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**GLOBAL TEEN LEADERS (GTLs)**  
AT-A-GLANCE

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# 39 GTLs

from **16 countries** on **6 continents**

Australia

Ghana

Macedonia

South Africa

Brazil

India

Nigeria

The Philippines

China

Israel

Pakistan

Turkey

Egypt

Kenya

Russia

USA

**16** he/him  
**23** she/her } **pronouns**

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**16** yo – 4  
**17** yo – 8  
**18** yo – 11  
**19** yo – 16

And, they are all addressing our world's...

## BASIC HUMAN NEEDS



EDUCATION  
**32**



ENVIRONMENT  
**10**



FOOD  
**2**



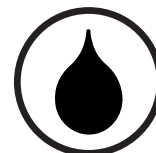
HEALTH  
**16**



SAFETY  
**9**



SHELTER  
**1**



WATER  
**3**



**Alexander Wesley** (he/him) | 19, USA

Alexander formed the **Renal Medullary Carcinoma Research Foundation (RMCRF)**, a nonprofit organization that closes the gap in funding and research of diseases that affect minority communities, and connects the millions of people worldwide who have RMC to the most current information about their disease.



**Alexis Fry** (she/her) | 18, USA

Alexis founded **weSTEM** to create a diverse generation in technology by democratizing access to opportunities and building an inclusive global community. Their online community connects members to learn from each other, offers access to curated competitions, internships and fellowships.



**Aliu Toluwani Victor** (he/him) | 19, Nigeria

Toluwani launched **Upsurge Global (UG)**, a nonprofit organization committed to raising a new cadre of value-driven African leaders. UG leads entrepreneurship and leadership summits, school workshops, community development projects and online leadership training with experts.



**Anfisa Bogdanenko** (she/her) | 19, Russia

Anfisa cofounded **AXIOM**, a community that supports and inspires young innovators to pursue their ambitions in technology. AXIOM connects its community members to form competition teams and provides them with quality mentorship, free online courses, funding opportunities and more.



**Angela Busheska** (she/her) | 19, Macedonia

Angela founded **EnRoute** to harness the power of everyday actions to fight climate change. EnRoute is a free mobile app that helps users make simple daily choices to reduce their carbon footprint and has already guided thousands of users to reduce more than 100,000kg of CO2 emissions.



**Catherine Yeo** (she/her) | 19, USA

Catherine created **Fair Bytes**, a global network advancing AI fairness and ethics for all through education, resources and community. Fair Bytes shares understandable pieces explaining AI ethics concepts and research, and creates, collects and provides relevant resources to educators and schools.



**Elif Kaya** (she/her) | 16, Turkey

Elif founded **One Smile Effect**, Turkey's first and only youth-led mental health organization. One Smile Effect began as an online platform to foster connection and community, and has since expanded their mission to promote mental health awareness and education.



**Godwin Kevin** (he/him) | 18, Nigeria

Godwin founded **Inspire For Greatness**, an organization that identifies, connects and empowers young African leaders and changemakers, while inspiring them to take action in their communities. They support youth with mentorship, workshops and conferences, along with opportunities to develop their talents and ideas.



**Haipei Chen** (she/her) | 18, China

Haipei formed **AppilyDay**, a global organization advocating for equitable health education and bridging healthcare information gaps in marginalized and non-native English-speaking communities. They organize health-related campaigns, provide health education resources, and lead virtual and in-person workshops.



**Jana Amin** (she/her) | 18, USA + Egypt

Jana founded **#17for17: Advocating for Girls' Education**, a global movement making space for young women in the gender parity space, connecting women with speaking platforms, and making sure their voices are heard and respected.



**Jeeva Senthilnathan** (she/her) | 19, India + USA

Jeeva founded **Privando**, an organization that protects and helps women in India persevere through sexual assault. Privando empowers women in India with self-defense training, wearable technology to stay safe, sexual harassment education and the tools to create legislation related to sexual harassment.



**Juliana Pinho** (she/her) | 19, Brazil + Israel

Juliana founded **Historiar-te**, an online platform that delivers lessons embracing viewers with dyslexia, ADHD and/or little formal education. She also cofounded **Beyond the Wall** to bring students together to learn from real experiences outside of the classroom, discuss issues that matter and seek solutions.



**Karly Hou** (she/her) | 19, USA

Karly formed **Wave Learning Festival**, an initiative to combat the educational inequities exacerbated by COVID-19. Wave offers free, live programming including diverse courses, tutoring, college application help, career mentorship and more.



**Karthik Ramu** (he/him) | 18, USA

Karthik cofounded **AmityConnections**, an initiative addressing the inadequacies of care for elders. They developed and launched AmityConnect, a mobile app that helps family members and caretakers to seamlessly monitor their elders' health with real-time data from smart medical devices.



**Karun Kaushik** (he/him) | 16, USA

Karun launched **DemocratizeHealth** to empower healthcare workers, democratize healthcare in underprivileged regions with fast, affordable, accurate and accessible AI-based solutions for illnesses, and educate impoverished communities about environmental risk factors, preventative measures and treatment options. **X-Check-MD** is also Karun's innovation that diagnoses COVID-19 and pneumonia, costs ~\$2.75 USD per scan in India, and makes a 99% accurate diagnosis in under a minute.



**Kevin Langat** (he/him) | 19, Kenya

Kevin created **Tunza Community Based Organisation (Tunza CBO)** to diminish the challenges that oppress students in rural Kenya and ensure a quality education for all students. They lead mental health education workshops, distribute uniforms, shoes, educational materials and sanitary pads, in addition to providing mentorship.



**Krisha Patel** (she/her) | 17, USA

Krisha cofounded **Fision Lens** to make quality eyewear more affordable and accessible worldwide by providing an inexpensive and environmentally sustainable alternative to traditional lens replacement. Fision Lens is developing a thin, optical film that can adhere to an existing glasses lens to make inexpensive prescription updates.



**Kyler Wang** (he/him) | 16, USA

Kyler founded **Spark Teen**, a community that unites, elevates and inspires entrepreneurial teens. They educate teens how to build companies and support them with access to resources, funding opportunities and mentors, while seeding a diverse and inclusive generation of founders.



**Louise Ferreira** (she/her) | 19, Brazil

Louise founded **Prep Change** to make quality, international education accessible to Latinx youth, and empower students to address inequality in Latin America. Prep Change provides a 7-month personalized curriculum and online mentorship to students who want to experience school abroad.



**Matine Khalighi** (he/him) | 18, USA

Matine founded **EEqual**, a nonprofit organization working to overcome student homelessness by raising awareness and increasing access to higher education. EEqual provides resources and scholarships to students experiencing poverty and homelessness, and drives the conversation surrounding poverty with campaigns and advocacy.



**Maxine Brenya** (she/her) | 19, Ghana

Maxine founded **The Gap Class**, an initiative to equalize a holistic education among children in rural communities throughout Africa. They educate youth on leadership, design thinking, climate action, sanitation and 21st century skills, with the lens of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



**Mirus Ponon** (he/him) | 19, The Philippines

Mirus established the **ASEAN Youth Advocates Network (AYAN)** – a nonprofit organization that paves the way for Southeast Asian youth to experience socio-civic involvement, while exploring their ASEAN identity.



**Moksh Nirvaan** (he/him) | 17, USA

Moksh created **CovidScan.ai** to help under-resourced clinics provide rapid, accurate COVID-19 testing, keep hospitals secure and educate young innovators to build positive impact AI. With an accuracy rate of 98%, CovidScan.ai provides a diagnosis in seconds, scans patients' badges for security and the PPE of medical staff for safety.



**Neha Shukla** (she/her) | 16, USA

Neha created **SixFeetApart**, a wearable social-distancing device that alerts users when approaching people cross the CDC's guidelines of a 6-foot distance. She also launched **Innovation Corner (IC)** to support and inspire young innovators to leverage science and technology to solve global problems with innovation workshops and a network of industry experts.





**Nitya Ayyagari** (she/her) | 17, USA

Nitya created **Cepha**, a mobile app offering fast, accessible early-stage detection for Parkinson's Disease. Cepha is 98% accurate and takes less than 5 minutes, compared to the existing gold standard test that is invasive, 75% accurate and takes several hours.



**Oluwanifemi Dahunsi** (he/him) | 17, Nigeria

Oluwanifemi founded **Teens World Empowerment (TWE)**, a nonprofit organization bridging the workforce opportunity gap in low-income communities by providing quality education and employable skills to young people.



**Oluwaseyi Moejoh** (she/her) | 19, Nigeria

Oluwaseyi cofounded the **U-recycle Initiative** to advance a circular economy in Africa by reinforcing environmental sustainability across the continent. They focus on educating schools and communities about waste management, and advocate for sustainable and effective policies, facilities and systems.



**Perisa Ashar** (she/her) | 18, USA

Perisa founded **STEMinate**, a nonprofit organization that encourages people from all backgrounds to pursue STEM careers, delivers free STEM curriculum to underprivileged communities worldwide, facilitates youth to take on leadership positions and inspires them to be STEM advocates.



**Pranjal Jain** (she/her) | 19, USA + India

Pranjal formed **Global Girlhood**, a womxn-led organization revolutionizing representation in media, education and leadership by inspiring storytelling, fostering intercultural dialogue and representing the heights womxn soar. They encourage womxn to source stories of empowerment and use them to create community on and offline.



**Razel Suansing** (she/her) | 19, The Philippines

Razel cofounded **Kahon ng Karunungan (KnK)**, which translates to “Knowledge in a Box.” KnK is a nonprofit organization reducing education inequity in the Philippines and globally. They distribute self-learning kits called “kahons” to underserved schools that have experienced infrastructure damage or a lack of government funding.



**Reece Slade** (he/him) | 17, South Africa

Reece founded **Earth Kids Org (EKO)** to provide children with environmental education and empower them to become eco-warriors and advocates. EKO delivers sustainability education in the form of childhood development games and leads campaigns to create a generation of environmentally aware South Africans.



**Rhitishah Yuva Raju** (she/her) | 18, USA

Rhitishah founded **Mediora**, a global initiative promoting mental well-being through a research-based relaxation app, mentorship programs, community webinars, mental health curriculum and educational equity promoting initiatives. They have partnered with global nonprofits, research conferences and renowned institutions to share resources and information.



**Shreyans Gupta** (he/him) | 17, India

Shreyans formed **Sciency**, a digital educational platform designed to facilitate students' learning processes. Sciency provides free webinars, live tutoring and online classes that cover a range of topics. Their lessons are written by students and presented with student tips and media created by professionals.



**Smriti Marar** (she/her) | 17, India

Smriti created **Project WE** to encourage girls in India to pursue further education and vocational training, and empower them to be independent, self-sufficient women. They support the holistic development of girls through programs that focus on financial and technology literacy, self-care and self-actualization.



**Swara Patel** (she/her) | 18, USA + India

Swara founded **The Period Society**, a nonprofit organization promoting menstrual equity, combatting the taboo surrounding menstrual, sexual and reproductive health, and eradicating period poverty throughout India and the world. They train youth in rural India to lead educational sessions with OB/GYN- vetted modules and distribute eco-friendly period products.



**Syeda Malaika Rizvi** (she/her) | 18, Pakistan

Malaika created **Girl Coders Pakistan (GCP)**, an initiative to bridge the STEM gender gap in Pakistan. GCP introduces a variety of STEM topics to girls so they can pave a career path that resonates with them. Their curricula is currently used by the International School of Lahore.



**Taha Vahanvaty** (he/him) | 18, USA + India

Taha formed **The Acceptance Project (TAP)**, an organization that facilitates civil discourse between America's students in order to create a generation of empathic leaders, active listeners and critical thinkers. TAP gives students from all backgrounds the space, resources and opportunity to have difficult conversations about issues that affect them.



**Victor Ye** (he/him) | 18, USA

Victor and two peer activists launched **UnTextbooked**, a history podcast for the future that brings a diverse range of narratives to history education. UnTextbooked builds a community of diverse, talented young people in media and creates high quality history lessons with civic impact.



**Yash Dutt** (he/him) | 19, Australia

Yash launched **Yuva AI**, a company that trains young people to create and work with AI that can improve the world, and connects them with cutting-edge companies to employ them. Targeting underserved communities, Yuva AI concentrates on upskilling youth who otherwise lack access to digital skills education.



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