinator, Trainer's Cell Coordinator and is currently serving as an Advisory Board Member to the organization.

### **Rohit Sethi, Chartered Accountant**

50 years, Male, Partner, Rohit Sethi & Associates

Mr. Rohit Sethi, is a partner of the firm, Rohit Sethi And Associates and has an FCA with 22 years of experience in the field. Rohit Sethi & Associates is a firm registered in India and specializing in accounting, audit, direct and indirect taxation and company laws and compliances. The Firm has already provided extensive and exhaustive consultancy and execution in the matters of computerized accounting and Management Information System, Compliances of all accounting standards (both Indian and International) and integration of the same with the systems of the organization, Data Entry of prime accounting record and generation of reports and Analysis of final results and variance analysis with budgets and projections to various clients in the past. The firm has a range of over 600 clients including many industrial houses, multi-nationals, agents, wholesalers, retailers, exporters, importers, professionals, non residents, companies, charitable trusts and societies and individuals.