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GLOBAL TEEN LEADERS (GTLs)
AT-A-GLANCE

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29 GTLs

from 18 countries on 5 continents

Brazil
Cameroon
Canada
Colombia
India

Indonesia
Japan
Nigeria
Norway
Pakistan

Palestine
Peru
Rwanda
South Korea
Turkey

United Kingdom
United States
Venezuela

15 she/her
14 he/him } **pronouns**

ages {
15 yo - 1
16 yo - 8
17 yo - 9
18 yo - 7
19 yo - 4

They are all addressing our world's...

BASIC HUMAN NEEDS



AND ALL 17 OF THE UNITED NATIONS...





Amna Habiba, 16, Pakistan

Amna founded **Global Creative Hub (GCH)**, a social development initiative that provides STEM education, 21st century skills, career knowledge and a safe space for girls in Pakistan and beyond, to explore, connect and become catalysts for change. GCH's 10+ initiatives and events have directly impacted 1,100 young people, 200 teachers and 50 parents in 15+ countries.



Anne-Rosa Bilal, 18, United Kingdom and Norway

Anne-Rosa launched **Youth STEM Matters**, an international platform for young researchers to share their findings, ideas, and innovations. All articles submitted address a UN Sustainable Development Goal(s) and are peer reviewed by a team of 70 young volunteers in 17 countries. They have hosted two research conferences, where 400+ attendees from 45+ countries attended.



Charvi Gangwani, 18, India and United States

Charvi founded **The Amygdala** and **The Amygdala Forum** – an organization and a platform raising awareness about mental health issues in India, advocating for access to mental health services in schools, and helping adolescents achieve psychological resilience through education and resources. To date, they have led 74 sessions impacting 3,000+ students worldwide, and their education guides have been used in 43 schools across India.



Chinmayi Balusu, 19, United States

Chinmayi founded **Simply Neuroscience** – a nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering students' interdisciplinary interests in the brain. They catalyze early and equitable neuroscience and psychology education by providing students with free online resources, opportunities, events, and mentorship. They have grown into an international team of 350 volunteers, built a global coalition of 95+ organizations, and directly impacted 25,000+ students across 119 countries.



Dhruv Patel, 16, United States

Dhruv formed **AbilifyNow** to dismantle ableism and advance disability equity through education, conversation, and grassroots activism. AbilifyNow spans 30+ countries and creates population-specific, dynamic initiatives like hackathons, plays and artist panels. They have been recognized for their immersive disability advocacy as a finalist in the Rise® Challenge, an initiative of Schmidt Futures and the Rhodes Trust, and as the winner of the Invisalign ChangeMaker Challenge.



Divin Lionel Dushimimana, 17, Rwanda

Divin created the **Stand-Up For Mothers/Mamas Initiative** to help women become economically empowered and to promote domestic peace in Rwanda. The initiative provides women with female goats as a source of sustainable income and works to prevent gender-based violence by leading workshops for boys and men. To date, the initiative has impacted 100+ women and educated 150+ boys and men, in the Bugesera District.



Ebunoluwa Christianah Fagbenro, 18, Nigeria and Turkey

Ebunoluwa co-founded **The Sapphires Development Initiative (TSDI)** – a nonprofit organization advocating for quality education, generational equity, and environmental best practices in Nigeria through digital literacy projects, discussion forums, leadership conferences and outreach initiatives. They also provide access to educational opportunities such as studying abroad, scholarships, and free online courses, and Ebunoluwa helped design TSDI's mental health awareness campaigns and workshops, which have reached over 1,000 people.



Ethan Bledsoe, 18, United States

Ethan launched **Confront the Climate Crisis (CTCC)** – a statewide, grassroots campaign working to achieve climate solutions by engaging the community in climate action events, educating youth through climate literacy programs, and implementing systemic change through legislation. What started as a local initiative has expanded to 18 counties across Indiana, a team of 178 youth members, reaching 23,000+ people statewide.



Gustavo Lombello Santos, 18, Brazil

Gustavo founded **Minerve-se** to democratize education in Brazil by offering free delivery of books and educational materials to low-income students in Brazil, prioritizing marginalized communities. Minerve-se serves 80+ cities across 15+ states in all five regions of Brazil and their library presently consists of 10,000+ free books that have been shipped to 500+ Brazilians, reaching communities from favelas to indigenous tribes.



I Ketut Darma Dipta, 15, Indonesia

Dipta founded **LIQUIFY** – a nonprofit organization developing and building global water solutions, providing Balinese communities with sustainable sources of clean water, and educating the world about the global water crisis. The initiative is funded from locally made products, which also supports local community economies. LIQUIFY has built 3 large catchment systems and recharge wells, providing clean drinking water to approximately 700 people in Bali.



Isaac Jideonwor, 19, Nigeria

Isaac built **Imaginact**, a nonprofit organization that empowers actions for positive impact, helping young Africans realize their ideas into solutions. Imaginact workshops, training and partnerships with local organizations, enable young people to build grassroots movements that address key social issues. They have engaged 2,000+ teens with their initiatives and garnered 50,000+ readers on Vocal Africa – their digital platform that shares the stories of young African writers.



Kevin Zhu, 17, United States

Kevin created **The Incandescent Review** – an international literary magazine, published quarterly and designed to illuminate youth voices and promote teenage mental health through creative expression. The Incandescent Review has published 10 literary magazine issues, ~350 blog posts and 2 summer studio anthologies, featuring 150+ student creatives, reaching 150,000+ viewers in 111 countries. The magazine has also expanded to a brand, mentorship program and studio.



Laura Gomezjurado González, 16, Colombia and Venezuela

Laura is a leader of **Vox Nostra**, an online platform that gives a voice to youth and acts as a meeting point for social activism and constructive dialogue. Vox Nostra welcomes young people to publish articles, poems, and opinion pieces, and organizes events about their nation's challenges. Laura also launched the Women's Innovation Association (ASOFI) to empower vulnerable women in rural Colombia with STEM and entrepreneurship skills.



Lívia Maria Souza Da Silva, 17, Brazil

Lívia founded **Levanta Jovem** to help young people in Northern Brazil become leaders of change in their communities. Levanta Jovem offers young people mentorship, training and workshops to develop leadership skills such as public speaking, teamwork, project development, business management, and self-knowledge, in the context of social impact. Levanta Jovem's Ambassador Program will soon enable young people to lead initiatives across Brazil and at their schools.



Louise Sanches, 17, Brazil

Louise created **Côncavo** to promote women's economic empowerment through education and technology. Their program teaches women in Brazil how to develop their own businesses, with a focus on social impact. Louise also developed an app called Conecta Elas, which creates a safe platform for female freelancers in Brazil who want to flourish in male-dominated professions.



Luis Heredia Vasquez, 19, Peru

Luis founded **Edulimitless** to promote the agency and competitiveness of students through a dynamic and adaptive pedagogy. They offer programs and workshops to high school students that equip them with 21st century skills, such as advanced cognitive, socio-emotional, leadership and digital skills. Working with students in Peru, Bolivia, Argentina, Paraguay, Colombia and Honduras, their curricula uses experiential learning to current global issues and real life settings.



Luiza Louback Fontes, 18, Brazil

Luiza co-created **Lidere-se** to build a generation of female leaders in Brazil. Lidere-se is committed to the holistic development of Brazilian girls, offering them entrepreneurship and leadership bootcamps, mentorship, psychological counseling, internships, scholarships, language courses, and the opportunity to study abroad and compete in scientific Olympiads. Lidere-se has impacted 1500+ girls in 15+ Brazilian states, and their Ambassador Program allows alumni to continue expanding programs in their own communities.



Mohammad Hureini, 17, Palestine

Mohammad formed **Youth of Sumud** – a community of Palestinians in South Hebron committed to peaceful popular resistance to protect people, land and resources, and defending the human rights of Palestinian communities. Youth of Sumud accompanies children to school and shepherds through their lands, helps farmers harvest and protect their crops, coordinates advocacy campaigns to promote peace, and documents the violence to raise awareness.



Nataly Belen Montesinos Canales (Belen), 17, Peru

Belen launched **Yura Warmi**, an initiative to educate girls in rural communities on sexual health, entrepreneurship and gender equality. In parallel, Belen is developing a solution to the environmental harm caused by traditional menstrual products, producing eco-friendly hygienic towels made from banana fiber, supporting farmers, and empowering young Peruvian women.



Nduku Louis Tebi (Tebi), 19, Cameroon

Tebi joined the **Students and Youths Empowerment Forum (SYEF)** to prevent violent extremism from causing trauma to others in Cameroon, after experiencing it firsthand. Tebi leads workshops to educate youth about hate speech, conflict resolution and International Humanitarian Law, and engage them in critical thinking to discuss sustainable solutions to Cameroon's socio-political divide. Tebi is also working with the Cameroonian Youth Parliament to draft policy that will prevent and protect children from polarizing language.



Neil Mitra, 17, Canada

Neil launched **Mitra Biotechnologies** to democratize affordable healthcare for marginalized communities by revolutionizing point of care systems, as well as the way in which modern lab tests are performed. Backed by research carried out at the University of Waterloo, Mitra Biotechnologies has developed novel rapid point-of-care diagnostic and prediction tests for disease conditions.



Nora Sun, 16, United States

Nora founded **ATHENA By Women In STEM (ABWIS)** to make STEM research accessible to female and genderqueer high school students, focusing on students who lack research resources and opportunities. ATHENA has hosted 7 conferences, 18 career workshops, and the annual Talaria Summer Institute which now has 55 chapters in 12 countries. ATHENA also has a team of 50 writers and designers whose articles have reached 500,000+ people.



Sena Chang, 16, South Korea, Japan and United States

Sena founded the **Global Youth Review**, an international literary and arts magazine dedicated to amplifying the voices of marginalized youth, spreading cultural awareness, and bridging cultures, people and ideas. The magazine has readers in 480+ cities across 100+ countries, and Sena is currently working to partner with the Japanese Ministry of Education to integrate curriculum, and host panels to further engage young people in cross-political and cross-cultural conversations.



Shreya Tandon, 16, United States and India

Shreya is responsible for overseeing the growth of 11 chapters in the South and Southeast Asia regions for **Dream Equal**, a global non-profit organization working towards a world in which all people are empowered to realize their full potential, regardless of gender. Dream Equal leads workshops, hosts fundraisers, and supports local chapters, in which learners can explore their specific interests and carry out STEM-based projects.



Sriram Bhimaraju, 16, India and United States

Sriram created the **Seas Brighter Foundation** to reduce anthropogenic pollution in ocean waters by developing technological solutions and educational tools that promote environment-friendly decisions. He created The Saagara: Stay Green app to help users choose eco-friendly products to prevent harm to the environment, and developed an award-winning, novel bead technology that absorbs pollutants from marine water.



Vaishnavi Jaiswal, 16, India

Vaishnavi founded **Salubrious** to encourage all women to explore their potential through educational courses, vocational training, job opportunities and workshops on a range of topics including financial literacy, STEM, technology skills, mental health and career guidance. The annual Salubrious LeadHERship Summit connects like-minded women, providing a community for networking and support. With 8 global chapters, Salubrious has provided resources, mentorship and opportunities to 50,000+ girls in 45+ countries.



Victor Eyo, 18, Nigeria

Victor formed **Wegodigiteens** to build a generation of young African techpreneurs, leaders and innovators in the digital world to address social issues. Wegodigiteens leads workshops and summits, career sessions curated by professionals in the tech space, and international tours visiting schools across West Africa. Wegodigiteens creates curricula to connect underrepresented communities to the tech sector, including young people living with sickle cell, d/Deaf communities, and young women in coding.



Victoria Ren, 17, United States

Victoria co-founded **STEM & Buds** to create a supportive, inclusive, and accessible environment for students to explore STEM and its intersection with their interests and identities. STEM & Buds is a nonprofit organization working to redefine STEM education by bridging students to mentors, shaping ideas into initiatives, and translating science into civics. They offer peer mentorship-based camps and outreach programs in schools, shelters and community centers across the United States, Turkey and Canada.



William Dalton, 17, United States

William is democratizing access to safe food and food allergy education, through **S.A.F.E – Supplying Allergy and Food Education**. S.A.F.E. provides allergen-friendly food to those who are food insecure, partnering with food pantries across America to create designated “S.A.F.E. sections”. In addition, S.A.F.E distributes a monthly magazine called **E.D.I.T. – Education, Discoveries, Information and Tips**, providing food allergy-related education.



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