



YOUTH CHANGEMAKERS EXCHANGE

ASHOKA JAPAN & JAPAN SOCIETY INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR

YOUTH CHANGEMAKERS PRESENTATIONS

- Date: Friday, **March 22** 2019 | 10am – 12pm followed by luncheon
- Location: Japan Society, 333 E 47th Street, NY, NY 10017



Ashoka Japan will organize its first **US-Japan Changemakers Exchange** from March 21-29, 2019. Funded by the U.S.-Japan Foundation, six young Japanese changemakers will travel to New York City to meet face-to-face with local American changemakers and to interface with senior Ashoka Fellows, including Sascha Haselmayer, Founder & CEO, Citymart. The changemakers will also travel to Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, where they will meet college students and local high school students who are active in social change and demonstrate the qualities of a future changemaker. Join us for lunch and presentations by six Japanese youth embarking on their journey as changemakers.

We hope to see you!

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US-Japan Youth Changemakers Exchange

Ashoka Japan is implementing its first **US-Japan Changemakers Exchange**, funded by the U.S.-Japan Foundation, from March 21-29, 2019. Japanese Youth Venturers (under 20 years old) have been selected to participate in the tour. The young leaders will spend their first three days in New York City visiting their counterparts, Sascha Haselmayer, Ashoka Fellow and Founder&CEO of Citymart and the site of Eye-to-Eye founded by Ashoka Fellow David Fink. The following three days will take place at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania where the newly launched Social Innovation Lab at the Lang Center for Civic & Social Responsibility will bring the changemakers together with Swarthmore students and local high school students who are also engaged in social change-making.



ASHOKA's Youth Venture program

In response to the tsunami and nuclear plant explosion that struck the northeastern region of Japan in 2011, Ashoka Japan launched the Tohoku Youth Venture. The program is composed of youth we selected from a nationwide search, individuals who demonstrate an unshakable motivation to take action and revitalize the areas affected by the 2011 disaster. After the inception of this program, Ashoka Japan's priority to empower young people has transcended our initial focus on rebuilding the northeast of Japan—now, we have broadened our scope to include Japanese youth from the ages of 12 to 20 years old who demonstrate an awareness of and desire to address a specific or series of challenges in Japanese society. We call this group of identified changemakers "Youth Venturers." And because our Youth Venturers are less experienced, Ashoka Japan searches for a clear sign of the visceral understanding of a societal issue in place of years of professional experience. As such, neither the Ashoka staff nor our partners intervene during a Youth Venturer's first year experience; we do not serve as mentors and advisers on the sidelines, and instead leave the kind of room we believe necessary for our selected youth to reflect upon, analyze, and develop his or her one-of-a-kind social entrepreneurial calling. Today, we have identified 94 Japanese Youth Venturers, who are now a part of their 2000+ global counterparts.