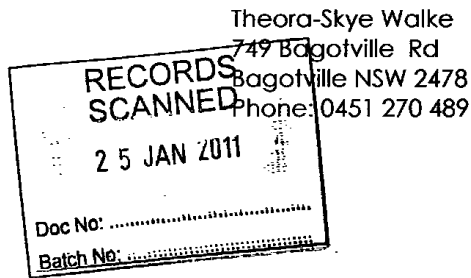


## 10.4 Donations - Australian Representation

20<sup>th</sup> January 2011  
Ballina Shire Council  
Attn: Cr Phillip Silver, Mayor  
PO Box 450  
Ballina NSW 2478



Dear Mayor Silver

My name is Theora-Skye, I am 16 years old and am just about to start year 11 at Southern Cross K-12. I am a Bundjalung girl, and my family are from the Ballina Cabbage Tree Island people. I am active in my community and have been involved in community work including, assisting children read, buddy reading, the SES course, and supporting other young girls/women not as fortunate as me as a part of the Mirrung Ngu Wanjarri (Aboriginal Women Making Changes) program/camps for girls aged 12-18 as a volunteer on occasion.

I have recently been offered a place to attend the Global Young Leaders Conference in Europe from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July to the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 2011. A teacher at my school, Ms Myers nominated me. I feel incredibly fortunate to have been nominated as candidate, and I know that I will benefit greatly from attending this amazing conference, and hopefully be able to give some this experience back to my community. I am proud of my culture, and proud to have been offered this experience, the opportunity to experience other cultures.

Some of the topics covered over the 9 days include identifying my role in a cross-cultural global society and conflict resolution. I will have the opportunity to experience other cultures, language, and religion and learn more about diplomacy. I will hear about genocide and human rights in Prague, something that is still current in the recent history of our people in Australia. The end of the conference is a call to action for all of the delegates.

It is for this reason I am writing to you to ask for your assistance to help me get there. My mother and grandmother are working hard to raise the money to help me go, but I want to be a part of the process and this is why I am writing to you. I would like to ask for sponsorship to attend the event.

We have raised and paid \$1500.00 and I still need to raise \$2700 to pay for the conference and accommodation, and then a further \$2500 for flights.

If you were able to help me in any way by sponsoring me I would ensure that it would not be wasted on me. I intend to create a blog that will talk about my experience including how I got there, during and after the event.

I know that many people may ask for your help, and hope that you give me the opportunity to make my school, my family and myself proud.

I have attached the letter of offer from the Global Young Leaders Conference as verification that I am asking for funds for this event. I thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you, and if required to talk more about the event.



Theora-Skye Walke

Phone: 0451 270 489

*Or my mothers number Emma Walke 0418 421 986*