## GLOBAL YOUTH SUMMIT 2019

post summit report





### SUMMIT OVERVIEW

The Global Youth Summit is a fully funded week of training, skills development, capacity building, interactive workshops and networking. The 2019 Summit, the eleventh to date, took place from 13 -19 July in Aarau, Switzerland under the theme of **Solutions for Change**.

At the summit, participants participated in and lead training sessions, networking and workshops to enhance their skills such as campaigning, fundraising, project management, leadership, public relations and pitching. The changemakers also had the opportunity to pitch their ideas to an enabling panel and are now eligible to apply for grant funding to scale existing initiatives or create new projects.



### SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS

We select participants based on their track record of community action and their potential to further impact their communities. We look for the most inspiring, interesting, high potential, motivated and innovative young social entrepreneurs, community activists, volunteers and campaigners who are working towards attaining the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) around the world.

After a successful reach with the call for applications, sixty-two young leaders representing 43 countries including Togo, Bhutan, South Sudan, Belarus, Pakistan, Lesotho, and Tunisia, were selected to attend. These young leaders were selected through a rigorous three rounds of selection from applications received from over 123 countries. They join the Global Changemakers network comprised of over 1200 young leaders from across the world whose work, to date, has impacted over four million people.

An additional nine alumni Changemakers joined the summit as peer facilitators. They were trained in facilitation skills by the core team for four days prior to the summit and joined the team in delivering the summit.





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# 1,5%

#### SOCIAL MEDIA

1,49 Million people reached. 118% Increase from 2018

#### WEBSITE VIEWS

119,500 Unique website visits. 128% Increase from 2018

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#### **COUNTRIES REACHED**

Website visits: 197 countries Applications: 123 countries

#### **APPLICATIONS RECIEVED**

Total of 1.294 applications. 66% Increase from 2018 ange re cha uth s, and ed pe he pow

### EXPERT SPEAKERS

Heiko Specking & Josephine von Mitschke Collande Climate KIC

**Geoff Linsell** Moving Brands

**John Martin** Pan Arts

**Franziska Juch** Pestalozzi Children's Villages

**Caroline Hodges** Oxfam

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Maria Faciolince Oxfam

**Daniel Macmillen Voskoboynik** World At 1C

**Payal Parekh** 350.org



"The quality and experience of the facilitators and speakers across the summit really influenced the value and [impact] of each session, including how I'll take and apply the content in my work."

#### Darcy Small, Austrailia

"What the guest speakers shared with us complemented what we were learning [in] other sessions. They gave us a different perspective that we were able to incorporate. One thing I took with me was: "fall in love with the problem, not the solution"."



#### Valeria Pérez, El Salvador

## 97,5%

of participants thought the speakers were interesting and relevant

### 95%

of participants thought the speakers were helpful to the learning process



### SUMMIT FEEDBACK



This has honestly been the best week of my life. It has changed my life in so many ways and I've learned much more in a week than I have in the past few years. **Kiran Kaur - Malaysia** 



"After attending a lot of international conferences and summits, GYS is the best I have ever had." **Rezki Achyana - Indonesia** 



"After one week of intense work and learning, I have no words to describe how grateful I am for having the opportunity to share and learn with such amazing people." Gabriel Pinheiro - Brazil

# 98,6%

of participants said the summit exceeded their expectations

# 98,6%

of participants said they gained valuable insights and ideas

# 100%

of participants said they learned something new "The [GYS] has been an incredible experience – getting to connect, exchange ideas and have positive conversations with 60 other changemakers from 43 countries... it opened my mind to the myriad of opportunities that the African continent can access and adopt to drive [sustainable] development." **Duke Ekezie- Nigeria** 

"I could not be more thankful to the team of Global Changemakers for believing in my work and thinking me capable enough to attend this summit. I have never been to such an amazing platform where the impact of the summit is seen right on the spot. GYS is really a very strong platform for leadership development and personal development of young people. I am really blessed to be

a part of the family." Dipika Badal - Nepal



"I don't think words can truly describe what a life-changing experience the GYS was! This week I am grateful for the opportunity I've had to get to know and learn from dedicated and passionate, inspirational young leaders." Kasha Slavner - Canada















skills development



grant funding

mentorship

exposure



international networking

### **ABOUT US**

Global Changemakers is an international youth organisation and a global pioneer in supporting youth-led sustainable development. Through skills development, capacity building, international networking and grant funding, we support young leaders addressing the Sustainable Development Goals in 180 countries.

To date, we have trained over 1200 Global Changemakers, and funded 345 youth-led community projects - which have had a combined impact on over 4 million people. We have created a core curriculum for successful youth engagement consisting of modules on project management, fundraising and digital media strategy - which have been translated into eight languages, have been downloaded over 10,000 times and have been used by organizations such as the US Peace Corps, World Vision, the World Bank Institute and UNAIDS Brazil. We provide weekly online training sessions (webinars), online resources and a 13-week virtual mentorship programme for young advocates at all experience levels. We also offer a targeted, yearlong continued training programme for 60 of the highest potential and high impact young leaders globally, with support and grant funding available during and after the programme.

We have organised eleven Global Youth Summits and four Regional Summits in Asia, Latin America, Africa and Europe, and many other skillbuilding events across the w<u>orld</u>.

**Global** Changemakers



1200+ young people trained



from 180 countries



345+ youth-led projects supported



benefiting 4,2+ million people



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