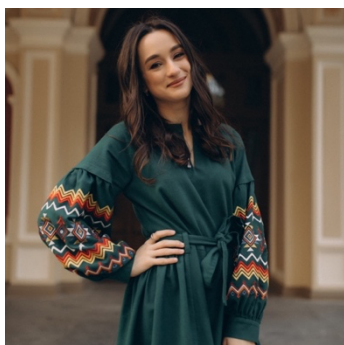


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Haleema Ahmed 🇨🇦 is a biomedical sciences student at York University and an alumni of the Prime Minister's Youth Council. Haleema has advised the Canadian Government, Prime Minister, and other federal leaders on Islamophobia, youth engagement and healthcare. As a published researcher and freelance writer, Haleema is passionate about using journalism and science research to educate and discuss issues affecting marginalized populations.

Moses Abolade 🇳🇮 is a peacebuilding facilitator and manager who creates content, facilitates training and manage peacebuilding programs in Nigeria and affiliated to more than 10 peacebuilding organizations across the globe. He is the Founder and Executive Director of Peace Education and Practice Network (PEPNET). PEPNET is a registered nongovernmental organization working in Nigeria with the aim of increasing access to peace education. Moses has over 5 years of experience as a peacebuilder and coordinated more than 15 peacebuilding programs since 2018. The projects led have directly and indirectly impacted more than 2500 beneficiaries in Nigeria and across the globe. Moses is a Masters' graduate of the Institute of Peace and Strategic Studies, University of Ibadan.



Anna Bondarenko 🇺🇦 is the founder and head of Ukrainian Volunteer Service, a national non-profit organization aimed to develop the culture of volunteerism in Ukraine. Anna dedicated the last ten years of her life to strengthening democracy in Ukraine. Under her leadership, Ukrainian Volunteer Service turned from a grassroots initiative into a powerful organization that engages, teaches, empowers, and supports hundreds of volunteers nationwide, including those who support civilians on the frontline and temporarily occupied territories. Anna teaches courses on volunteer management at Ukrainian Catholic University and provides expert guidance to the Ministry of Youth and Sports and the Office of the President of Ukraine to ensure that the voice of volunteers is heard at the national level. Her particular sphere of interest includes supporting youth volunteers from local communities and rural areas and strengthening the capacity of local volunteer groups, including those from the occupied territories. Anna believes that volunteering is one of the most enabling tools for citizens, through which people can practice democracy as a part of their everyday life.

Walter Corzo 🇸🇻 is Executive Director of Diálogos, a second-generation think tank founded by a group of academics and researchers in Guatemala that promotes the exchange of ideas and proposals regarding public problems in the northern triangle of Central America based on the use of available evidence. He has led different projects and initiatives in civil society on Youth, Citizen Safety, Violence Prevention, Migration, Anticorruption and the Response to Covid-19 at local, national, and regional level. He has represented Guatemala in the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland; the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS); the Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Public Security of the Americas of the OAS; the CIVICUS International Civil Society Week; and the Global Summit of the Open Government Alliance (OGP). He has a bachelor's degree in international relations, a master's degree in public management and leadership, and studies from different academic institutions in Brazil, Lithuania, Argentina, and the United States of America.

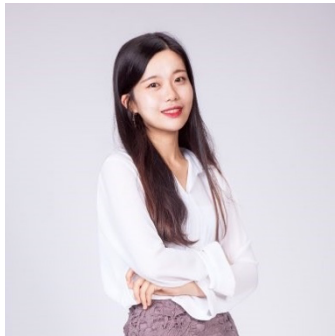


Lourdes Argueta 🇸🇻 has distinguished herself in humanitarian work and in the strengthening of democracy in the Latin America and Caribbean region, and as a specialist in international development projects pertaining to social, educational, and political impact. She is currently the Executive Secretary of the Latin American Youth Network for Democracy (Juventud LAC), leading the advocacy and defense of democracy and human rights in 20 countries in the region. In 2019, she founded a political party in El Salvador and was later elected for a 4-year term as its first Director of Transparency. She also taught history and politics at university level for 7 years. Lu started out as a pro-democracy activist, working with various international initiatives and organizations such as Global Shapers Community, Community of Democracies, International Republican Institute's (IRI) Generation Democracy program. Lu holds a degree in International Relations from Syracuse University and is currently pursuing her master's degree in government and public administration at the Universidad Autónoma de Chile.

Bartosz Kubiak 🇵🇱 is the Chairman of the Academy of Civic Knowledge (AWO) and the Head of Warsaw office at Aspen Institute Central Europe. Bartosz is currently leading an NGO focused on reforming civil service in Poland and building strong state institutions. He is also a member of the European Democracy Youth Network – an initiative for young public sector leaders. Bartosz is a former public affairs consultant who has worked for over 40 international companies advising them



on domestic and EU regulatory issues. Bartosz completed a Transatlantic Future Leaders Forum scholarship at the US Congress in 2018. He interned with Rep. Peter Roskam (R-IL). Bartosz is a graduate of Law with American Law at the University of East Anglia.



Sohee Yang 🇰🇷 is a prominent social innovator and activist who leads new types of political and social movements for young people in South Korea. Her current projects are mainly focusing on the impact of digital technology in political innovation and social participation for youth. She is also the founder and director of the Jeju Youth Dream-trip Scholarship Project (known as 'Bisanghan-sangsang'), which she established and raised a social fund on her blog 'Soheeworld(소히월드)' with 3,100+

subscribers. The scholarship project aims to bridge the educational gap by providing opportunities for local youth to empower their dreams beyond their boundaries. Sohee is also a highly accomplished professional who has represented South Korea at various international summits and conferences, including the 71st UN General Assembly, 2016 APEC Summit, UN Youth, Peace & Security Consultation, G(irls)20 Summit, OGP Global Summit, ASEAN+ Summit and many others. Driven by her commitment to tackling the inequalities inherent in societal structures, Sohee has been at the forefront of seeking effective solutions and rallying support for their implementation. Subsequently, she has garnered invaluable experience and insights into the political arena, serving as a parliamentary staff, spokesperson for a political party, policy staff member in a presidential election campaign, and chairperson of a grassroots organisation's election campaign for the recent local election. Her primary areas of focus include inclusive technologies, political innovation, and regional inequality. Sohee has demonstrated a strong commitment to making a positive impact on her community and a more inclusive society throughout her career.

Tinatin Oboladze 🇧🇪 is a lawyer specializing in international law and human rights and expert in youth-related policy and legal matters. She is employed as a Legal Counselor in the department of state representation to the international courts of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia, where she is involved in high-profile cases relating to human rights and inter-state disputes between Georgia and Russia. Additionally, she provides expert advice to various branches of the Government regarding policy and legal matters concerning youth. In 2023, she assisted the Parliament of Georgia in ensuring that the legal system of Georgia regarding youth complied with European standards and evaluated the implementation of Georgia's international legal commitments in the youth sector. Tinatin also held the position of vice president in the non-profit organization, the Georgian Young Constitutionalists' Association, where she was a member of the working group on youth policy and action plan in the Parliament of Georgia. She has



experience advocating for youth rights during constitutional amendments in Georgia in 2017 and 2019. Under her leadership, the proposal to enumerate the rights of youth to a healthy lifestyle and sports was included in the Constitution of Georgia. Tinatin was awarded a prestigious scholarship from Fordham University School of Law and is currently pursuing an LLM degree in international law and justice as a William Michael Treanor Scholar.



Hsin-Tzu Yang 🇹🇼 obtained an MSc in International Social Policies from the University of Sheffield. During her studies in the UK, she consistently promoted Taiwan's democratic referendum and raised awareness about the unjust exclusion of Taiwan by the World Health Organization. As a youth representative of The Taiwan United Nations Alliance, she lobbied US congress members and campaigned for Taiwan's inclusion in the UN and WHO. Hsin-Tzu is also the Co-Founder and Deputy Executive Secretary of the Here I Stand Project, a youth-oriented organization focuses on Taiwan's citizen

diplomacy. In Taiwan, she organized youth camps to foster democratic education and has led initiatives to garner support from Taiwan for nations oppressed by authoritarian regimes. Her dedicated efforts have enhanced Taiwan's international visibility and expanded its support for various global causes.

Mwila Chiseddy Bwanga 🇿🇲 is an optimistic and visionary leader that is passionate about building the leaders we need for Africa we want, harnessing eight years' worth of experience in the leadership and governance development space across the continent. He is a social entrepreneur, an award-winning governance expert, award-winning author, international speaker and Executive Director at BeRelevant Africa. Mwila holds a Politics and International Relations degree from the



University of Lusaka. Mwila's leadership track record ranges from being the former President of the University of Lusaka Student Union, serving as Zambia's National Youth Delegate at the Commonwealth Youth Council, and as a former COMESA Youth Representative for Zambia. Mwila has been listed as one of Zambia's Best Governance Minds below the age of 35 and was awarded a Governance Accomplishment Award during the 2020 National Youth Awards by the Government of the Republic of Zambia. Mwila was the youngest contesting Member of Parliament for Nchanga Constituency in Chingola and on the Copperbelt during Zambia's 2021 General Elections and came out third in a race with five candidates. Mwila has built his leadership journey on the philosophy that the problems of our society are inevitable but as a people, we have to be the inevitable solution to society's inevitable problems, and at the core of such solutions is the development of credible leadership across all sectors of human civilization.