

# JEREMY HESS

Thai Youth Action Network

Co-Founded with Tamar Renaud

1995 Global Fellow



## BIG BOLD IDEA

Educate young people about HIV/AIDS prevention by training volunteers that reach out to youth gangs in Thailand.

## ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

The Thai Youth AIDS Prevention Project was established in Chiang Mai as a non-government organization in September 1995 to target youth AIDS prevention and care in northern Thailand. TYAP's philosophy includes promoting long-term interactive life-skills education, providing the tools and skills necessary for young people to protect themselves in modern times, training young people to teach their peers and to work with people affected by HIV/AIDS, and challenging young people to be involved in effecting policy change.

Originally founded by three young foreigners who had recently graduated from an American university, the Thai Youth AIDS Prevention Project (TYAP) is now run entirely by Thai nationals.

## PERSONAL BIO

Jeremy Hess is a practicing emergency medicine physician and medical epidemiologist. His public health work focuses on health issues related to energy, particularly the health impacts of climate change and health sector issues associated with petroleum scarcity and sustainability. Jeremy works both domestically, primarily with CDC as the climate change program's medical officer, and abroad. He is the co-founder, with two classmates from Brown University, of the Thai Youth AIDS Prevention (TYAP) program. Currently, Jeremy's service work includes medical evaluations of torture survivors seeking political asylum.

### Organization/Fellow Location

Decatur, United States

### Impact Location

Asia

Thailand

### Organization Structure

Nonprofit

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