

Global Cities Network

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About the Global Cities Network

The world's cities are on the front line of a number of issues such as sustainability, accessibility to basic services and environmental degradation. The innovation, social conscience, and resilience of young leaders remains key to solving these challenges and is vital for the sustainability of cities, now and in the future.

The One Young World Global Cities Network is a series of programmes in collaboration with local governments which provides opportunities for young leaders living in cities to share best practices, exchange knowledge and have a say in local decision making.

Under the Global Cities Network, Young Leader Programmes will identify, promote and connect the work of the most innovative young people living in cities across the world.

Local governments and young leaders in their city will be invited to exchange best practices, engage in meaningful conversations and build strong networks that will provide them with the necessary capabilities for cities to continue to address their biggest challenges.

Global Cities Network Strategy

- Replicate Young Leader Programmes in cities across the world, according to the individual challenges each of them face.
- Connect local governments to work together and develop young leaders to create a global network of cities that can offer local solutions and share best practices to solve challenges often faced by cities.

Inspire: young leaders to increase their social impact

- Interactions with local government leaders and experts motivate their actions.
- Exposure to new information and perspectives gives them new ideas to expand their impact.
- Best practices shared by fellow young leaders drive impact and make it seem more achievable.

Build: the skills and capacity of young leaders

- Funding, mechanisms and external opportunities provided by One Young World and local municipalities give young leaders the resources they need to make a difference within their city.
- Events, programmes, and workshops develop their skills, enabling them to further a positive impact in their local communities.
- A network of peers and like-minded local leaders supports them and their initiatives.

Elevate: the profiles of young leaders locally and globally

- Interactions with local and global leaders and experts motivate them to increase the scale of their actions.
- One Young World and local government platforms allow them to speak about their ideas and initiatives to promote their own work and the work of their cities.
- Features on our channels, and local government channels, amplify their message and increase their reach.

The Global Cities Network



- **One Young World Summit**
 - The largest global network of young leaders gathering together at one event
- **Local Governments**
 - Connected to share best practices on including young voices in their cities
- **Communication Strategy**
 - To promote the joint effort of local leaders and One Young World Ambassadors

- **Mentorship Sessions**
 - Sessions between local government members and young leaders in their city
- **Mayoral Roundtables**
 - Sessions between Mayors and young leaders in their city
- **Networking**
 - Young leaders gathering in their city to share knowledge and best practices

Success Case Studies

Barranquilla Young Leaders Programme

6 young leaders / 2 cohorts (2022-2023)

As part of the Global Cities Network, One Young World partnered with the city of Barranquilla in 2022, to launch a programme which sponsored 3 impactful, young civic leaders from Barranquilla to attend the 2022 Summit in Manchester. As well as becoming part of the One Young World Community, the Barranquilla young leaders were given the opportunity to speak with the Mayor of Barranquilla, Jaime Pumarejo and Social Development Manager, Alfredo Carbonell in an exclusive networking session. This programme continued on in 2023 where 3 young leaders attended the 2023 Summit in Belfast.



Rotterdam Young Leaders Programme

25+ young leaders / 4 cohorts (2019 - 2023)

The City of Rotterdam is known for its cutting-edge urban design, diverse communities and innovation in sustainability. To date, over 25 young leaders from the City of Rotterdam have joined the One Young World Community through the Rotterdam Young Leaders Programme.

Among them they have founded organisations which have increased employment opportunities, helped formerly incarcerated citizens scale their businesses and increased youth participation in civic issues.

