

## UNAI MEMBER ACTIVITY REPORT 2016/2017

### Young Global Leadership Foundation

#### United States of America

During the 2016/2017 reporting period, the Young Global Leadership Foundation undertook a number of activities that underscore its commitment to UNAI and its principles. The following examples stand out as particularly noteworthy:

**Activities and projects the Young Global Leadership Foundation has undertaken in the past year addressing some of the ten UNAI principles:**



YGLF serves mostly in the capacity as mentors for many many aspiring young global leaders around the world to guide them with their academic, professional and civic engagement journeys. We focus on culture and communication: the human dimension, the United Nations, SDGs, and global citizenship and leadership. We interact with our mentees in person, whenever possible. through extensive and substantive email exchanges and of course social media. We dedicate at least 20 hours a week communicating with our participants in person individually or in small groups.

YGLF has also given three for presentations on the UN and SDGs for Cornell University, Fordham University and Baruch College students -- to enlighten and engage aspiring young global leaders to become involved with the advancement of Agenda 2030. As a result of these programs, students attending the lectures have changed academic choices, launched projects and chosen careers accordingly. One graduate from Cornell University Tobe Attah created Doodle the News, a social media forum, for young people to have a platform on the SDGs, and we have just formed a strategic alliance with him. He also lectures to HS students about the SDGS -- as a direct result of his encounter with YGLF and the UN.

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YGLF participants served the homeless and hungry on Thanksgiving 2017 for 6 hours at the Soldiers, Sailors, Marines, Airmen and Coast Guard Club in mid-town Manhattan.

Then, YGLF's first intern five years ago, Leni Kinzli -- as a result -- worked for UNU for two years. Recently, she joined the UN Peace-Building Division and is serving in South Sudan -- working with HS students to create peace building capacity initiatives.

Many of our past and current participants have acquired UN NGO student passes in the last 7 years as YGLF voluntarily and collaboratively connects NGOs and students who approach us. Their experiences have been life altering. One participant teaches HS now in the Bronx and founded their debate team. They often use the SDGs as debate material.

These are only a few examples regarding the role and responsibility of YGLF towards the endless number of young adult leaders who have interacted with us throughout the years.

### **Academic research that is currently undertaken at the Young Global Leadership Foundation which could help in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals:**

YGLF strongly believes that the academic aspect of our mission is vital to achieve the SDGs. So, we have been researching the role of culture and communication in the 21st Century Global World towards understanding global culture and communication and connecting it to the human dimension. The young adult generation grew up in the realm of ICTs certainly, but at the same time, it is equally important to understand effective and ethical communication in the realm of the human dimension and interaction -- resorting back to the basics of Communication Arts, beyond bite-size/bullet communication styles and strategies.

YGLF is also working with psychologist Martin Schuler, Ulm, Germany, addressing and implementing the academic basics of the fundamental psychology theories of the 20th Century - - and applying them to the mental disorders afflicting today's society, especially young adults.. The focus is to establish good mental health of the millennial generation -- reverting back to the basics to understand the source of disorders to resolve their issues and become healthy contributors to society.

### **Some issues facing the city/country/region where the Young Global Leadership Foundation is located :**

- Environment and Pollution (air, noise, etc.)
- Crime

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- Infra-structure and Public Transportation

### **Three suggestions on how UNAI can better support the Young Global Leadership**

#### **Foundation:**

- Suggestion one: Offer more UNAI programs/workshops to its members based on the 10 principles and the SDGs
- Suggestion two: Provide speakers for YGLF programs
- Suggestion three: Create ways to enable UNAI members to interact to establish relationships in order to engage more with each other.

YGLF would like to reach more academic institutes to present our seminars, on the UN, SDG and Global Culture and Communication. YGLF is an active member of the UN NGO Committee on Education: Learning and Literacy ( CELL) We. now offer monthly programs revolving around SDG 4 and its targets. WE would be appreciative to post these events at UNAI. We will also recommend that UNAI be invited to speak at one of the meetings.

YGLF.org. Facebook is found on our noted website, and we are constantly advocating the UN SDGs and opportunities for our young adults (@ 18-32 years old). Furthermore, we enjoy featuring their achievements as positive reinforcement and reward. We also have a Korean Twitter Account

We now have a new strategic alliance with Doodle the News, and we are investigating ways to enhance and illuminate each others' missions to advance capacity building through social media.

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