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13	Mr Zhiliang LIU	China	Partnerships & Fundraising Officer	European Guanxi
14	Ms Xinyue YANG	China	Vice President	Chongqing Youth Entrepreneurship Promotion Association
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57	Mr Pyae THUKHA	Myanmar	Founder and Project Leader	TOP Education Centre
58	Mr Min Khant ZAW	Myanmar	Project Assistant	Environment, Health and Safety Myanmar (EHS) Myanmar
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82	Mr Pablo PORTERO BELLIDO	Spain	President	Remonta
83	Mr Juan SUAREZ RUIZ	Spain	Project's Coordinator - Youth Participation and Democratic Innovations	Coglobal

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87	Mr Samuel VALLADE SCIARINI	Switzerland	Member of the EYCA Youth Panel	European Youth Card Association (EYCA)
88	Ms Atitaya PHOEMPHON	Thailand	Public Communication and Partnership Team Lead	Global Youth Biodiversity Network Thailand (GYBN Thailand)
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92	Ms Emma GIBSON	United Kingdom	Liaison Officer	Erasmus Student Network (ESN) United Kingdom
93	Mr Manh Nghia DAO	Viet Nam	Founder and President	DMN Initiative - SDGs Council - DMN Foundation
94	Mr Nguyen Huy Hoang HUYNH	Viet Nam	ESG Impact Officer	Youth for Energy Southeast Asia (Y4E-SEA)
95	Ms Anh NGUYEN	Viet Nam	Marketing and Communications Officer	Vietnam National Union of Students

Ms Alice LANGTON

Australia

Founder & Executive Chair

Voices of Influence Australia

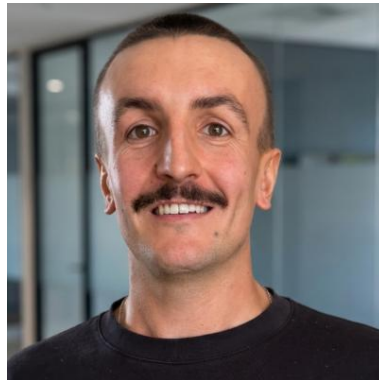


Alice Langton is a human rights leader who strives to build what democracy too often lacks - the infrastructure, trust, and investment that allows young people to lead from the ground up. She is not interested in putting young people in rooms; she is interested in changing what happens in them. As Founder and Chair of Voices of Influence Australia, she has been entrusted to build a national human rights organisation from scratch - convening national coalitions, decentralising leadership across communities, and pioneering some of the first youth-designed and owned investment architectures for grassroots civic leadership, including the Future Leaders Incubator Fund. Her leadership has produced landmark achievements, including Australia's first youth-led report to the UN Human Rights Council as well as launch of The Hope Index - a national framework that repositions hope as both a civic measurement and a political act. She holds a quiet but firm belief that the best leaders are, above all, the best learners - remaining as accountable to the communities they serve as to the change they seek. Alice holds an LLM in Transitional Justice, Human Rights and Rule of Law from the Geneva Academy of Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.

Mr Wil MASSARA

Australia

Founder

Youth Leadership Academy
Australia

Wil Massara founded Youth Leadership Academy Australia at 15. By the time he received his Year 12 results, an empty envelope, no ATAR, the organisation was already reaching thousands of young people across the country. Today, YLAA has supported over 65,000 young people across 1,500+ schools nationally.

He went on to complete an MBA as one of Australia's youngest graduates. In 2025 he was named WA Young Achiever of the Year in Community Leadership and selected as one of 50 global changemakers for his approach to problem-solving and design thinking.

Alongside building YLAA, Wil has worked with state and federal government departments, education systems, and councils across Australia, consulting on youth engagement strategy and co-designing policy that actually reflects the people it serves. His work is built on a firm belief that the best outcomes in schools, workplaces, and communities come from intergenerational collaboration - young people and experienced leaders working together, not in parallel.

Ms U Khing Nue CHAK

Bangladesh

Head of Strategic Partnerships

Green Milieu



Ukhing Nue Chak is an Indigenous youth professional from the Chak community of Bandarban, Bangladesh, with extensive experience working with Indigenous and marginalized communities on community development, youth empowerment, cultural preservation, and climate resilience. She currently serves as Executive Board Member and Lead of Strategic Partnerships at GREEN MILIEU, where she develops partnerships and supports initiatives focused on environmental sustainability, biodiversity conservation, and community-led development. With a background in project management, policy advocacy, research, and facilitation, Ukhing has designed and facilitated numerous training programs and learning spaces for young people and community members. She is a certified Innovative Facilitator, having successfully completed the RCCC Innovative Facilitation Fellowship, and has experience applying game-based learning and participatory facilitation approaches to enhance engagement, leadership, and knowledge sharing. She represented Indigenous minority communities at COP29 in Azerbaijan, advocating for Indigenous knowledge, climate action, and biodiversity conservation.

Mr MD Shariful (Sharif) ISLAM

Bangladesh
Co-Founder & Chairman
Odommo '19 Youth
Foundation



Md. Shariful Islam is the Co-Founder and Chairman of Odommo '19 Youth Foundation, a nationally registered youth-led voluntary organization established in Bangladesh in 2018. Over the past 7 years, he has led initiatives across 10+ thematic areas, including education, climate action, youth & women empowerment, and community welfare, contributing to programmes that have reached over 40,000 beneficiaries. He holds a BSc in Information Technology & Management from Daffodil International University and has received 20+ international academic, leadership, exchange, and cross-cultural opportunities across Europe, Asia, and the United States, including Erasmus+ mobility in Sweden and leadership programmes in the USA, Hungary, Poland focused on technology, sustainability, and intercultural collaboration. Professionally, he works with international teams in sales, operations, and business management, focusing on youth mobilization and sustainable grassroots impact in Bangladesh.

Mr Durray Shahwar SADAF

Bangladesh
Head of Communication &
Advocacy
Youth Development &
Leadership Community (YDLC)



Durray Shahwar Sadaf is a third-year Bachelor of Social Science student in the Department of Peace, Conflict and Human Rights at Bangladesh University of Professionals (BUP). His academic training focuses on international human rights law, peacebuilding, rights-based governance, gender justice, conflict analysis, environmental security, and research methodology. He currently serves as a member at the Youth Development Leadership Community (YDLC), where he leads policy communication and human rights, and youth participation. He is also working as Programme Research & Operations Coordinator at Everstudi (an AI-based EdTech platform). Previously, he worked as a Host and Public Speaker at Sneho and YDLC. He also serves as Campus Ambassador for Sanskaran Foundation, Nishongkoch Foundation. Sadaf is deeply interested in the intersections of organizational management, human security, and anticipatory leadership.

Mr Abdul Waiz JOEFRY

Brunei Darussalam
Chief Operations & Programs
Officer
VISEABLE INTERNATIONAL



Waiz Joe fry is a young Bruneian youth advocate and creative change maker with a background in entrepreneurship and marketing strategies from the Politeknik Brunei. At 19, he became the youngest fellow selected from Brunei Darussalam for the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative Academic Fellowship Program at University of Connecticut in Fall 2025. He is passionate about community development, women empowerment, and social impact initiatives across ASEAN. Waiz has experience leading and contributing to projects involving storytelling, youth engagement and community based initiatives. His work focuses on empowering communities through innovation, collaboration, and advocacy while inspiring young people to create positive social change.

Ms Nora ANGELOVA

Bulgaria

Executive Committee Member

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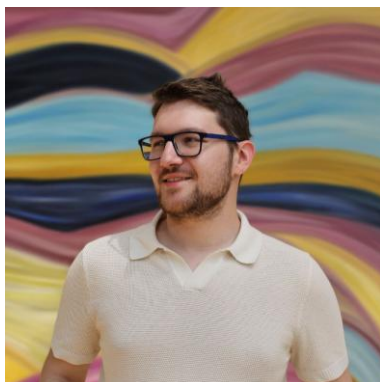
Nora Angelova is a chemical engineer, chemistry teacher, and founder of ChemAcademy Ltd.. Her professional background combines scientific expertise, education, and student advocacy, with a strong commitment to making chemistry more accessible, engaging, and understandable for students. As a chemistry educator, she specialises in simplifying complex scientific concepts and supporting learners through personalised teaching approaches. Through ChemAcademy, she has developed educational initiatives aimed at improving students' understanding of chemistry, building academic confidence, and enhancing performance, while also creating modern and accessible science education content. Her experience spans student representation, advocacy, and policy engagement, contributing to initiatives that strengthen student voices, improve educational systems, and promote student wellbeing and inclusion. Her work sits at the intersection of science, education, and youth participation, combining technical expertise in chemical engineering with practical teaching experience and a long-standing commitment to student representation and educational development.

Mr Ivan MARKOV

Bulgaria

Network Manager (National Board)

Erasmus Student Network (ESN) Bulgaria



Ivan Markov is a youth volunteer by heart and product designer by profession from Sofia, Bulgaria. He has 10+ years of volunteering experience in Bulgaria and Netherlands and academic background in UX Design from The Hague University of Applied Sciences. Over the past 4+ years, he has been actively involved in Erasmus Student Network (ESN) Bulgaria on local and national level. As the current Network Manager of ESN Bulgaria, he supports the development of 100+ youth volunteers and 10 local organisations each semester by organising national capacity-building trainings, coordinating sessions and facilitators, managing youth projects and leading delegations at international youth training conferences. His recent work focuses on strengthening cooperation between youth organisations in Southeastern Europe through joint trainings and sessions, common mobility-related activities and regional initiatives to create better opportunities for students and youth volunteers in the region.

Mr Chansovichea DUCH

Cambodia

Director of Sustainable Urban Development and Design

Sustainable Design 11 (SD11)



Chansovichea (Vichea) Duch is the Director of Sustainable Urban Development and Design at SD11 and a final-year architecture student at CamTech University. Driven by a commitment to plant-positive urbanism, he specialises in integrating bioclimatic building and landscape design with nature-based solutions and universal design principles. His dedication to youth empowerment and urban ecology inspired him to lead the Young Cities and Communities Leaders Program (YCCL) and get recognised as one of 14 global youth jury members for the AIPH World Green City Awards. Recognised globally for his advocacy, Vichea was selected as an FXB Climate Advocate, spearheading nature-based solution initiatives through digital storytelling and community-on-site awareness campaigns. Additionally, he was chosen as a Young Leader for the World Cities Summit 2026 in Singapore, reflecting his active role in shaping inclusive, resilient, and sustainable urban futures.

Ms Rothsethamony SENG

Cambodia

CEO and Co-Founder

Bamnang Holdings Pte. Ltd.



Rothsethamony Seng is a Cambodian social entrepreneur and digital education advocate working at the intersection of student housing, digital inclusion, and youth leadership. As Co-Founder and CEO of Bamnang, an international student super app, she helps students access safe and affordable housing, mentorship, guidance on university majors, scholarships, and career opportunities across Southeast Asia and beyond. She holds a second master's degree in Education Policy and Analysis, with a concentration in Global, International, and Comparative Education, from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, while cross-registering at MIT Sloan School of Management, Harvard Business School, and Harvard Kennedy School. She earned her first master's degree in Political Science, specialising in International Relations and Comparative Politics with a graduate certificate in Southeast Asian Studies, from Northern Illinois University, and holds a specialized certificate in Entrepreneurship and Technology from Arizona State University. She completed her bachelor's degree in Global Affairs with an Economics minor at the American University of Phnom Penh, alongside a YSEALI Academic Fellowship at the University of Nebraska Omaha.

Ms Tepy SOVANN

Cambodia

Research Lead & Project
CoordinatorAngkor Social Innovation Park
(ASIP)

Tepy Sovann is a Cambodian civil society practitioner and policy researcher. She holds a bachelor's degree in international relations from the Institute for International Studies and Public Policy and serves as Research Lead and Project Coordinator at Angkor Social Innovation Park (ASIP), designing capacity-building programmes for SMEs and youth with a focus on sustainable innovation and digital literacy. She has led eight cohorts of a cross-cultural youth workshop with YMCA Singapore, bringing Cambodian and Singaporean youth together around the theme of sustainable futures. She also serves at the Secretariat of the National Assembly Cabinet and Advisory Council, supporting senior officials through policy research and strategic communications. A YSEALI Academic Fellow under the U.S. Department of State and a current Adenauer Young Scholar for Excellence in Strategic Foresight, Tepy is driven by the belief that Cambodia's development challenges demand leaders who can anticipate change, not merely react to it.

Mr Dongjie CHEN

China

Founder/Director

Future Foresight/Global Youth
Development Foundation

Dongjie Chen is a youth leader advancing the UN SDGs and international cooperation, known for building multi-stakeholder platforms and empowering youth-led actions. He has attended COP as a UNESCO Youth Ambassador and participated as a Chinese delegate in conferences, including the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting of the New Champions (Summer Davos) and the 5th UNESCO World Congress of Biosphere Reserves. His professional experience spans courts, investment institutions, multinational corporations, international organizations, academia, and foundations. Now as the director of the Global Youth Development Foundation, he promotes international youth exchanges and collaborated with UN agencies to organize the Youth Hackathon, engaging and supporting young people and emerging researchers in solving real-world problems. He is committed to global affairs, building inclusive platforms that integrate technology, policy, and cross-sector partnerships to advance the SDGs and address complex global challenges.

Mr Zhiliang LIU

China

Partnerships & Fundraising
Officer

European Guanxi



Zhiliang Liu is an undergraduate student at Rikkyo University in Tokyo, where he studies Intercultural Communication with a focus on international relations and diplomacy. His academic path has taken him between Japan and Belgium, with a growing focus on Europe-Asia relations and the policy questions that shape cooperation between the two regions. His recent work has centred on EU-China relations. He has supported policy-related research and communication work on issues such as trade, business regulation, and institutional engagement. This work has placed him close to the space between policy debate and public communication, where complex international issues need to be understood across different contexts. Zhiliang is currently Partnerships Officer at European Guanxi, a youth-led platform for Europe-China dialogue. His role involves building partnerships, supporting outreach, and helping create opportunities for young people to engage with Europe-China issues in a more informed and practical way.

Ms Xinyue YANG

China

Vice President

Chongqing Youth
Entrepreneurship Promotion
Association

Xinyue Yang is a youth leader and public affairs practitioner from Chongqing, China. She currently serves as Vice President of the Chongqing Youth Entrepreneurship Promotion Association, Member of the All-China Youth Federation, and Member of the Chongqing Youth Federation. She is currently pursuing a dual-degree MBA/MMH program at Peking University Guanghua School of Management and Cornell University. With an academic background in marketing and international business, she has actively engaged in youth innovation, social development, and international exchange initiatives. Xinyue has represented Chongqing in multiple international youth dialogue and exchange programs, delivering keynote speeches in English on topics including youth leadership, innovation, rural revitalisation, and cross-cultural collaboration. In 2025, she was appointed as a Brand Ambassador for Chongqing Youth International Exchange under the "Future Bridge · Youth Gathering in Chongqing" initiative.

Ms Ana FURLAN SFARČIĆ

Croatia

President

ISHA Zagreb



Ana Furlan Sfarčić is a history student at the University of Zagreb with a strong interest in human rights, youth participation, and intercultural dialogue. She currently serves as President of the International Students of History Association (ISHA) Zagreb, where she leads organizational activities, coordinates international cooperation, and organizes academic conferences, symposiums, and public discussions. Alongside her academic engagement, Ana is active in the Youth Initiative for Human Rights Croatia, contributing to projects focused on reconciliation, democratic values, and civic engagement. She has experience in organizing conferences, moderating discussions, facilitating educational activities, and coordinating international participants through academic and Erasmus+ projects. Her work focuses on connecting historical understanding with contemporary social challenges, promoting critical thinking, active citizenship, and dialogue among young people from diverse backgrounds.

Ms Alice Liu IOANNIDES

Cyprus

Alumna Ambassador & Youth
International Strategy
Coordinator

UWC Cyprus



Alice Liu (Aliki) is an education desegregation leader working at the intersection of data security, policy and international development. As a Davis Scholar at the University of Rochester, she is triple-majoring in International Relations, Data Science and Finance while serving as Social Chair for the Class of 2029 Residential Council. Her work focuses on how policy, technology and law can strengthen equitable access to youth opportunities. She is currently exploring security telemetry and data governance through her policy-focused internship at the Embassy of Cyprus in Washington DC. Aliki has led and contributed to international development and education reform initiatives with Deloitte and United World Colleges. Her work includes helping establish Cypriot-Norwegian educational partnerships and leading the strategy, mentorship and long-term development of a \$200K annual scholarship fund for Cypriot youth at UWC Red Cross Nordic, Norway's most forward peace-focused school.

Mr Batia KIESE ETHAN

Cyprus

Event Officer

Cyprus Youth Diplomacy



With a robust background in information technology and civil society engagement, Batia Ethan has gained valuable experience through internships in Poland as an IT student and in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with local civil society organizations. Currently, he is Part of Cyprus Youth Diplomacy and also dedicated on a Project to launching an NGO project called NationCo, which focuses on empowering refugees in Cyprus. Their mission is twofold: to foster social inclusion and to enhance the economic landscape of both Cyprus and Europe. His active participation in various conferences and forums across Cyprus and Europe keeps him well-informed on critical issues such as geopolitics, leadership, and social politics.

Ms Lucie SOUKALOVÁ

Czech Republic

Founder and Co-president

Student Consultancy The
Hague

Lucie Soukalová is a youth leader focused global affairs and security, currently studying International Relations at Leiden University in the Netherlands. She co-founded and leads Student Consultancy The Hague, a non-profit supporting socially impactful organisations and providing students with meaningful professional experience. Within a year, she expanded the organisation to over 30 consultants and 2,500 volunteer hours, including work for an international organisation. As Head of Cluster at the German Baltic Youth Conference 2025, Lucie led the 8-week European Security and International Cooperation programme and oversaw the writing of a youth policy paper presented at the European Parliament, DG DEFIS and several NATO delegations. Lucie also serves on the boards of multiple Dutch student organisations, including chairing the Independent Body of the University College Student Representatives of the Netherlands. In all her work, she seeks to leave things a little better than she found them.

Mr Mikael PEDERSEN

Denmark

Executive Board Member

Venstres Ungdom



Mikael Freitag Pedersen is a Danish student of Business Administration and Psychology at Copenhagen Business School with a strong interest in democratic participation, youth engagement, and international cooperation. He serves on the executive board of Venstre's Youth in Denmark, where he chairs the international committee and works with European and global youth partnerships. His experience spans political communication, organisational development, and youth leadership through roles in civil society organisations, including as former Secretary General of European Youth Denmark. Mikael has organised international exchanges, facilitated dialogue among young people from diverse backgrounds, and contributed to initiatives focused on democracy, active citizenship, and cross-border cooperation. He is particularly interested in how young people can navigate uncertainty, strengthen democratic resilience, and contribute to shaping more inclusive and sustainable societies.

Ms Alina HEKKALA

Finland

Secretary

TaoTao CEAS Student Club ry



Alina Hekkala is an East Asian Studies MA student at the University of Turku, specializing in contemporary East Asian societies with expertise in political science, economics, and international relations. Her master's thesis examines South Korean higher education and graduate employability. Her multidisciplinary background, including a Bachelor's in Health Sciences, provides unique analytical perspectives. As Secretary of TaoTao CEAS Student Association, she oversees administrative operations, communications, and event planning. Her international experience spans studies at Incheon National University and professional roles in Cyprus and Italy, enhancing her intercultural competence. Professional experience includes developing the "K-pop as a Global Phenomenon" online course and assisting at SoKEN 2026 Conference. With expertise in qualitative/quantitative analysis, project management, and digital content creation, she is well-prepared to contribute to international research collaborations.

Mr Aayush JAIN

Finland

Vice President

Erasmus Student Network
(ESN) Haaga-Helia

Aayush Jain is a student leader bridging Nordic and European policy spaces. A Haaga-Helia student with a dual degree at IMC Krems (Austria), he serves as VP at ESN Haaga-Helia and Chair of SOANK, representing 20,000+ student housing residents across Finland. He shapes student policy, housing governance, and EU engagement across multiple organizations. He actively contributes to student entrepreneurship ecosystems and education governance reform, combining grassroots community leadership with multilateral policy engagement. He is committed to cross-cultural collaboration and connecting youth voices to European decision-making forums.

Ms Natasha LITHERLAND

France

Steering Committee Member

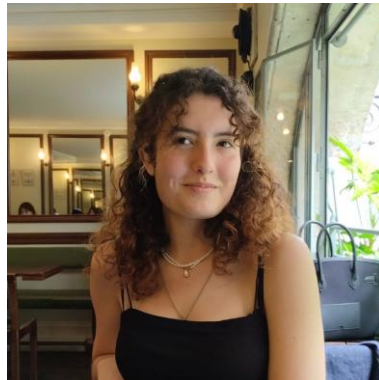
UNESCO Global Youth
Community

Natasha Litherland is a dual Master's candidate in Computer Engineering and Global Design at CY Tech and CY Cergy Paris Université, France. She is currently a predoctoral visiting researcher at the TIDE Lab at Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Spain, where her research examines the societal impacts of Generative AI in education, specifically focusing on the influence of chatbot roles in critical discussion within computer-supported collaborative learning environments. She is the co-founder of Sunflower, an award-winning civic tech platform designed to mitigate online misinformation through open data access. At the international policy level, Natasha serves as a Steering Committee Member for the UNESCO Global Youth Community, having recently represented the coalition as the sole French delegate at the 14th UNESCO Youth Forum. Her wider engagement in global policy includes her mandate as a Common Futures Conversations Member at Chatham House within the AI and Technology group, as well as fellowships with Sentient Futures and the AFFINE online Superintelligence Alignment Seminar. Previously, she served as the Deputy Director of Education at Climate Cardinals, overseeing youth-led global initiatives across more than 80 countries.

Ms Lisa MENETRIER

France

President

European Youth Parliament -
France

Lisa Menetrier is an European activist who focuses on European youth engagement, human rights protection, and ocean preservation. She holds a dual degree in French and Common law from Queen Mary University of London and Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University and is now pursuing a Master's degree in European, International and Comparative Law. As President of the European Youth Parliament - France, she is actively involved in local youth-oriented policy-making and advocates the importance of youth participation in European democratic processes. Driven by a deep belief in the power of collective action, Lisa intends to pursue a career in European law enforcement and security cooperation, contributing to a safer, more sustainable future for the continent and its seas.

Ms Alena HEISE

Germany

Co-President

Student Think Tank for
Europe-Asia Relations (STEAR)

Alena Heise is currently pursuing her masters degree in International Studies, Peace and Conflict Research at the Goethe University Frankfurt and the Technical University of Darmstadt. She holds a bachelors degree in Political Science and China Studies. She is the Co-President of the Student Think Tank for Europe Asia Relations (STEAR). In her previous role as Conference Director she organised STEAR's flagship annual Asia-Europe Youth Forum in 2025. Alena has gained valuable work experience through internships at the German Federal Foreign Office and the KfW Development Bank.

Mr DeLong LI

Germany

Former Vice President / Future
Chapter LeadStudent Parliament
Ludwigshafen University /
Overseas Chinese Global
Community (OCGC)

Delong Li is a final-year international business student at the East Asia Institute, Ludwigshafen University, specialising in East Asia with a focus on China. Having served as Vice President of the Student Parliament, he is now preparing to continue his international track as an incoming Master's candidate in Management at Católica Lisbon. Delong is deeply committed to cross-cultural dialogue, a mindset he expanded during a semester abroad in Hong Kong and through his engagement with the local AIESEC chapter. Professionally, he focuses on the startup ecosystem, currently working in venture scouting at the SAP-backed startup investor innoWerft. His corporate background features strategic roles at ABB, as well as Audi and SEW-Eurodrive in Singapore. He continues to channel his passion for intercultural dialogue into grassroots youth and community projects.

Ms Virág SÖVEGJÁRTÓ

Hungary

President

Nemzeti Ifjúsági Tanács (NIT) /
National Youth Council of
Hungary

Virág Sövegjártó is the President of the National Youth Council of Hungary, the country's largest umbrella organisation for youth NGOs. Her work focuses on youth participation, democratic engagement and evidence-based advocacy, connecting young people, civil society organisations and decision-makers at national and international level. She has led consultations and policy initiatives on the future of youth policy in Hungary, including the National Youth Strategy Roadshow, which gathered young people's perspectives on housing, mental health, education, work and youth services. Virág is also a PhD student focusing on youth political participation and digital media, with an academic background in sociology and political science. Through her leadership roles, research and facilitation experience, she is committed to strengthening meaningful youth participation, intergenerational dialogue and inclusive policy-making.

Ms Sadaf KHAN

India

Executive Board Member

Non-Aligned Movement Youth
Organisation

Sadaf Khan is a Public Administration Gold Medalist, youth leader and sustainability advocate from India. Sadaf serves as an Executive Board Member and National Chapter Representative (India) of the Non-Aligned Movement Youth Organization (NAMYO), working to strengthen youth engagement, international cooperation and inclusive development across regions. Sadaf is also a New Education Policy (NEP) Ambassador under the University Grants Commission (UGC), a member of the Indian Youth Nuclear Society, and the Representative of Donation Italia (based in Rome, Italy). Previously, Sadaf served as the Training Lead of the Asia-Oceania Region at YOUNGO, contributing to regional climate engagement and youth capacity-building initiatives. Sadaf has represented youth voices of Global south at various international conferences, dialogues, and leadership programmes across Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, with a focus on sustainable development, youth participation, global governance, education, and intercultural cooperation.

Mr Abu MATHEW

India

Founder

IGNIS Foundation



Abu Abraham Mathew is the Founder and Managing Director of IGNIS Foundation, a youth-led organisation working at the intersection of climate action, community development, and education. He is committed to advancing sustainable and community-driven solutions by empowering young people through leadership development, non-formal education, and grassroots engagement. His work emphasises bridging grassroots realities with scalable, practical, and inclusive solutions that contribute to long-term social and environmental resilience. Abu was selected as a Climate Champion of Young India Fellowship, by National Youth Climate Consortium supported by Yuwaah- UNICEF among youth climate leaders from across the country. He has also represented Indian youth under Non Governmental Organizations at the Seventh Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-7) in Nairobi, Kenya, contributing to international dialogues on sustainability and environmental governance.

Mr Manas SANDHU

India

Founding Member

Forengers Foundation



Manas Sandhu is a Computer Science & AI/ML student at Newton School of Technology, Pune, India. As Founding Member of Forengers NGO, an organisation that has led 330+ community drives involving 800+ volunteers and impacting 900+ students across Maharashtra. He also serves as Senior Manager of Operations at REvamp, mentoring hundreds students across 6 technology domains. In 2026, Manas won a National Hackathon at IIT Roorkee, developing Pedestal an AI-powered financial literacy platform published on the Google Play Store. He has researched Generative AI workflows and responsible AI adoption for audiences across India and the United States. He also received a Letter of Appreciation from Prime Minister Narendra Modi for contributions to the Pariksha Pe Charcha 2024 initiative.

Ms Aliyah ADHESTY

Indonesia

Business Development Officer

ASEAN Youth Organization
(AYO)

Aliyah Diva Adhesty is currently serving as a Business Development Officer at ASEAN Youth Organization Social Enterprise, where she focuses on partnership development, regional programme coordination, and strategic collaboration across ASEAN initiatives. She previously served as a Programme Associate and Partnership Intern within the organisation, supporting the implementation of youth conferences and regional engagement programmes. She recently graduated in International Relations from President University, specialising in Defence. Throughout her academic and organisational journey, she has actively contributed to youth-led initiatives, international forums, and regional programmes related to diplomacy, sustainability, and ASEAN cooperation. Aliyah is also experienced in public speaking and has served as Master of Ceremony for various international and university-level events, including ASEAN and diplomatic programmes.

Ms Syafira ANNISA

Indonesia

Co-Founder, Board of Advisor

Impactional



Syafira Annisa is an Indonesian youth leader, author, and Finance and Economics student. She is the Co-Founder and Board Advisor of Impactional, an international youth-led organization that has engaged young people from over 50 countries through leadership development, social impact initiatives, and intercultural collaboration. From 2021 to 2023, she served as President of Impactional, leading programs focused on education, humanitarian awareness, refugee advocacy, literacy, and youth empowerment. Through initiatives such as the Changemaker Catalyst Programme and ImpactLead Conference, she connected youth leaders, refugee communities, and social impact practitioners across countries to address global challenges through youth-led action. Syafira has represented Indonesia in international programs, including an Erasmus+ programme in Germany. She was also selected as one of the Top 10 recipients of the We Are Together Prize for Social Development.

Mr Ibnu GYMNASIAR

Indonesia

Co-Head Regional
DevelopmentIndonesian Youth Diplomacy
(IYD)

Ibnu Gymnastiar is a recent graduate of the International Relations Department at Hasanuddin University. Having been born and raised in Papua, he has advocated for social inclusion and youth empowerment through diplomacy, education, and digital innovation. He believes that young people deserve equal opportunities regardless of where they come from. Therefore, he now leads the Regional Development Division at Indonesian Youth Diplomacy, where he spearheads 343 young leaders across Indonesia to create meaningful impact. He also represented Indonesia as an official delegate to the 46th ASEAN Summit, contributing to the formulation and dissemination of the 4th Youth Statement to ASEAN Leaders. In addition, he was awarded a fellowship in the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) programme at James Madison University and currently leads the GovernPlay project, a gamified good governance education platform, as the winner of YSEALI grant to increase political literacy among ASEAN youth.

Dr Adriana MIRANDA

Indonesia

Regional Director for Asia

Global Health Focus



Adriana Viola Miranda, MD, is a global health leader, researcher, and youth advocate from Indonesia. She currently serves as Director of Monitoring, Evaluation, Research & Learning at 1000 Days Fund, where she leads evidence generation and adaptive learning for large-scale health systems strengthening initiatives focused on primary health care and stunting reduction. Beyond her professional role, Adriana serves as Regional Director for Asia at Global Health Focus, where she has developed and led global health, research, and leadership programmes that have trained more than 4,000 young people across Asia and Africa. She has also mentored over 50 students and young professionals, supporting many in publishing their first research. Adriana serves as a Core Collaborator for Health in the World Economic Forum's Intergenerational Foresight Initiative (WEF Global Foresight Network and Global Shapers Community) and received The Diana Award for her contributions to youth leadership and global health.

Mr Hugh GATELY

Ireland

Auditor (until July 2026)

University of Galway Literary &
Debating Society

Hugh Gately is a university student from Ireland. He graduated from the University of Galway in 2026, and is a student of European Studies at LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome for the 2026/27 academic year. During his time at the University of Galway, he served for four years on the committee for the University's Literary & Debating Society. His standout achievements include being received by then-President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins at his official residence, welcoming now-President Catherine Connolly to the University for an election event, and receiving multiple competitive awards and national accolades for his work with the Society. Hugh also founded the University of Galway Model United Nations organisation. UGMUN's Universities Conference stands as Ireland's only university level MUN conference, while its Schools Conference stands alone as being accessible and beginner-friendly in a national scene defined by exclusivity. Hugh's other achievements include teaching debate at both Yale University and St. Andrew's University. He is currently in the process of establishing an Irish United Nations Association in order to help people in Ireland learn about and engage more with international diplomacy, along with preparing for his Master's studies.

Mr Bryan O'MAHONY

Ireland

President

AMLÉ



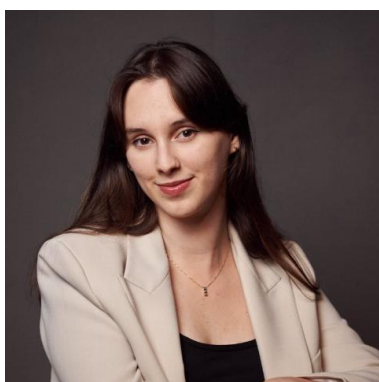
Bryan O'Mahony is the President of AMLÉ. He was Vice President for Academic Affairs and Deputy President for AMLÉ for the two years previous to this. He was a board member and sat on committees within QQI (Quality and Qualifications Ireland), NAIN (National Academic Integrity Network). He sits on the HEA Board (Higher Education Authority) is now an the ESU (European Student Union) committee elect. Bryan is an advocate for the reform of curriculum and assessment within education, with the well-being and belonging of students in mind. Fighting for better investment in the higher education system to bring equity to students.

Ms Nora AVVENTI

Italy

Vice-President

University for SDGs



Nora Avventi is Vice-President of University for SDGs, a youth-led non-profit linking nine universities and thirty institutions across Italy. In this role, she manages EU-funded sustainability projects spanning green transition, smart cities, mobility, and circular economy, including co-managing the New European Bauhaus Milan event in partnership with the Lombardy Regional Council. She holds an MSc in Political Science (Conflict Studies and Comparative Politics) from the London School of Economics, with a focus on quantitative analysis and climate policy, and a BA in Asian Studies with a Minor in Finance, Economics, and Banking Law from Ca' Foscari University Venice. Previously, she interned at the Bahrain Institute for Rights and Democracy in London, conducting policy research and contributing to parliamentary advocacy on human rights. A polyglot raised between Venice and Budapest, Nora has engaged institutional stakeholders across Italy, Qatar, and the EU, including the European Commission and the Swiss Federal FDFA. She is a recipient of the 2025 Festa di San Marco Prize, awarded by Ca' Foscari University and the City of Venice for outstanding commitment to sustainability and community impact.

Ms Martina BO

Italy

Liaison Officer

Erasmus Student Network
(ESN)

Martina Bo is specialised in Diplomacy, European Affairs and Public Policy. She is a Senior Consultant at Deloitte Luxembourg, where she advises European Union and public sector institutions on the future of digitalisation and operations transformation. She also worked for the Italian Chamber of Commerce in the Dominican Republic and the Representation of the European Commission in Italy. Martina has been a proud member of the Erasmus Student Network since 2016. Currently, she holds the position of International Liaison Officer, advocating for global mobility and inclusive higher education. She also advocates for youth rights and gender equality via the Italian Young Ambassadors Society, representing the association at the G20 and United Nations.

Mr Andrea GRANATA

Italy

Young European Ambassador
and former Youth Delegate of
Italy to the UN

EU Neighbours East (YEAs)



Andrea Granata holds a Master's degree in International Relations, with a major in Diplomacy and an academic focus on Sino-European relations and ASEAN affairs. Between 2024 and 2025, he served as Italy's Youth Delegate to the United Nations, representing Italian youth in multilateral forums and advocating on issues including peace and security, space governance, and the Arctic. He also represented Italy at the Council of Europe's World Forum for Democracy. As a Young European Ambassador, he organises and facilitates non-formal education initiatives to engage young people and gather their perspectives on EU policies and local and regional decision-making, with a focus on the EU's Eastern Partnership. He also served as Senior Advisor and member of the Board of Directors of a UN ECOSOC-accredited NGO dedicated to youth empowerment, innovative education, and awareness-raising on the 2030 Agenda. He deepened his interest in Euro-Asian relations while working at the Embassy of Italy in Singapore.

Ms Futaba TAMURA

Japan

Corporate Partnerships Team
Lead

Climate Youth Japan



Futaba Tamura is a consultant at Deloitte Japan, working at the intersection of sustainability, ESG, and digital transformation. She supports SAP Public Cloud implementation projects and contributes to sustainability-focused initiatives that promote ESG integration and cross-functional collaboration. Futaba holds an LL.M. in International Business Law with a specialisation in Climate Change and Corporations from Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Her professional and research experience includes sustainability governance, environmental policy, and climate-related legal frameworks through engagements with multiple environmental NGOs such as WWF and ClientEarth. She has also demonstrated leadership in international youth and environmental initiatives across Asia and Europe, including negotiation competitions, climate conferences, and regional cooperation programmes.

Ms Assem AMANTAYEVA

Kazakhstan

Member

YSB EU KZ



Assem Amantayeva is an English Language Teacher and College Counsellor at a private boarding school in Aktobe, Kazakhstan, where she supports students in navigating international academic opportunities and developing future-ready skills. She is the founder of DANA Connect, a free digital platform connecting young women and girls in Kazakhstan with women researchers and STEM professionals worldwide for online mentorship and research internships, and serves as Project Manager at Umit AI, a MedTech startup developing an AI-powered leukaemia diagnostic platform for the CIS and Central Asian region. Assem is a RIPE Fellow and APSIG Fellow, and has collaborated with the European Union and the US Embassy on educational and media literacy initiatives. She has twice been selected as a fellow for the Harvard Conference and has contributed to start-up evaluation processes for MIT Solve and Harvard Business School. She is an alumna of the C5+1 Youth Council Program. Assem is also an experienced grant writer with a strong track record of identifying and securing opportunities for young people across Central Asia.

Ms Balnur BAIMAGAMBET

Kazakhstan

Head of Environmental Goals
Department

SDSN Youth Kazakhstan



Balnur Baimagambet is a recent graduate of Nazarbayev University in Kazakhstan, where she earned a degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering. She serves as Head of Environmental Sustainability at SDSN Youth Kazakhstan, leading youth initiatives focused on sustainable development, climate action, and environmental awareness. Her experience spans sustainability advocacy, climate governance, and regional youth engagement. She has contributed to policy and youth participation processes at both national and regional levels, including co-authoring the Central Asian Youth Statement within the framework of a Regional Ecological Summit. She has also been actively involved in organising the Local Conference of Youth (LCOY) Kazakhstan 2026, creating platforms for youth climate dialogue and capacity-building. Her selected experiences include participation in the UNDP IRH Future Work of Academy Sprint, Aral Summer School, Sustainable Festival II, and other regional initiatives focused on climate action, sustainability, and youth engagement. Through her interdisciplinary background, she seeks to bridge engineering, sustainability, and youth engagement, empowering young people to contribute to inclusive and impactful solutions for environmental and social challenges.

Mr Beom joom BAEK

Korea

Co-founder

Youth for Privacy



Beom joom (Joon) Baek works as a software engineer. He co-founded Youth for Privacy, advocating for youth privacy rights globally, and has spoken at UN forums on privacy regulations. Joon has also worked on disarmament initiatives with the UN. A veteran of the Korean Army, he aims to leverage his experience in technology and policy to advance inclusive digital governance. He was recognized in Forbes' 30 Under 30 list in 2025. He got his BA and MS at Columbia University studying computer science, and is currently a Schwarzman Scholar at Tsinghua University studying Global Affairs.

Ms Padaphone ATVALY

Lao PDR
Youth Coordinator
Zero Waste Laos



Padaphone (Jen) is currently a Bachelor of Environmental Science student at the National University of Laos and a dedicated youth coordinator staff for the Zero Waste Laos association. Deeply committed to sustainability, climate action, she has been actively working in the environmental field since 2022. In her coordination role, Padaphone manages, supports, and inspires a robust network of over 1,000 volunteers across Vientiane, Pakse, and Luang Prabang provinces, driving impactful community-led waste management initiatives. Beyond her environmental work, she serves as a Sinxay mentor for UNICEF Laos, where she utilizes her leadership experience to train, empower, and advocate for youth in her region. Dedicated to continuous learning and regional collaboration, Padaphone has represented her country at numerous international platforms across Asia and Europe. Her notable participation includes the ASEAN-Japan Youth Forum 2025, the JENESYS 2025 program, and the World Food Forum 2025 in Italy. Through these global experiences, she has gained valuable insights into environmental issues, which she actively brings back to implement within her community.

**Ms Sanya
OUNDOUENGPHACHANE**

Lao PDR
President
Asian Law Students'
Association (ALSA) National
Chapter Laos



Sanya Ya Oundouengphachane is an International Relations student from Laos with experience in youth leadership, community engagement, and regional cooperation across ASEAN. She currently serves as President of ALSA Laos and Programme Officer at the ASEAN Youth Organization Laos, where she has led and supported initiatives focused on youth development, education equity, and inclusive opportunities for underserved communities, particularly in rural areas. Growing up in a rural agricultural district shaped her understanding of inequality, access to education, and the importance of community-driven development. As Co-founder of "Lecture for the Future" and an ASEAN Youth Ambassador 2023, she has worked to support rural students through English education and skills development initiatives. She has also served as an English instructor under the U.S. Embassy Peer-to-Peer Programme, helping young people strengthen their confidence and communication skills. Passionate about anticipatory leadership, cross-cultural collaboration, and inclusive development, Sanya is committed to empowering young people to become proactive contributors to sustainable social change in Laos and the wider region.

Ms Pavina VONGSAKDA

Lao PDR
President
Souphanouvong University
Student Association



Pavina Vongsakda is an AI Master Trainer and youth leader dedicated to advancing digital literacy and sustainability in Lao PDR as the President of the Student Association at Souphanouvong University, she leads initiatives representing over 3,000 students as the Co-Founder and Project Director of Youth Communication, she has developed frameworks for non-formal education in tech ethics and investigative journalism, directly addressing the regional digital skills gap recognized for her work in regional diplomacy, she has represented Laos at the ASEAN Youth Economic Forum and holds fellowships from NUS and NTU her commitment to environmental stewardship is further demonstrated through her role as an Eco-School Team Leader for Zero Waste Laos pavina is focused on creating evidence-based, sustainable solutions to empower the next generation of ASEAN leaders.

Ms Arina PASTERNAKA

Latvia

Young Voices Council Leader

Teach The Future Young
Voices Council

Arina Pasternaka is a youth advocate and education professional from Latvia, who nowadays lives in Germany. She serves as a Leader of Young Voices Council - an initiative of Teach The Future, which is dedicated to promoting futures literacy in education and equipping young people with skills and mindset to navigate an uncertain future. As a Council Leader, she dedicates her time to help youth learn futures literacy and support them in creation of their projects, helping them to create change in their communities. Additionally, She works as an Internship Program Manager and an Quality Control Manager at educational non-profits. Growing up in a small town, she always took every educational opportunity provided, despite the fact that there were not as many. She got more interested in educating, as this was a way to provide opportunities for others, which she enjoyed. In the end let her to where she is now - being an active contributor towards providing and improving educational opportunities for youth.

Ms Justīne VĪTOLA

Latvia

ESNcard team member

Erasmus Student Network
(ESN) AISBL

Justīne Vītola (Latvia) is an active member of the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) with experience in youth leadership, international cooperation, and non-formal education. She contributes to the ESNcard (ESN membership card) initiative in Northern Europe and previously served as President of ESN Riga, leading youth-focused educational and integration projects. Professionally, she works as an Erasmus Coordinator and Education Project Manager at the Riga Medical College of the University of Latvia, coordinating Erasmus+ and Nordplus mobility projects, international partnerships, and multicultural educational initiatives. Previously, she worked as an International Coordinator at the University of Latvia. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Asian Studies specialising in Near Eastern studies. Justīne is also involved in the DCYDE project on global citizenship education, digital youth work, and sustainable development. Her interests include inclusion, intercultural dialogue, and youth empowerment.

Ms Miglė KUČINSKAITĖ

Lithuania

President of Erasmus Student
Network (ESN) Vilnius
University / Elected President
of ESN LithuaniaErasmus Student Network
(ESN) Vilnius University / ESN
Lithuania

Miglė is a sixth-year medical student at Vilnius University with a strong commitment to both healthcare and student representation. Two years ago, she joined Erasmus Student Network and currently serves as President of her local section. She has also been elected President of ESN Lithuania, where she will work to strengthen student engagement, inclusion, and international cooperation. Her medical education has taught her the importance of treating every person with the same empathy, dignity and respect, regardless of their background. This has naturally led her to a student organization where she discovered a passion for advocacy and representation, creating a space where everyone feels safe and supported. Throughout her ESN journey she has participated in national and international initiatives, gaining valuable experience in leadership, communication, and intercultural collaboration. Soon, she will begin her doctor-researcher career in Germany, where she hopes to contribute to both scientific progress and meaningful improvement in saving people's lives.

Mr Daniel MICHELS

Luxembourg

Founder and CEO

Emblem: Digital Souvenirs



Daniel Michels is a Luxembourgish-Brazilian law student at the University of Luxembourg and founder of Emblem: Digital Souvenirs, a cultural technology platform that transforms real places into collectible digital souvenirs through art, storytelling and location-based discovery. His work connects law, technology, culture, youth participation and intercultural dialogue. Through Emblem, he launched the Luxembourg Cultural Passport, coordinated 20 artists, and developed a platform linking digital innovation with cultural understanding. Daniel was selected for UNESCO Youth for Peace, receiving support to develop his initiative, and was named Luxembourg's national winner of the European Charlemagne Youth Prize 2026. He has also taken part in YOUthDIG/EuroDIG, EU Future Talks and Expo 2025 Osaka initiatives, with a focus on digital governance, reliable information, peace, diplomacy and constructive dialogue between cultures.

Mr Wei Liang HO

Malaysia

Board Member (AI in Robotics
and Automation)

Global Youth AI Advisory Body



Holding a Mechatronics Engineering degree, Wei Liang (Liam) Ho bridges technical governance with regional youth empowerment. As a board member for Robotics & Automation at the Global Youth AI Advisory Body, Liam champions AI safety, co-publishing the "Youth Voice of AI" for UN inputs and the India AI Impact Summit 2026. He actively represents Malaysia at high-level global dialogues, including UNFCCC COP30 and the ASEAN Future Forum. He is the founder of Tech4SDG, an initiative that has successfully mentored over 1,300 youth in STEM. Backed by capacity-building grants from the UNDP and Microsoft, Liam leads targeted AI and digital literacy workshops for underserved communities, focusing on empowering women, single mothers, unemployed youth, and the elderly. He is the sole Malaysian recipient of the 2024 Diana Award, the highest accolade a young person can achieve for social action, and a 2026 Queen Elizabeth II Commonwealth Trust (QECT) 100 Young Leaders Award recipient. Serving as a Max Thabiso Edkins Youth Ambassador supported by the World Bank Group and a beVioneer: Mercedes-Benz Fellowship's Local Ambassador for the Singapore Hub, his advocacy has been featured in major outlets such as The Star, Straits Times, and Yahoo News, indirectly reaching over one million readers.

Ms Yue Lin ONG

Malaysia

Ministry of Investment, Trade
and IndustrySpecial Officer to Deputy
Minister

Ong Yue Lin is currently a Special Officer to the Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Investment, Trade and Industry (MITI), Malaysia, whilst in third year of studies-- Dean's List Economics student at the University of Malaya on a full Academic Scholarship. She is also a Minister-appointed member of Malaysia's National Youth Consultative Council, she brings experience spanning trade policy, youth diplomacy, and regional advocacy. She has represented Malaysia at the UNCTAD Youth Forum in Geneva, the ASEAN-India Youth Summit, and the Global Youth Summit in South Korea, where she was honoured as Valedictorian. A finalist in the HUAWEI Asia-Pacific Tech 4 Good Challenge and recipient of the Best Diplomatic Award from the ASEAN Foundation, she also placed 2nd Runner-Up at the SX Youth Speech Southeast Asia Award. As a former Policy and Research Officer at the ASEAN Youth Organisation and a UNICEF-certified trainer, Yue Lin is passionate about bridging youth voices with policymaking across the Asia-Europe region.

Mr Francesco GIORGINO

Malta

Public Relations Officer

Malta National Youth Council
(KNŻ)

Francesco Giorgino is a first-year Bachelor of Laws student at the University of Malta. He is currently the Public Relations Officer of Malta's National Youth Council, having served as Director for Education in the previous term, striving to advance the voice of Maltese youths in policy dialogues, public consultations and conferences. With a passion for democracy and international affairs, he has designed and led numerous projects centred around democratic participation under student organisations, especially focused on bridging the gap between international institutions and youth. He is a distinguished alumnus of the Benjamin Franklin Transatlantic Fellowship at Purdue University, the EU - together.eu Leadership Academy, and the EU inform - Young Voters Project Task Force. He also served as an intern at Malta's Permanent Representation to the Council of Europe during Malta's Presidency of the Committee of Ministers. Moreover, he chaired various EU and UN simulations nationally and internationally, and is a Member of the Prime Minister's Youth Advisory Forum.

Mr Andrea PISANI

Malta

Vice-President and
International OfficerYoung European Federalists
Malta

Andrea Pisani is a medical student based in Malta with a Bachelor's degree in Applied Food and Nutritional Sciences and a strong commitment to sustainability, youth engagement, and international collaboration. Alongside his medical studies, he has been actively involved in youth organisations and initiatives focused on social impact, European integration, and community development. He currently serves as Vice President and International Officer of JEF Malta, having previously held the roles of President and Civic Education Officer, where he contributed to youth advocacy, civic participation, and international cooperation projects. His experience includes organising cultural activities for international students undertaking medical electives in Malta with the Malta Medical Students Association. Through his academic background and extracurricular involvement, he aims to contribute meaningfully to healthcare, youth empowerment, and the European project at both local and international levels.

Mr Bilguuntodrokh BATSUKH

Mongolia

Founder and Lead

Temuulel (TMULL)



Bilguuntodrokh Batsukh is the Founder and Lead of TMULL (Temuulel), a youth-led digital platform improving access to education, career and development opportunities in Mongolia. His experience spans youth engagement, programme coordination, partnership development, digital communications and technology-enabled platform development. He has led a 30-member youth team, organised non-formal learning initiatives and collaborated with UNICEF Mongolia, the Mongolian National Library and youth-led organisations. He also serves as a Board Member of the United Nations Association of Mongolia and the University of Finance and Economics Student Union NGO, and as a member of the Landlocked Developing Countries Youth Advisory Board. His work focuses on expanding opportunity access, strengthening youth participation and building future-oriented solutions for young people.

Ms Nomin BAYARAA

Mongolia

Governmental academy,
Youth-led non-governmental
organisationMongolian Academy of
Sciences, GHG Solution NGO

Nomin Bayaraa is a Mongolian biochemist, climate policy professional, and researcher specialising in environmental sustainability, green technology innovation, and youth climate engagement. She currently works as a Researcher at the Mongolian Academy of Sciences. Nomin is the founder and leader of Greenhouse Gas Solutions NGO, an organisation dedicated to environmental education, climate awareness, and youth empowerment. The organisation also supports awareness campaigns, educational programmes, and partnerships aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals and Mongolia's climate commitments. She previously worked at the National Center for Public Health of Mongolia on laboratory research and environmental health studies, including COVID-19 response activities. She also contributed to climate policy and green technology initiatives at the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change, particularly in relation to Article 6 carbon market readiness and stakeholder engagement. She is a member of the National Environmental Youth Council and the Northeast Asian Youth Climate Council. She also serves as the Executive Director of the Association of Chemicals Policy and Regulation, as well as served as a UNCCD COP17 Youth Ambassador in Mongolia, supporting youth participation and awareness initiatives related to desertification, land degradation, and sustainable land management.

Mr Oke PAING

Myanmar

Associate Facilitator

Myanmar Youth Empowerment
Opportunities

Oke Soe Paing is a youth development and facilitation practitioner from Myanmar, currently working as a Facilitation Associate at Myanmar Youth Empowerment Opportunities (MYEO). He supports youth-focused learning programmes, workshops and community initiatives, including the Experiential Leadership Institute, where he has contributed to the leadership and skills development of around 600 young people. His work focuses on non-formal education, experiential learning, digital literacy, facilitation, project coordination, and youth leadership. He is especially interested in helping young people become adaptive, future-ready, and socially responsible leaders in uncertain contexts. He has contributed to youth innovation and social impact through regional hackathons, including winning Most Impact Potential at UNLEASH Hack Bangkok. He also recently served as a Myanmar country advisor and mentor for the AI ASEAN Youth Challenge, where his mentee team won third prize in the Grand Finals.

Mr Pyae THUKHA

Myanmar

Founder and Project Leader

TOP Education Centre



Pyae Thukha is currently an English Language Education student at Sampoerna University, Indonesia, and a passionate young leader committed to education and community empowerment. In 2016, he founded TOP Education Centre in Myanmar, delivering quality-focused English classes and free youth empowerment workshops that have positively impacted over 4,500 young people across the country. In 2023, he was selected as a Global UGRAD Exchange Scholar, pursuing Education and Teaching studies at the University of Southern Indiana, USA. He also won the Civic Engagement Pitch Competition at the UGRAD Alumni Programme Summit in Kuala Lumpur. Additionally, he led the YSEALI YOUNified Grant Project in his community, supported by the US Embassy in Yangon, an educational initiative empowering youth leadership and expanding scholarship opportunities for young people.

Mr Min Khant ZAW

Myanmar

Project Assistant

Environment, Health and
Safety Myanmar (EHS)
Myanmar

Min Khant Zaw is an undergraduate student pursuing Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Parami University in partnership with Bard College. With a passion for education, youth empowerment and environmental sustainability, he has worked as an ESL teacher and administrative officer, supporting both young learners and adult students through innovative and inclusive learning approaches. Currently working as a project assistant at Environment, Health and Safety Myanmar (EHS Myanmar), he is dedicated to contributing to environmental and youth focused initiatives by assisting in organizing campaigns, forums, and networking activities related to sustainable development. Additionally he has assisted in organizing the 2nd Youth Sustainability Forum in Myanmar (YSF26) held under the theme "Towards Climate-Resilient and Sustainable Urban Development." He also actively engaged in research skills development, community engagement and educational volunteering. His interests center on transformative education, environmental justice, and youth-led social change in Myanmar.

Ms Bente ARETZ

Netherlands

Working group coordinator and
Liaison

AEGEE-Europe



Bente Aretz is an active member of AEGEE-Europe, where she has been involved for around seven years, mostly focusing on political education, democracy, and youth participation. At the moment, she serves as a liaison towards several European youth organizations, where she represents AEGEE-Europe at international events and help strengthen cooperation within the European youth sector. Besides this, she is the coordinator of the Bridges of Dialogue Working Group, one of AEGEE's focus areas that works on promoting peaceful and constructive dialogue among young people. She is also part of AEGEE Academy, where she help train future facilitators within the network using non-formal education methodologies from the Council of Europe and the EU. Recently, she completed a Master's in Political Science: International Organizations at Leiden University and she currently works as a Project Assistant at the Council of Europe within the anti-discrimination and inclusion sector. She is especially interested in the connection between youth work, democracy, and European identity.

Ms Tylah FARANI-WATENE

New Zealand

Founder

VAKA to 2030



Tylah Farani-Watene is a descendant of Taputimu, Nofoali'i, and Ngāti Maru ki Hauraki. Based in Wellington, she works across the intersections of racial equity, sustainable development, Indigenous tourism, and civic education. Following neurosurgery during the COVID-19 pandemic, Tylah channelled her recovery into a focused commitment to global change-making and social impact. She holds leadership positions with the Global Indigenous Youth Caucus, CIVICUS, Global Shapers, and PACIFICA Incorporated, and is the founder of VAKA to 2030. She is also an alumna of Global Citizen Youth Leaders, the YWCA Y25 programme, and the Asia New Zealand Foundation. Ty has represented her communities on international stages across New York, Singapore, Thailand, and Melbourne, and remains dedicated to creating meaningful pathways for Māori and Pasifika youth to contribute to the global discourse on sustainable development and, most importantly, to being a role model for her younger sisters, Blayke and Ridley.

Ms Lauryn MAXWELL

New Zealand

Board Member and Indigenous
Advisor

Whau Youth Board



Lauryn Maxwell is an indigenous advisor within the Māori Outcomes Unit at Auckland Council in Auckland, New Zealand, where she contributes to initiatives that advance equitable outcomes for Māori communities through systems change, partnership development, and community engagement. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, a Certificate in Arts specialising in Māori and Indigenous Development, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Health (Māori Health) from the University of Auckland. Her work and studies focus on Indigenous wellbeing, health equity, and inclusive leadership. Lauryn serves as a Core Board Member of the Whau Youth Board, advocating for youth voices and contributing to local decision-making. She has also worked on NGO and community development projects in India and Japan, focused on mental health, public health, child wellbeing, and youth engagement. In 2025, she was recognised as one of 25 young changemakers across New Zealand through YWCA New Zealand's Y25 programme.

Ms Øyunn KÅSET

Norway

International Officer

Young Greens of Norway



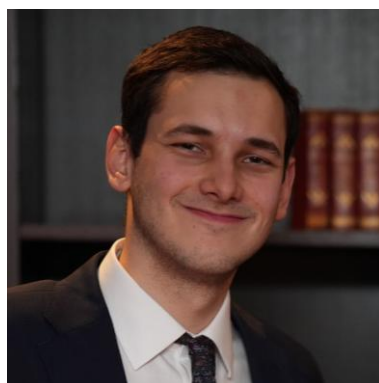
Øyunn S. Kåset serves as the international officer on the Executive Board of the Young Greens of Norway, a position she has held for one and a half years. She leads an international committee of ten members and acts as the main contact person for sister parties and the umbrella organisations Global Young Greens and Young Greens of Europe. She is currently project leader for a Nordic summer camp on biodiversity and climate. Having joined the youth wing of the Green Party over ten years ago, she has held a wide range of roles and developed competences, including social media, media work and organisational skills. She has been an election candidate and has worked as a political advisor for the Green Party's group in the city council of Bergen. In the most recent parliamentary election in Norway she coordinated the volunteers in the Bergen region. Øyunn holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the University in Freiburg in Germany and recently completed an internship at the Goethe-Institute in Norway. During her studies in Germany she took part in the EU Youth Dialogue to amplify young people's voices at the European level and was active in the local Young Greens there too.

Mr Nicolai STUYVENBERG

Norway

Independent, non-partisan,
youth-led policy publication
platform

North Atlantic Policy Forum



Nicolai Stuyvenberg is a Brussels-based early-career professional focused on European, NATO, and Indo-Pacific security and defence affairs. He holds an MA in Global Security & Strategy and has previously worked in policy, research, and strategic communications across international, private-sector, and NGO settings. He is the Co-founder and Director of Strategy at the North Atlantic Policy Forum and also currently works in EU public affairs.

Ms Anika ADIL

Pakistan

Youth Chairperson and
Executive Member (NHQ)All Pakistan Women's
Association (Special
Consultative Status with
ECOSOC)

Anika Adil is the Youth Chairperson at the All Pakistan Women's Association (APWA), where she leads a nationwide network of over 600 members. At the grassroots level, she develops educational youth pods and delivers capacity-building seminars for underprivileged youth. She holds a BSc in Social Development and Policy from Habib University and completed specialised training in Climate Governance at the University of Cambridge. In her international work, Anika represented Pakistani youth across 12 countries last year as a keynote speaker, panelist, and advocate. Her engagements include advancing gender policy at the UN Commission on the Status of Women and addressing climate justice at COP29 and COP30. Notably, she was the sole Pakistani youth panelist at the PPSEAWA Conference in Tokyo. She also delivered a keynote address in Dubai and led a leadership session in Bangkok. Through her work, Anika actively connects local advocacy with global policy.

Ms Minahil BABAR

Pakistan

Manager International
Program

NYCCC



Minahil Babar is a youth climate advocate, educator, and facilitator from Pakistan, currently serving as the International Programme Manager at NYCCC Pakistan, one of Pakistan's largest youth-led organisations working on climate action and sustainability. In this role, she contributes to youth engagement initiatives, international collaboration, and climate awareness programmes aimed at empowering young people to take meaningful action on environmental issues. She is also the founder of Green Guardians, a youth-led climate initiative focused on promoting environmental responsibility and community-based climate action through workshops, awareness campaigns, and plantation drives. Minahil has experience facilitating educational and leadership programmes through her work at The Nobel, where she mentors interns and supports skills development activities. Minahil participated in the Global UGRAD Pakistan Programme in the United States. Her academic and research interests focus on climate change, environmental policy, youth leadership, and sustainable development in Pakistan.

Ms Roshni LNU

Pakistan

Founder & Executive Director

Herspace



Roshni Anwar Lnu is a climate and gender justice advocate and the founder of HerSpace, a youth-led feminist organization advancing gender equality, climate justice, and inclusive futures in Pakistan. Her work sits at the intersection of climate justice, gender equality, youth leadership, and inclusive development, with a focus on strengthening youth-led movements and advancing gender-responsive approaches to emerging challenges. She has worked across grassroots, national, and international spaces, leading initiatives in community mobilization, advocacy, participatory research, leadership development, and capacity building. Roshni currently serves on Pakistan's Prime Minister's National Youth Council and has contributed to national policy processes on youth, gender, climate action, and digital inclusion. Globally, she contributes to multilateral platforms including UNFPA's Global Working Group on Climate Justice, UNESCO YOUNCAN, and the UN Women Asia-Pacific AI School. She is also a Women Deliver Young Leader and a former Youth Advisor to the World Bank. Her work focuses on ensuring that young people, particularly girls and marginalized communities, are empowered to shape more equitable, inclusive, and sustainable futures.

Mr Ahmed YAR

Pakistan

Global South Contact Point for
YOUNGO Water and Climate
Working Group

YOUNGO(UNFCCC)



Ahmed Yar is a youth climate advocate and human rights activist from Pakistan. He serves as Global South Contact Point for the YOUNGO Water and Climate Working Group under UNFCCC, coordinating youth engagement on water security and climate resilience across the Global South. He represented Pakistan as an official delegate at COP 29, COP 30 and has participated in the High-Level Political Forum at UN Headquarters in New York. Through founding IBTIDA, a youth-led organization at the intersection of climate change, education, human rights, and gender empowerment and collaborating with 150+ organizations reaching 10,000+ young people across Pakistan, he has consistently connected grassroots advocacy to international policy spaces. He holds an MPHSS Certified Trainer credential from UNICEF and has delivered capacity-building programs under UK Aid and the British Asian Trust.

**Mr Aaron Vincekyle
BERNARDO**

Philippines

Chairperson

Sangguniang Kabataan of
Longos (Youth Council)

Aaron Vincekyle Bernardo is a multi-awarded Chairperson of the Sangguniang Kabataan Council (Youth Council) in Malolos City, Bulacan, known for his acquired leadership skills, academic prowess, and a prominent orator. A graduate of Bachelor of Arts major in Political Science with a minor in Economic Studies from De la Salle University - Manila. Concurrently, he studies at University of Santo Tomas for his Juris Doctor degree. Demonstrated legislative and public speaking expertise through internships and international training programs across the world from countries of Southeast Asia to the United States. Passionate about youth empowerment, diplomacy, and good governance, he continues to advocate for responsive leadership, civic engagement, and sustainable development.

Mr Renz Nathaniel LUYAO

Philippines

National Youth Council
MemberWorld Wide Fund For Nature
Philippines (WWF-Philippines)
National Youth Council

Renz Luyao currently serves on the Youth Leadership Council of the World Wide Fund for Nature Philippines and EarthEcho International, where he advocates passionately for environmental conservation and biodiversity protection. He was among the 2025 UNICEF Youth Foresight Fellows, promoting climate education and futures thinking in the Philippines. Renz also holds ambassadorships for the Association of Young Environmental Journalists' Sustainable and Renewable Energy Ambassadors Programme as well as the El Ni-NO Youth Organisation at De La Salle University Manila. As the Deputy Director of Multimedia and Design at the Young Filipino Advocates of Critical Thinking and Lead Creative at Wavefarers, he has mobilised communities across the Philippines through digital media campaigns and grassroots initiatives. A multi-award-winning visual storyteller, Renz graduated from the Philippine Science High School System. Over the past seven years, he has garnered local and international recognition, including the East Asian Seas Futures Award and collaborations with organisations such as the FAO, the Earthshot Prize, and UNESCAP.

Mr Franciszek NIEMCZEWSKI

Poland

Activist

Młodzieżowy Strajk
Klimatyczny - Fridays For
Future Poland

Franciszek Niemczewski is a dedicated social and climate activist who has been engaged in civic initiatives since the age of twelve. Having graduated from Zespół Szkół Komunikacji as a qualified IT technician, he combines his professional background with his passion for community service. Drawing on his extensive experience in organising events and campaigns, he coordinates the Fridays For Future local group in Poznań and regularly conducts educational workshops on climate action and grassroots activism. His wider advocacy focuses on protecting students' rights and promoting the rule of law, accessibility, and public safety. He has Currently pursuing a degree in Social Project Management at the University of Wrocław, Franciszek also serves as the Founder and President of the 'Zapłon' Foundation. In this capacity, he drives the organisation's strategic direction, manages social-media, formal-legal affairs and project coordination.

Mr Antoni SZYNALIK

Poland

Student Board Member

EUonAIR



Antoni Szyalik is a Student Board Member at EUonAIR an EU-funded European University Alliance recognised by the European Commission, serving over 85,000 students across Europe. Within this initiative, he advises the governing board on the ethical implementation of AI platforms and curricula development. Locally, as Board Member and Head of Section at Welcome Point Kozminski University, he coordinates the integration of international and Erasmus students into the academic community. His academic background spans Kozminski University, the Technical University of Munich, and the Waikato Institute of Technology, where he co-authored multiple research papers. Professionally, he works at KPMG within the Clients & Markets division. As a public speaker, he delivers thought leadership on technology, ethical AI, and youth innovation at platforms such as the International Leaders Forum.

Mr Eduardo SILVA

Portugal

Director for Medicine

Planetary Health Report Card



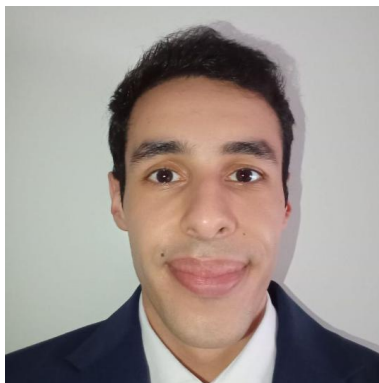
Eduardo Silva is currently pursuing his Integrated Master's Degree in Medicine at the University of Minho. With a strong passion for health policy, youth engagement, international affairs and climate action, he has held various student representation positions in organizations such as the European Medical Students Association and the Portuguese Medical Students' International Committee. Eduardo is currently the Director for Medicine for the Planetary Health Report Card, a global initiative that evaluates Planetary Health efforts in health-related faculties worldwide, and a certified trainer within the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations and the National Federation of Youth Associations.

Mr Dario QADDAH

Portugal

Chief Editor

Portugal Diplomático



Dario Qaddah is a Political Science and International Relations student at the NOVA University of Lisbon and the current Chief Editor of the monthly news publication "Portugal Diplomático", a student-led organization which seeks to provide information on both Portuguese foreign relations and international affairs to younger audiences. Through his academic background and activities connected to his organization, he has developed an interest in Europe-Asia relations, aiming to improve mutual understanding through greater coverage of the issue. He has also engaged in community development projects, having conducted a series of lectures on social entrepreneurship for high school students in coordination with the "Mentes Empreendedoras" non-profit organization.

Ms Cristiana BALASA

Romania

Head of Recruitment & Lead
Organizer Aspire Romania

Aspire Romania



Cristiana Bălașa is a BSc student in International Economics and Management at Bocconi University with a strong interest in the intersection of economics, public policy, education, and social impact. As a Research Intern at The Research Bridge, she contributes to interdisciplinary research exploring how marketing, economics, education, and human rights can drive meaningful societal change. She also serves as Head of Recruitment and Lead Organizer at Aspire Romania, one of Eastern Europe's most selective educational programs, where she helps expand access to high-quality educational opportunities through admissions and scholarship initiatives. Her experience spans diplomacy, research, consulting, and youth policy, including work at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea and participation in national policy discussions with the Forum of Romanian Students Worldwide. Passionate about evidence-based solutions to social challenges, she is particularly interested in inclusive growth, educational mobility, and the role of institutions in creating long-term impact. Fluent in Romanian and English, she also studied French, Italian, Korean, and Chinese.

Ms Andreea BUCURICĂ

Romania

Community leader

Together in eu



Andreea Bucurică is a passionate advocate for European democratic values, civic engagement, and international cooperation. Over the past years, she has actively contributed to promoting informed participation in European affairs through her involvement as a volunteer and community leader within the Together in EU community. Through the Generation EU project, coordinated by the European Parliament Liaison Office in Bucharest, she has organized thematic conferences and public discussions on European security, female leadership, geopolitical challenges, international connectivity, and youth participation in democratic decision-making processes. Her commitment to bringing Europe closer to citizens has also been reflected in her work with the Europe Direct Centre Bucharest. Alongside her civic engagement, Andreea has developed a strong research profile as a recurrent trainee at the European Institute of Romania. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Security and Defence from the National Defence University "Carol I" of Romania and is currently pursuing a Master's degree in International Relations at the University of Bucharest.

Mr Dragoș-Alexandru IONIȚĂ

Romania

Youth Leadership Council
Chair

Global Fund for Children



Dragoș is an incoming Master's student pursuing a double degree between Sciences Po Paris (International Security) and Peking University (Master of Laws in International Relations), with a focus on European law, defence policy, and geopolitics. As the elected Chair of the Youth Leadership Council of the Global Fund for Children, he helps steer a multinational youth governance body and represents it at senior board level. He has interned at Romania's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and written as a policy analyst for Modern Diplomacy. A laureate of the European Parliament's Robert Schuman Essay Contest (EPP Group), he has contributed to policy work on European resilience, migration, and democratic participation across forums in Riga, Brussels, and Strasbourg. He is passionate about placing young people at the heart of European security and democratic resilience.

Mr Rustam MUJTABA

Singapore

Founder

Project Broken Barges



Rustam Shariq Mujtaba is a Singaporean data scientist, pharmacist, and youth leader whose work spans public health, technology, and international engagement. He currently serves as a Data Scientist with Singapore's Health Sciences Authority, supporting regulatory decision-making through data analytics and emerging technologies. Beyond his professional role, he has experiences in clinical, entrepreneurial and policy domains. Rustam has represented Singapore on regional and global platforms including the World Health Summit, the Doha Forum, the Ship for Southeast Asian and Japanese Youth Programme (SSEAYP), and various international health diplomacy and youth leadership initiatives. His experience across healthcare, artificial intelligence, policy, and cross-cultural dialogue has shaped his interest in using innovation, diplomacy, and collaboration to address complex societal challenges. Alongside his work in health and technology, Rustam is the founder of Project Broken Barges, a ground-up heritage initiative dedicated to uncovering and documenting the forgotten histories of Seletar and Singapore's disappearing communities. Leveraging tech in heritage storytelling, he has represented Singapore with Broken Barges at the UNESCO International Youth Forum.

Ms Jia Xuan Denise TENG

Singapore

Partnerships Manager

ASEAN Youth Organization



Denise Teng is a community leader and social impact advocate with over seven years of experience in youth empowerment across Singapore and Southeast Asia. As a Partnerships Manager in ASEAN Youth Organization, she has built collaborations with 20+ partner organisations to create meaningful opportunities for young leaders across the region. She is also the founder of Youth for Youth Singapore, supported by the Ministry of Education, and Lumipals, an early intervention programme supporting children from lower-income families. A Ministry of Social and Family Development Scholar, Denise is pursuing a degree in Social Work and Global Studies at the National University of Singapore, driven by a deep curiosity about globalisation and inequality.

Ms Lucia TKÁČOVÁ

Slovakia

EU Youth dialogue delegate

National Youth Council



Lucia Tkáčová is a Slovak biomedical engineering graduate with a strong interest in public policy, innovation, and European affairs. She currently serves as a delegate in the European Youth Dialogue, contributing to EU youth policy consultations and recommendations. Through her internship at the National Council of the Slovak Republic, she gained experience in parliamentary research and policy analysis. Lucia has represented Slovakia in international youth and EU-related programmes and is passionate about fostering meaningful youth participation, evidence-based policymaking, and cross-border cooperation to address contemporary societal challenges.

Mr Sašo MRAVLJAK

Slovenia

Medical Student; Member

University of Ljubljana, Faculty
of Medicine; SloMSIC

Sašo Mravljak is a final-year medical student at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, with academic interests in public health, digital health, healthcare systems, preventive medicine, and the responsible use of artificial intelligence in healthcare. Alongside his medical studies, he is pursuing a microcredential in Artificial Intelligence & Society at the University of Graz, exploring the societal, ethical, and policy implications of emerging technologies. He has completed academic exchanges and clinical training in Norway, Croatia, Türkiye, and the United States, gaining experience across diverse healthcare systems and international learning environments. Through elected and appointed roles at the Faculty of Medicine, he has contributed to student representation, academic development, and institutional decision-making processes. His academic work includes scientific publications and interdisciplinary projects exploring the intersection of healthcare, technology, and society.

Ms María MIRAYO LAFOZ

Spain

Youth Organisation

Asociación On My Way



María Mirayo Lafoz is a Spanish youth leader, project manager, and social entrepreneur passionate about the intersection of technology, community, and social impact. She is the founder and director of On My Way, a youth association that creates opportunities for young people to learn, connect, and take an active role in shaping their communities. Originally trained in audiovisual production, María has gradually shifted her focus towards artificial intelligence and its potential to create positive social change. Her work is driven by the belief that young people should not just adapt to the future, they should help build it. Through On My Way and her ongoing work in AI for social good, María aims to make technology more accessible, helping young people develop the skills, confidence, and critical understanding needed to navigate and influence a rapidly changing world.

Mr Pablo PORTERO BELLIDO

Spain

President

Remonta



Pablo Portero Bellido is an undergraduate student in the international dual law degree programme at the Universidad de Granada and Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3, with a strong academic interest in international human rights law. He serves as the president of Remonta, a youth association in his hometown, where he leads the drafting and coordination of regional projects. Through this role, he organises national training sessions on activism and non-formal education, fostering civic engagement among young people from all over Spain. He hopes to combine his legal background with his experience in youth work to advocate for human rights at both a local and international level.

Mr Juan SUAREZ RUIZ

Spain

Project's Coordinator - Youth
Participation and Democratic
Innovations

Coglobal



Juan Francisco Suarez Ruiz is an EU Project's Coordinator and Board Member at Coglobal, a Spanish social enterprise with over 15 years of experience promoting participatory democracy and democratic innovation. In this role, he coordinates the design and implementation of European projects focused on children and youth participation under Erasmus+, CERV, and Horizon Europe - including "Our Eye on the EU" (media literacy and civic engagement), Nets4Dem (European network of democratic innovations), and Distrito Norte Delibera (youth deliberative processes in a vulnerable district of Granada). He also serves as an elected Steering Group Member of DYPALL Network, and as Project Assistant at People Powered. Juan Francisco holds a Double Degree in Law and Political Science (University of Granada) and a Master in EU Project Management and International Cooperation (Social Change School), with academic experience in Norway (NTNU) and Germany (Tübingen). His work centres on translating European policy frameworks into participatory methodologies that empower young people - particularly in underrepresented and rural communities - as active agents in democratic life.

Ms Caisa BILLGER

Sweden

President

European Law Students'
Association (ELSA) Sweden

Caisa Billger is a dedicated law student at Uppsala University with a strong track record of leadership, academic engagement and legal publishing. She currently serves as President of ELSA Sweden, the national branch of the European Law Students' Association, where she leads strategic initiatives, fosters cross-border collaboration and develops opportunities for students and young professionals in law. Alongside her organisational work, Caisa contributes to legal publishing in her role as Editor-in-Chief for the Uppsala editorial office of Juridisk Publikation, one of the largest academic legal journals in the Nordic region and among the largest in Europe, distributed widely to courts, law firms, universities and legal practitioners. Her combined experience in organisational leadership and editorial work reflects a strong commitment to legal education, cross-cultural exchange, and rigorous engagement with contemporary legal challenges.

Ms Svea MANGILI

Sweden

International Correspondent

Swedish Development Forum



Svea Mangili is currently completing coursework in Peace and Conflict Studies at Uppsala University and will be enrolling in Uppsala University's undergraduate degree in political science this upcoming fall 2026. Her primary fields of focus are international relations, diplomacy, and global cooperation. She serves as a Global Youth Ambassador for TheirWorld, where she contributes to advocacy for the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education). She also works as a volunteer journalist and foreign affairs analyst for Utrikespolitisk Afton, covering developments in Latin America. She has also completed the political mentorship program Politikerskolan. At the ASEFYLS Capacity Training, she intends to study multilateral diplomatic practices and cross-border cooperation.

Ms Rosina ADATHALA

Switzerland

Program and Development
Manager & 2026 Gen A Fellow

Asia Society Switzerland



Born in Austria and raised in Switzerland, Rosina Adathala completed exchange semesters in South Korea and Japan, bridging Europe-Asia relations early on. Committed to cross-cultural understanding and global cooperation for sustainable development, she works at Asia Society Switzerland, leading development and the executive education program Asia NEXT, fostering dialogue and impactful experiences between Switzerland and Asia. She is also a 2026 Gen A Fellow. Previously, she gained professional experience at the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) and the Pestalozzi Children's Foundation, focusing on intercultural communication, migration, and social development. Rosina holds a B.A. in International Relations (University of Geneva) and an M.A. in European Global Studies (University of Basel), specializing in international politics, societal challenges, and peace and conflict studies.

Mr Samuel VALLADE SCIARINI

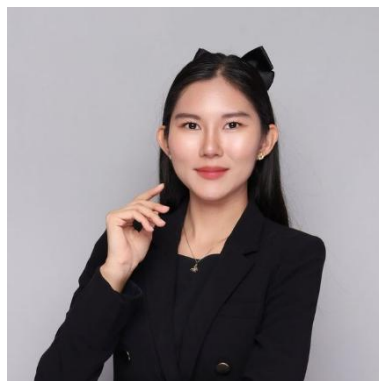
Switzerland

Member of the EYCA Youth
PanelEuropean Youth Card
Association (EYCA)

Samuel Vallade Sciarini is student and activist from Italy and Switzerland. After obtaining a Bachelor's Degree in "International Politics, Law and Economics" from the University of Milan, he is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in "European and Global Studies" at the University of Padua. As a part of his academic path he has also studied in various foreign institutions, including in South Africa, Finland and Czechia. Throughout his studies, Samuel has developed a passion for intercultural communication and inclusivity in higher education. Samuel has supported the organisation of multiple youth-led projects in his home country as well as abroad. He is also a member of the Youth Panel of the European Youth Card Association (EYCA). After several years of promoting students' rights as a member of a student union, he is now fostering youth participation as an international projects intern at DYPALL Network, a leading NGO in the field of youth involvement and democracy.

Ms Atitaya PHOEMPHON

Thailand

Public Communication and
Partnership Team LeadGlobal Youth Biodiversity
Network Thailand (GYBN
Thailand)

Atitaya Phoemphon is a Thai youth leader, sustainability communicator, and independent journalist. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Development and Sustainability at the Asian Institute of Technology, where she explores the intersections of sustainable development, communication, and social change. She serves as a Communication Officer at GYBN Thailand, supporting youth engagement initiatives related to biodiversity conservation, climate action, and environmental education. Through her work, she develops communication strategies, facilitates workshops, and creates opportunities for young people to participate in sustainability discussions and community-based actions. Beyond her organisational work, Atitaya contributes to independent media platforms covering environmental issues and social inclusion. She is particularly interested in sustainability communication, anticipatory leadership, and strengthening meaningful youth participation in shaping more inclusive and resilient futures.

**Dr Chonnikarn
PIYAVORASAKUL**

Thailand

Co-founder

Young Carbon Pioneers



Chonnikarn Piyavorasakul holds a Ph.D. in Fisheries Science and Technology from Kasetsart University. Her research focuses on sustainable food systems, particularly the use of plant-based supplements to improve aquaculture health while reducing environmental impact. She is passionate about developing innovative solutions that bridge science, sustainability, and community well-being. Chonnikarn has represented Thailand in various international sustainability programs and is a BeVisioneers Fellow 2025-2026. She is the founder of ATTa-Rose Thai and S.SeaSon Thai, initiatives that highlight Thai identity through flavor and seasonal diversity. She also co-founded Carbon Young Pioneers Thailand, a youth-led platform promoting climate awareness and action.

Mr Krit PROMROKUL

Thailand

President

Thai Students Association of
New South Wales

Krit Promrokul is a Biology and Human Biology student at Macquarie University, Sydney, with a strong foundation in life sciences and a parallel track in youth leadership and policy. As President of the Thai Students Association of NSW, he leads institutional transformation serving 350+ students while building tri-lateral partnerships between Thai government agencies, Australian institutions, and NSW bodies. His policy experience spans the ASEAN-Australia Young Leaders Forum, NSW Health's International Student Advisory Group, and Thailand's Pheu Thai Party Young Professionals Program, where he contributed to health and sustainable water management policy. Krit bridges scientific thinking with leadership, applying systems-level perspectives to cross-cultural challenges across the Asia-Pacific region.

Ms Madeline CAMPBELL

United Kingdom

President

International Law Society



Madeline Campbell is a Law with Spanish student with a strong academic and professional interest in international human rights, humanitarian law, and youth leadership. She has participated in a range of legal and policy-focused initiatives, including research and advocacy projects related to gender equality, social justice, and international cooperation. Alongside her studies in the UK and Spain, she has engaged with young lawyers' associations, attended international seminars, and contributed to discussions on global governance and human rights challenges. Madeline has also held leadership roles in educational and community settings, where she developed mentoring and peer-support initiatives focused on student wellbeing. She is particularly interested in the intersection of law, diplomacy, and international institutions, and aspires to pursue a career within the United Nations.

Ms Emma GIBSON

United Kingdom

Liaison Officer

Erasmus Student Network
(ESN) United Kingdom

Emma Gibson graduated with a First-class BA in Political Science from the University of Edinburgh and will soon begin an MSc in Global Leadership and Peacebuilding at King's College London. After a year abroad at LUISS Guido Carli, she was elected Secretary of ESN Edinburgh and now serves as Liaison Officer for ESN UK, advocating for Erasmus+ re-entry as a delegate at the 2025 UK-EU Youth Dialogue. A former British Youth Councillor and current member of the youth board of the Scottish Advisory Forum on Europe, she champions increased leadership and international opportunities for underrepresented young people in North East England and Scotland. Emma is an emerging researcher in AI governance and literacy, contributing to AI policy research for the Scottish Government, think tanks, and Europe-wide organisations such as European Public Law Organisation and as the UK delegate to the 2026 EU Voices of Change Programme in France. Her research internship with an NGO in Sri Lanka inspired her undergraduate thesis on Sri Lankan foreign policy and strategic competition in the Indian Ocean, reinforcing her commitment to Asia-Europe cooperation.

Mr Manh Nghia DAO

Viet Nam

Founder and President

DMN Initiative - SDGs Council -
DMN Foundation

Dao Manh Nghia is a distinguished political-legal scholar and social leader specializing in international law, global security, and sustainable development. An Erasmus Mundus Scholar pursuing a joint master's degree across the University of Glasgow, IBEI, and Radboud University, his research intersects peacebuilding, AI and global security governance. He is the Founder & President of the DMN Initiative - SDGs Council - DMN Foundation-Vietnam's first youth-led peace, security, and development initiative since 2018 where he manages a global network of 500+ ambassadors across 35+ countries and has mobilized \$220,000+ for grassroots grants, climate resilience, and peace education. A veteran youth diplomat, UNODA Fellow and UNMGCY Member, Nghia has been a Senior Delegate at 60+ international conferences across 15+ nations, including the Doha Forum and Geneva Peace Week. He has authored 25+ political-legal articles and earned 50+ global accolades, including the prestigious Diana Award, showcasing deep expertise spanning international arbitration, technological foresight, and institutional human rights.

Mr Nguyen Huy Hoang HUYNH

Viet Nam

ESG Impact Officer

Youth for Energy Southeast
Asia (Y4E-SEA)

Hoang Huynh is an environmental and energy professional inspired by the 2016 marine pollution crisis in Vietnam. He holds a Bachelor of Environmental Engineering from Ho Chi Minh City University of Technology (HCMUT-VNU) and is currently pursuing Electrical Engineering at the University of Sydney to deepen his technical knowledge. His corporate background includes roles at H&M Group and PUMA, where he validated environmental datasets, optimised resource consumption, and advanced sustainability across Asian supply chains. Driven to improve energy literacy and community engagement, Hoang contributes to the Global Shapers Community Ho Chi Minh Hub. He also serves in the Research Department of Youth for Energy Southeast Asia (Y4E-SEA), where he tracks program impacts and helps organise the regional Youth Energy Forum. Additionally, Hoang supports the United Associations of Vietnamese Students in New South Wales (UAVS-NSW) by directing student initiatives and leading career mentorship programs.

Ms Anh NGUYEN

Viet Nam

Marketing and
Communications OfficerVietnam National Union of
Students

Nguyen Ngoc Anh is a Vietnamese youth communicator, media practitioner, and student leader with experience in leading large-scale communication initiatives and youth engagement programmes. She currently serves as a Marketing and Communications Officer at Vietnam National Union of Students. She also served as an Event Ambassador for the Vietnam Innovation Exhibition 2025 organised by the Vietnam National Innovation Center in collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of Science and Technology of Vietnam. Alongside her institutional work, Ngoc Anh worked in editorial production at Voice of Vietnam (VOV), supporting broadcast journalism and content development for cultural and entertainment programmes. She is also the founder of an educational TikTok platform with over 9,400 followers and more than 400,000 likes, using digital media to make educational content more accessible to young audiences. She was selected as a delegate to the World Bank Group Youth Summit and the 2026 HPAIR Asian Virtual Conference.

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