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COMPETITION ENABLES SA’S YOUNG LEADERS TO ADDRESS LOCAL CHALLENGES AT INTERNATIONAL SUMMIT

25 June 2014: PPS, the financial services provider focused on graduate professionals, has announced the launch of a competition to sponsor four university students to attend the One Young World Summit 2014, which will be taking place in Dublin, Ireland from 15 – 18 October.

According to Gerhard Joubert, Executive Head: Group Marketing & Stakeholder Relations at PPS, the PPS competition offers a unique opportunity for four of South Africa’s burgeoning young leaders to attend the One Young World Summit and discuss ideas and solutions with global leaders on issues affecting fields such as; education, global business, human rights and sustainable development.

“South Africa is currently facing a massive skills shortage and a number of other social issues that ultimately affect our economy. The only solution to alleviating this is if both the private and public sectors work together to identify and support young leaders, who have the potential to make a tangible difference in our society,” says Joubert.

One Young World stages an annual Summit, where the most valuable young talent from global and national companies, NGO’s, universities and other forward-thinking organisations from over 190 countries around the world, are joined by One Young World Counsellors, consisting of global leaders from business, politics, fashion, science and sport.

Past Summits have included internationally renowned One Young World Counsellors, such as; Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu, Sir Bob Geldof, Kofi Annan, Sir Richard Branson, Professor Muhammad Yunus, Jamie Oliver, Jack Dorsey and Arianna Huffington.

Catherine Peter, Africa Director - One Young World, says the success of the One Young World Summit 2014 relies on delegates debating, formulating and sharing their solutions for some of the most pressing issues that the world currently faces. “It is critical that companies and organisations, such as PPS, play a vital role in identifying and nurturing these young leaders in the build up to and after the Summit.”

The main Summit sessions will be held at the Convention Centre Dublin, with breakout sessions being hosted in over 30 different venues throughout the city. As part of the Summit, Dublin will welcome One Young World delegates with a ‘One Thousand Welcomes’ tour. Delegates will be given an introduction to the Irish way of life and the country’s legendary welcoming reputation through a series of cultural events held at iconic locations over the course of the event.
Each delegate will be introduced to a young Dubliner and together they will take a local’s tour of Dublin. They will see the real sights and sounds of the city, not just the ones from tourist maps, but the authentic fabric of Irish life. Visiting delegates will leave Dublin inspired and motivated to deliver change in their own organisations, communities and cities.

After each Summit, the delegates, who are then known as One Young World Ambassadors, work on their own initiatives or lend the power of the One Young World network to those initiatives already in existence.

While One Young World delegates are aged 18 – 30, PPS - One Young World Summit 2014 candidates must between the ages of 20-30 years old at the time of the summit and must be in their fourth (or above) academic year of full time study, who on qualification, will be eligible for PPS membership. In addition, PPS - One Young World delegates must have a commitment to volunteering for other extracurricular activities.

The competition requires students to submit a video which demonstrates their passions, global and local knowledge, ideas and their potential and existing role in effecting positive change in society or their organisation. Qualifying students should visit http://www.ppsinnercircle.co.za/OYW for more information on how to create and upload their YouTube video and submit their application.

The competition closes on 31 July 2014 and winners will be announced by 8 August 2014 on the PPS Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/PPSforProfessionals

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Additional information:

PPS boasts in excess of 200,000 members who enjoy access to a comprehensive suite of financial and healthcare products that are specifically tailored to meet the needs of graduate professionals.

PPS is the largest South African company of its kind that still embraces an ethos of mutuality, which means that it exists solely for the benefit of its members. Thus, PPS members with qualifying products share in the profits of PPS Insurance via annual allocations to the unique PPS Profit-Share Account and those who have PPS Investments products can also share in the profits of PPS Investments.

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About One Young World:

One Young World is the preeminent global forum for young leaders aged 18 to 30. Established in 2009, One Young World hosts an annual Summit attended by 1,300 delegates from over 190 countries. No youth dominated event represents as many countries outside the Olympics.

One Young World is a unique platform for young leaders to network with peers from every country and sector, sharing ideas to develop solutions to address urgent global issues. Unlike other events, the annual One Young World Summit gives delegates an opportunity to speak alongside global figures such as Kofi Annan, Sir Richard
Branson, Sir Bob Geldof, Mary Robinson, Arianna Huffington, Mo Ibrahim, Cathy Calvin, Jochen Zeitz, Dame Ellen MacArthur, Paul Polman, Antony Jenkins, Ali Hewson, Dr. Martin MacAleese, Muhammad Yunus and many more.

Kofi Annan, 7th Secretary-General of the UN speaking at a One Young World Summit: ‘It’s another UN except that you have stronger voices, you are younger, you are more dynamic and you have something to teach the older generation. You are the leaders of tomorrow and you can be the change you want to see.’

Following the Summit, One Young World Ambassadors go on to deliver initiatives in their countries, communities and industries, often collaborating with one another to develop projects on a global scale. Linked are case studies of Ambassadors in Action.

Many organisations have made One Young World an integral part of their development of global talent and CSR initiatives, with companies increasing the size of their delegation each year. One Young World partners with 224 of the world’s leading companies, 70 of which are listed by Fortune 500 or FTSE 100. View our partners and supporters on our homepage: http://www.oneyoungworld.com.

The 2014 Summit will be taking place in Dublin, between 15-18 October. To date, Summits have taken place in London (2010), Zurich (2011), Pittsburgh (2012) and Johannesburg (2013). Highlights from Johannesburg can be watched here.

For more information about One Young World, please visit www.oneyoungworld.com