SDSN Youth Empowering youth globally to create sustainable solutions

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What is SDSN Youth?

SDSN-Y is the youth division of the SDSN, a new initiative to engage youth globally in the post-2015 agenda. Through education and global cooperation, SDSN-Y encourages young people to prioritize the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by creating a global platform to advocate for change and to offer solutions for achieving the SDGs.

Mission Statement

"Educate a global movement of young people about sustainable development and support them in the creation of innovative and sustainable solutions to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)."

Aims and Objectives

- 1. **Monitor** constituencies of young people with capacity to mobilize to achieve the SDGs.
- 2. Educate young people about the SDGs and encourage them to prioritize their implementation.
- 3. **Integrate** concerns and views of young people into the pathways for achieving the SDGs.
- 4. Provide a platform for young people from different communities to **connect** and share ideas and experiences that address the challenges of sustainable development.
- 5. Support and celebrate projects that are aimed towards achieving the SDGs.

Organization

Executives:

Global Coordinator

Network Representatives

Project Leaders

Officers:

Network Officers

Project Officers

Campus Coordinators

Projects

SDSN Youth projects **support** high-impact **youth enterprises** and **initiatives** through mentorship and financial assistance, divided by sectors or regions, depending on donor priorities. SDSN Youth looks for **financial** as well as **professional support from donors** and, where applicable and appropriate, corporations, to help realize flagship projects.

Projects

Youth Action Mapper (YAM)

Lead: Dario Piselli (England) / Project Teams: Solutions and Research

Global initiative conducted under umbrella of the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development Data, fostering and leveraging youth engagement in support of SDGs through GIS mapping solution.



School Program

Lead: Michelle Meza (Perù) / Project Teams: Education

A global program for educating students aged 15-18 about challenges of sustainable development, empowering them to understand and prioritise the SDGs.



Local Pathways

Lead: Tim Dobermann (Myanmar) / Project Team: Research and Policy

The #KnowYourGoals Campaign helped identify 100+ core constituencies in 40+ countries.



Solutions Report

Lead: Dario Piselli (England) / Project Team: Solutions

As a part of our objective to support youth organizations and celebrate success, identify top 50 projects and ideas initiated by young people, at the local community level, and compile them into an annual report.



Youth Arts Initiative

Lead: Melissa Peppin (Australia) / Project Team: Communications

This initiative enables artists and world leaders to leverage the enthusiasm and creativity of youth to promote a global shift towards sustainable development.

Recruitment

SDSN-Y Campus Coordinators

(1) Has dual role: one on campus and one as a volunteer for the education program.

- (2) Must fulfill the requirements for both roles
- (3) Needs to undergo a selection process
- (4) Must be based at a university

Thank you

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