2025 Summit Report

One Young World Summit Munich, 2025 | 3 - 6 November 2025

Our mission is to create a world where **leaders with integrity** are empowered to **build a fair, sustainable future for all.**

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Key Statistics

2,200

In-person attendees at the Summit

6,250

hotel nights provided between 3 - 6 November

338

speakers in total, and

122

were young leaders who spoke on stage, of which

25

were selected for the Plenary Challenges

144

Partner organisations sent Delegates, of which

127

were Corporate Partners, and

17

were Development Partners

Delegate Feedback

93.36%

of Delegates agreed that the Summit broadened their understanding of pressing global issues

82.84%

of Delegates agreed that the Summit improved their capacity for leadership

96.38%

of corporate Delegates reported feeling motivated by the Summit to generate impact as employees of their company

95.12%

of Scholars agreed that their participation in the Summit improved their perception of the organisation that sent them

80.82%

of Delegates agreed that the Summit assisted their professional development

4.54/5.0

Average Delegate rating of the One Young World Summit Munich, 2025

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“The Summit challenged my thinking in unexpected ways, including sessions I didn’t initially anticipate being interested in. I found myself engaged, inspired, and deeply reflective.” - One Young World 2025 Delegate

The above data is based on survey responses of 436 Delegates who attended the One Young World Summit Munich, 2025.

Scholarships

Scholarship Programmes

Since 2010, One Young World has worked to guarantee that young leaders from every country are represented at One Young World Summits, regardless of their ability to pay. To ensure this, fully-funded scholarships are awarded to outstanding young leaders with a range of backgrounds, skill sets and nationalities.

The One Young World Summit is a transformational experience for scholars; accelerating their leadership development, and providing them with an unparalleled international network of potential collaborators. These scholarships - alongside Lead2030 and Leadership Awards - are delivered in partnership with global corporations, governments, and civil society. In addition to bringing employees to the Summit, companies will integrate external scholars into the Summit as part of their internal Delegations.

69,663
scholarship applications received

468
scholarship places awarded

53 partners who supported scholarships including:

AB InBev
Africa New Day
African Union
Airbus
Aris Mining
Assembly of First Nations
AstraZeneca Canada
AstraZeneca Young Health Programme
Audi Environmental Foundation
Belfast City Council
BMO
BMW Group
bp
BrandTech Group
Carol Shields Prize for Fiction
Chanel
CUSEF
Deloitte
Desjardins
dsm-firmenich
Fondation Nouveau Sentiers
GLSF
Holcim
Ikea Social Entrepreneurship
Intuit Mailchimp
Jang-Calderon Family Foundation
Kokoro
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands
Novartis
Pernod Ricard
Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation
Rappler
Reckitt
Réseau Jeunesse des Premières Nations Québec Labrador
Rio Ferdinand Foundation
Roche
SC Johnson
She Is Foundation
Sumamos
TFG Asset Management
The Government of Croatia
United Way
Unloc
USAID
Virgin Unite
Yunus Centre
Z Zurich Foundation

Scholar Case Studies

Adelin Jacques de Dixmude, Belgium
Supported by the Pernod Ricard Scholarship

Adelin is the Co-Founder and CEO of Fline, a social enterprise that emerged from a deeply personal tragedy: the loss of his grandmother in a car accident caused by a drunk driver. Together with his brother Maxence and their friend Zachary, he chose to transform this painful experience into meaningful action. This led to the creation of Fline and its flagship innovation, the FlineBox, the first interactive breathalyser specifically designed for nightlife environments.

Fline's mission is both clear and ambitious: to make drink-driving prevention accessible, visible, and engaging by working directly within the spaces where risks occur, such as bars, clubs, events and festivals. Since 2024, over one million tests have been conducted using FlineBoxes. The devices are now deployed in more than eight European countries, through partnerships with governments, leading festivals and multinational companies.

Ornella Hasimbola Dechen, Madagascar
Supported by the Z Zurich Foundation Scholarship

Ornella is a dedicated mental health counsellor, advocate and the Founder of "Water Yourself", an organisation committed to addressing the mental health crisis in Madagascar and across Africa. Since 2021, Water Yourself has impacted over 2,000 individuals, providing mental health services, education, and support to young people in schools and universities, marginalised communities, people victims of environmental disasters and displacement, as well as businesses and NGOs who want to make mental health a priority.

Under Ornella's leadership, the organisation has also established mental health hubs in schools, trained teachers, peer educators and students to become mental health advocates. She is passionate about empowering young people to become agents of change in mental health advocacy, giving access to affordable and quality care, helping to break the stigma and build a more resilient future for Africa.

Her work has made significant contributions to the mental health sector, fostering innovation and sustainable progress across the continent. Ornella continues to lead efforts in promoting mental health as a priority, ensuring that African youth play a central role in driving solutions and shaping a sustainable future of mental health on the continent

Hugo Noé Flores, Honduras
Supported by the Ilia Calderón Scholarship

Hugo is a Honduran civil engineer and a prominent youth leader committed to building a more just, equitable, and inclusive country. Deeply connected to his Lenca Indigenous roots, he has led impactful youth-led initiatives focused on civic engagement, leadership development, and gender-based violence prevention in western Honduras. He served as President of the Lenca Youth Movement, where he coordinated community efforts to strengthen youth leadership, promote entrepreneurship, and advocate for public policies in favor of young people. Under his leadership, formal agreements were signed with local governments to support youth development initiatives.

Currently, Hugo serves as the Regional Coordinator of the Revolutionary Youth Movement of Honduras (MOJUREH), where he supports and strengthens youth networks across Intibucá, Lempira, and Copán. He also leads the Raíces Juveniles (Youth Roots) project, which focuses on eradicating gender-based violence through participatory strategies involving children, adolescents, and youth, in partnership with community organisations and local authorities.

Scholarship Partner Spotlights

Z Zurich Foundation

In 2025, the Z Zurich Foundation supported 42 scholars leading grassroots initiatives across their three pillars: improving mental wellbeing, enabling social equity, and adapting to climate change. These young leaders were recruited worldwide and from the Z Zurich Foundation's network of charity partners, and attended the Summit as integrated members of the Z Zurich Foundation's wider Delegation.

Scholars participated in a tailor-made pre-Summit programming, including a series of virtual sessions with the Delegation, and a full pre-Summit connection day of activities.

The Z Zurich Foundation also sponsored a dinner for over 200 scholars, which offered them the opportunity to engage with each other before the Summit in an informal and meaningful way. In addition, the Z Zurich Foundation secured an exhibition booth and donated the use of the booth to EqualReach, a charity partner and platform connecting displaced talent with meaningful work globally - founded by Giselle Gonzales, a 2024 Scholar.

AstraZeneca's Young Health Programme

One Young World has proudly partnered with AstraZeneca's Young Health Programme (YHP) since 2016 to empower young leaders who are innovating, advocating, or educating for health equity in their communities.

In 2025, AstraZeneca's YHP supported 13 Young Health Programme Fellows who are advocating for health equity, particularly in the field of rare disease and non-communicable disease (NCD) prevention.

Selected Fellows received fully-funded access to the Summit as part of AstraZeneca's wider Delegation, alongside a USD $10,000 grant to implement a project through their non-profit organisation. An additional two young leaders were selected as Lead2030 Challenge winners, and received a USD $50,000 grant to accelerate their impact. Additionally, AstraZeneca sponsored 100 employees to attend the Summit as Delegates.

Ambassador Masterclasses

Exceptional young leaders in the One Young World Community were invited back to the Summit to share their experience and expertise throughout the agenda.

They provided inspiration and practical guidance to Delegates on how to transform the experience into action, and demonstrate a pathway to creating transformative impact as a One Young World Ambassador.

Pre-Summit Activity

Send-off events

Summit send-off events give Partners and Delegates the chance to meet their peers ahead of the Summit, prepare them for the Summit experience, and build Delegates excitement leading to the Summit.

These events enabled Delegates to connect with each other and potential collaborators in advance of the Summit as well as introduce Delegates to the Summit Plenary Challenges. The sessions provided Delegates with information and tips about the Summit to maximise their experience while exposing them to the benefits of the Community including creating a sense of regional community before the Summit.

Leading to the One Young Summit Munich, 2025, the Community Team alongside the Global Volunteer Team organised

33 Send-Off events in **30** cities with **516** Delegates attending

Pre-Summit Global Leadership Programme

The Global Leadership Programme is designed to provide Delegates with enhanced and comprehensive leadership skills and principles, alongside expertise on the year's Plenary Challenges. Delegates also have the opportunity to find out what to expect from the Summit, how to prepare, and the chance to connect with their peers.

The 2025 Global Leadership Programme comprised a six-part digital series, which was held across six months leading up to the Summit. Sessions included presentations and discussions on this year's Plenary Challenges, an introduction to the One Young World team of Managing and Coordinating Ambassadors, and a welcome for our city hosts, the City of Munich.

Total number of attendees:

1,289

28 May: Effective and Ethical Leadership

Speakers: Kate Robertson

26 June: Anti-Hate and Education

Speakers: Jaiksana Soro and Silvia Miranda Lorendo

Counsellor: Matcha Phorn-In

31 July: The Circular Economy and Responsible Tech

Speakers: Paiga Balcom and Andrea Neyra

21 August: Peace and Security

Speakers: Zoya Miari, Nicole Parkinson Kelly, Firas Bali, Daniel Zapata Castro

17 - 25 September: Connect with Your Region

- 17 September: Australia, New Zealand, and the Pacific Island Nations
- 17 September: Latin America and the Caribbean
- 19 September: Europe
- 20 September: Asia
- 24 September: Africa and the Middle East
- 25 September: Canada and USA

16 October: Willkommen in München

Speakers: Ramona Böhm, Sandra Metzger

The Opening Ceremony

The City of Munich and its partners welcomed Counsellors, Delegates and special guests to the One Young World Opening Ceremony hosted at the iconic Olympiahalle. The evening featured spectacular live performances by local artists, inspiring keynote speeches, and the flag bearing ceremony - proudly representing Delegates from over 196 countries!

Hosted by acclaimed TV presenter and journalist, Viviane Geppert, this year's Opening Ceremony, showcased talent from across Munich's creative and artistic industries. The evening featured performances by DDC Entertainment, Loisach Marci, OstBahn Groove and Gündalein.

The night featured addresses from The Mayor of Munich, Dieter Reiter, alongside influential voices, including Partner for AI and Data at Deloitte, Elisabeth L'Orange, Member of the Supervisory Board, Siemens AG, Dr. Nathalie von Siemens. We also welcomed renowned One Young World Counsellors, Sir Bob Geldof, and Her Majesty Queen Rania of Jordan.

BMW Group at the Opening Ceremony

As one of our Host City sponsors and our VIP transport sponsor we were delighted to welcome Member of the Board of Management of BMW Group, Ilka Horstmeier, and German football legend, the Captain of Germany's 2014 World Cup winning football team, Philip Lahm. The pair drove onto stage in the iconic 1972 BMW 1602 Electric, which served as a support car during the Munich Summer Olympics marathon.

"Youth leaders are compelling mankind to assess, with brutal honesty, the shortcomings of our past, in the hope that maybe, just maybe, they can stop us from repeating it."
- Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

The Flag Ceremony

The Flag Ceremony brought together Delegates from all over the world, highlighting the global scale and impact of the Summit.

Deloitte.

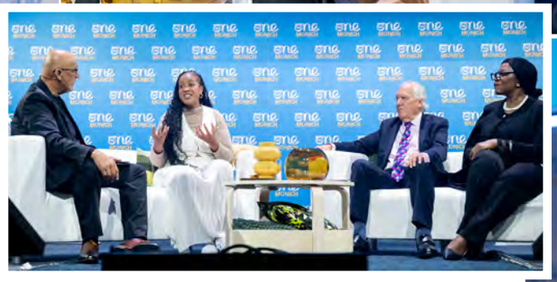
Deloitte continued its long-standing collaboration with One Young World and sponsored the Opening Ceremony in Munich, a core element of their partnership since 2022.

In 2025, Deloitte sent a global Delegation of over 60 young leaders to the Munich Summit. This group included Deloitte professionals as well as fully-funded scholarship recipients from outside the company, giving emerging changemakers from around the world the opportunity to attend the Summit and make a positive impact in their communities.

SIEMENS

Siemens, a One Young World partner since 2011, sponsored the Opening Ceremony in Munich, welcoming young leaders and highlighting Siemens' commitment to creating technology with purpose.

In 2025, Siemens sent a global Delegation of over 50 Delegates from 19 offices to engage with the worldwide One Young World Community of emerging leaders.



“Through the Summit, I came to understand just how many problems exist in the world. At the same time, I also learned that many people are undertaking innovative initiatives to resolve them. Overall, I felt it helped broaden my own world.” - One Young World 2025 Delegate

Presentation Stage

Over the course of the Summit, the Presentation Stage welcomed more than 150 speakers from every region across the globe. Across nearly 24 hours of programming, Delegates heard from some of the world’s most inspirational leaders, including eight Nobel Prize winning individuals and organisations, alongside prominent international CEOs, influential business leaders and distinguished voices from across the humanitarian sector.

Amongst endless highlights, we were honoured to open the Summit with an address from two-time Emmy Award Nominee and star of Game of Thrones, Fast & Furious, and Megalopolis, Nathalie Emmanuel.

We also welcomed Terry Crews, actor, human rights activist and presenter of America’s Got Talent, who shared his personal experience with toxic masculinity. Speaking on the importance of empathy, accountability, and respect as foundations for healthier relationships, Terry explored how true strength comes from authenticity rather than dominance.

To mark the 80 years since the year of the Second World War, One Young World had the honour of welcoming Bradley Langer and Eva Clarke BEM from the Holocaust Educational Trust.

In a moving interview led by Bradley, Eva recounted the extraordinary story of her parents, her own birth in Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria, and the journey that brought her and her mother to the UK.

We also had the privilege to hear from Toru Yamaguchi and Representative Commissioner Shigemitsu Tanaka from Nihon Hidankyo, 2024 Nobel Peace Prize Winner. As a survivor of the atomic bombing of Nagasaki, Representative Commissioner Tanaka reflected on the organisation’s mission and shared his own testimony, underscoring the urgent need for future generations to understand the human toll of nuclear weapons.

Host City Partner Spotlight

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Kerstin Wagner, Executive Vice President Talent Acquisition at Deutsche Bahn spoke on the Presentation Stage.

City of Munich

The City of Munich's panel discussion in the Interactive Stage.

BMW GROUP

Miguel Ángel Moratinos, Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), Ilka Horstmeier, Member of the Board of Management of BMW AG, People and Real Estate, and Gabriela de la Torre, Founder of PAUTA, discussed trust and responsible leadership.

SIEMENS

Judith Wiese, Chief People and Sustainability Officer (CPSO), Member of the Managing Board of Siemens AG and Labour Director provided the keynote address for the Circular Economy Plenary.

City of Munich

Mayor of Munich, Dieter Reiter, speaking at the Opening Ceremony.

Deloitte.

Elizabeth Faber, Deloitte People & Purpose leader with their Scholars Zandile Mkwanazi and Lorena Niera on the Presentation Stage.

Plenary Challenges

The Plenary Challenge sessions on the Presentation Stage showcased our outstanding Delegate Speakers, all selected because of the power and scale of their impact. This year more than 300 Delegates applied to be a Delegate Speaker for just 25 spaces so the calibre was extremely high.

The topics covered in the Plenary Challenges were, the Circular Economy, Responsible Tech, Education, Peace and Security, and Anti-Hate. These topics were selected in consultation with the global One Young World Community.

The Circular Economy - How can we accelerate the shift to circular systems to tackle the Climate Crisis?

Lefteris Arapakis

Ala'a Al Soudi

Stanley Anigbogu

Joseph Nguthiru

Amrita Bhasin

Responsible Tech - How can we use AI and other new technologies responsibly?

Long Nguyen Duca

Franco Rodriguez Viau

Zain Samdani

Anna Mae Lamentillo

Floretta Mayerson

Education - How can we spread and accelerate access to education for all?

May Asagba

Noris Moreno Rojas

Sydney Montgomery

Hussein Oraby

Nayal Kajole

Peace and Security - How can young leaders drive global cooperation for a safer world?

Shirene Yaseen

Dr Dumazedier Kabasele

Emmanuel Lanko Isidore Soro

Daniel Zapata

Martina Vollmer

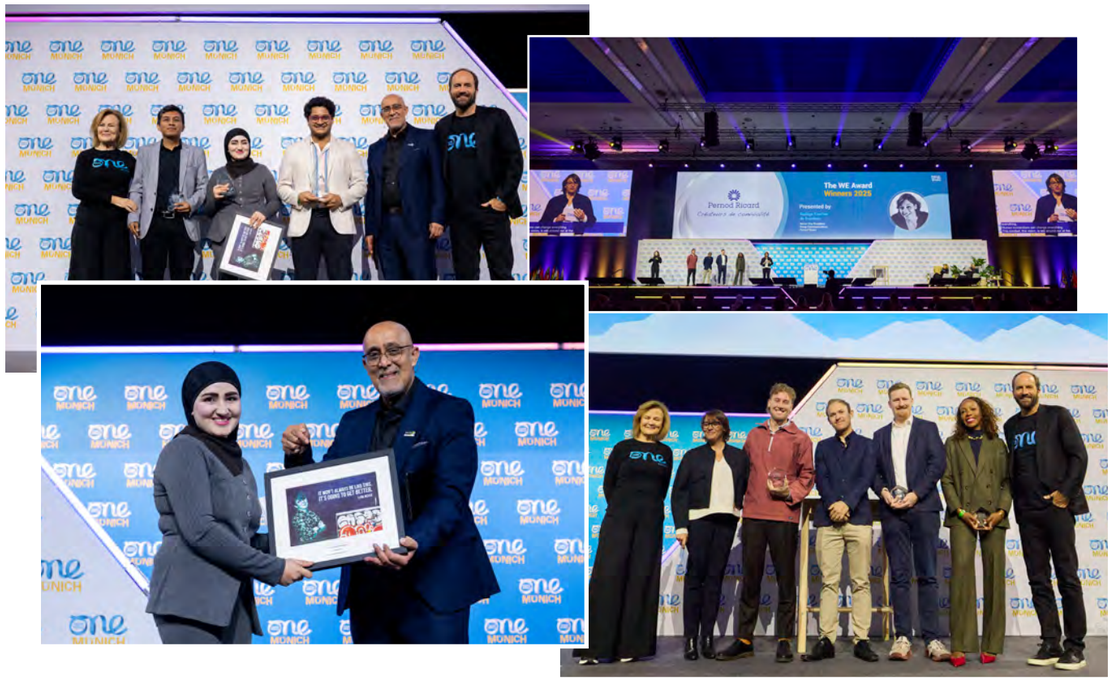
Anti-Hate - What actions are needed to tackle hate in society?

For this session, three Delegate Speakers were selected through our internal speaker application process, and two Delegate Speakers were selected through the Break the Hate Challenge, presented by PACT!, which recognised outstanding young leaders who are tackling hate with bold ideas and creativity.

We first heard from three young leaders, **Leon Ford, Lavau Nalu,** and **Aden Carreon,** as to how they were tackling hate.

We then welcomed Andy Nulman and Stephen Bronfman from PACT! to hear from their competition winners, **Samuel Browne,** who performed a poem, and **Sophie Sandberg,** who performed a live art drawing using chalk. As well as the opportunity to perform live on the One Young World stage, both winners were awarded a £5,000 grant to accelerate their impact.

Leadership Awards



Politician of the Year Award

The 2025 winners showcase the exceptional accomplishments of young leaders and the significant influence they have had in the realm of politics, transforming policy and driving progress in their local communities. The impactful efforts of these three politicians underscore the advantages of involving young individuals in politics.

The winners were:

Enrique Collada Sánchez - Mayor of El Recuenco, Spain

Jie Huang - Member of the Legislative Yuan for the Sixth Constituency of Kaohsiung, Taiwan

Zaynab Mohamed - Senator for Minnesota Senate District 63, United States of America

The Miguel Uribe Turbay Prize

Miguel Uribe Turbay was an inspiring young politician and One Young World Ambassador who worked tirelessly to help his country Colombia work towards a more peaceful future, and who was tragically assassinated in 2025. To honour his memory, One Young World established the Miguel Uribe Turbay Prize. This award pays tribute to his legacy and celebrates young politicians who are leading with courage, integrity and empathy. The winner of this year's inaugural award was Zaynab Mohamed.

Entrepreneur of the Year Award

This award recognises three young entrepreneurs, assessing them based on the positive societal contributions of their business endeavours and their capacity to motivate and inspire others through their leadership. Through their significant initiatives, these awardees are not just inventing convenient solutions but also proactively addressing some of the world's most pressing challenges.

Presented by **Elio Leoni Sceti** - Co-Founder, Chairman and Chief Crafter, The Craftory

The winners were:

Alex Schulze - CEO of 4ocean, United States of America

Carlos Andrade - CEO and Co-Founder of Manzana Verde, Peru

Kennedy Ekezie-Joseph - CEO of Waymaker and Founder of Kippa, Nigeria

Journalist of the Year Award

This year's award recognised three fearless young reporters who play a pivotal role in driving meaningful change, serving as crucial advocates for upholding the principles of free speech and safeguarding human rights across the globe. Through their influential reporting, these emerging leaders resolutely serve as inspiring examples of how truthful and objective reporting can have a transformative impact.

Presented by **Ashraf Garda** - Founder, Champion South Africa

The winners were:

Leandro Amaya Camacho - Journalist and Editor, Peru

Nilesh Christopher - Journalist, India

Salma Niazi - Founder and Editor-in-Chief of the Afghan Times, Afghanistan

The Lyra McKee Award for Bravery

Lyra McKee was a courageous Northern Irish journalist whose life was tragically cut short in 2019. In honour of her indomitable spirit One Young World established the Lyra McKee Award for Bravery in 2023. This award pays tribute to her legacy and celebrates young leaders who exhibit extraordinary courage in their pursuit of positive change. This year's winner was Salma Niazi.

The WE Award 2025: Together Against Loneliness, presented by Pernod Ricard

This year, One Young World launched The WE Award: Together Against Loneliness in partnership with Pernod Ricard. The Award celebrates and empowers those who are promoting social connection, fostering conviviality and building inclusive communities.

Presented by **Nadège Foucher de Brandois** - Senior Vice President, Group Communications, Pernod Ricard.

The winners were:

Amy Thompson - Founder and CEO of MS Together

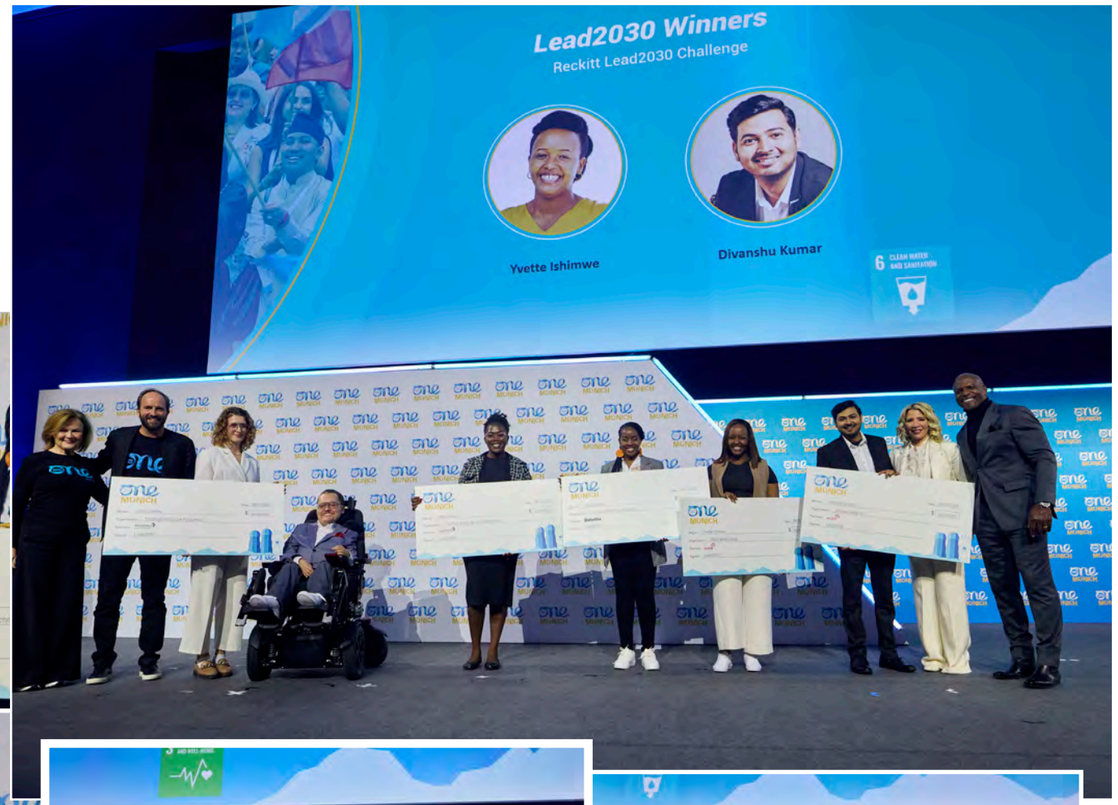
Chanté Joseph - Writer and Founder of Strangers in the City

David Gradon - CEO and Founder of The Great Friendship Project

Ilya Kneppelhout - Co-Founder of The Offline Club

Lukas Reinhardt - Founder and CEO of Meet5

Lead2030



Lead2030

Each year, One Young World runs our flagship grant-funding programme, Lead2030. Lead2030 is a global initiative that supports young leaders and entrepreneurs working to achieve the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by providing them with the critical financial support and mentorship required to scale their solutions.

This year's Lead2030 Partners were:

AstraZeneca Young Health Programme

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Terry Crews and Rebecca King-Crews

This year, the Lead2030 cheque presentation featured prominently as part of the Presentation Stage agenda and the five grant winners were handed their cheques from presentation hosts, One Young World Counsellors Terry Crews and Rebecca King-Crews.

The young leaders received a photo opportunity on-stage and this session signified the progress of the Lead2030 programme, as USD $250,000 worth of grants were handed out this year by globally recognised figures.

Interactive Stages

We were proud to present a diverse range of content across our three Interactive Stages and our Skills Hub.

Exploring all five Plenary Challenges and beyond, these stages gave Delegates the opportunity to gain deeper insights into key topics and engage directly with expert panelists.

Speakers included Counsellors, Delegates, Returning Ambassadors, and guests, representing every region.

150+
speakers

55+
sessions

50+
countries represented

28+
hours of stage content

Newly launched Skills Hub

The Skills Hub was launched at our 2025 Summit in Munich. The SAP Skills Hub offered a platform for expert-led, 25-minute sessions designed to equip Delegates with practical, high-impact skills.

Delivered in a TedTalk-style format, the sessions engaged attendees through silent-disco-style headsets, promoting focused participation in a busy and dynamic Summit environment.

Catalysing Impact Stage

Sponsored by

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The Catalysing Impact stage hosted a wide range of sessions, from Q&As and panel discussions to presentations and interactive keynotes.

The stage featured diverse conversations, including a panel of global people leaders examining the evolving talent landscape, a discussion on Indigenous voices in international spaces, and an exploration of the role of interfaith dialogue in peacebuilding and reconciliation within conflict-affected communities.

Open Home Stage

Sponsored by

IKEA

The IKEA Open Home stage hosted a broad array of discussions with renowned speakers on topics spanning the universal language of creativity, community-focused solutions that expand equity for marginalised voices, and the responsibilities of using and creating technology.

Sessions welcomed distinguished guests including Her Royal Highness Sophie-Alexandra of Bavaria, the winners of Pernod Ricard's WE Award - Together Against Loneliness 2025, and other exceptional leaders from our Ambassador Community whose voices are often excluded from global discussions.

Pioneering Access Stage

Sponsored by

SANDOZ

The Pioneering Access Stage welcomed sessions platforming global voices from Terry Crews, to Monica de Greiff, to Angela F. Williams. Discussions spanned men's mental health, responsible mining, and centering women in peace and security.

Sandoz's Pioneering Access stage also had the honour of welcoming two athletes from the Olympic Refugee Team, Kasra Mehdipournejad and Cindy Ngamba who reflected on how sport can open new pathways to possibility through determination and endurance.

The SAP Skills Hub

Sponsored by

SAP

Highlights included sessions from Damian Boeselager, Co-Founder of VOLT Europa, who spoke on turning bold ideas into political movements; David Beasley, Former Executive Director of the UN World Food Programme, who explored how to communicate across divides; a group of BBC journalists, who shared how to capture a journalist's attention in 30 seconds; and a session on Why the "Fame Gap" Limits Women's Sport and How to Close It, hosted by OYW Ambassador and Founder and Director of The Purpose Agenda, Christina Taylor, which examined the barriers to visibility in women's sport and the strategies needed to overcome them.

Networking Breaks

Networking Sessions

Networking sessions are designed to enable Delegates, Counsellors and Returning Ambassadors to meet members of their regional representatives on the Global Volunteer Team, interact with each other, share experiences and build relationships during the Summit. The aim is to inspire regional or sectoral cohesion which will drive continued interactions and partnerships post-Summit for Delegates.

The networking sessions were open to all Delegates, returning Ambassadors, and Partner Executives from the regions/sectors or who have interests in them. In total, there were seven regional and three sectoral networking sessions

The Community Square

The Community Square was an open plan exhibition area located in the foyer, right at the heart of the Summit venue, allowing Delegates to openly roam and network.

Summit catering was provided in the Community Square, allowing Delegates to make connections and engage in meaningful conversations over lunch and coffees.

One Young World Partners were offered the ability to showcase their brand initiatives and engage with Delegates on their booths. Pernod Ricard and their Drink More Water campaign offered Delegates refillable drink bottles and a water refill station.

Workshops

Hosted by our fantastic partner organisations, Returning Ambassadors as well as company leaders from across the world, workshops were intimate spaces centred around this year's Plenary Challenges, the UN Sustainable Development Goals and specific regional initiatives designed to encourage discourse, pragmatism and post-Summit connections.

Delegates worked creatively and collaboratively in these sessions to come up with questions for the future and answers for today. Whether that was group activities, exploring machinery and equipment at the forefront of relevant fields, or ideological debates on theory, there was a broad spectrum of engagement tailored to every need.

From 40 workshops in total, highlights included our Managing and Coordinating Ambassador workshop on *'The Power of Vulnerability in Global Leadership'*, Deloitte's session focusing on *'Building Ethical AI: How Deloitte Is Future Proofing Technology'* and One Young World's timely session facilitated by John Sealey *'Why Is Men's Mental Health Everyone's Business?'*, which welcomed Terry Crews as a special guest.

Workshop Hosts include:

A&O Shearman
ABSA
Airbus Defense and Space
ASMPT
AstraZeneca
UNICEF
Audi Environmental Foundation
Bayer
Visa
BMW AG
Bristol Myers Squibb
Bühler Group
Deloitte
dsm-firmenich
Europe Direct München
European Patent Office
IOM
KPMG International
Leiden University
Microsoft Deutschland GmbH
Misk Foundation
Norwegian Refugee Council
One Young World
Our Rescue
The Purpose Led Institute
ReDI School
Pernod Ricard
Prakaya
Reckitt
Rohde & Schwarz GmbH & Co. KG
S-Bahn München
Siemens AG
Siemens Energy
South Pole
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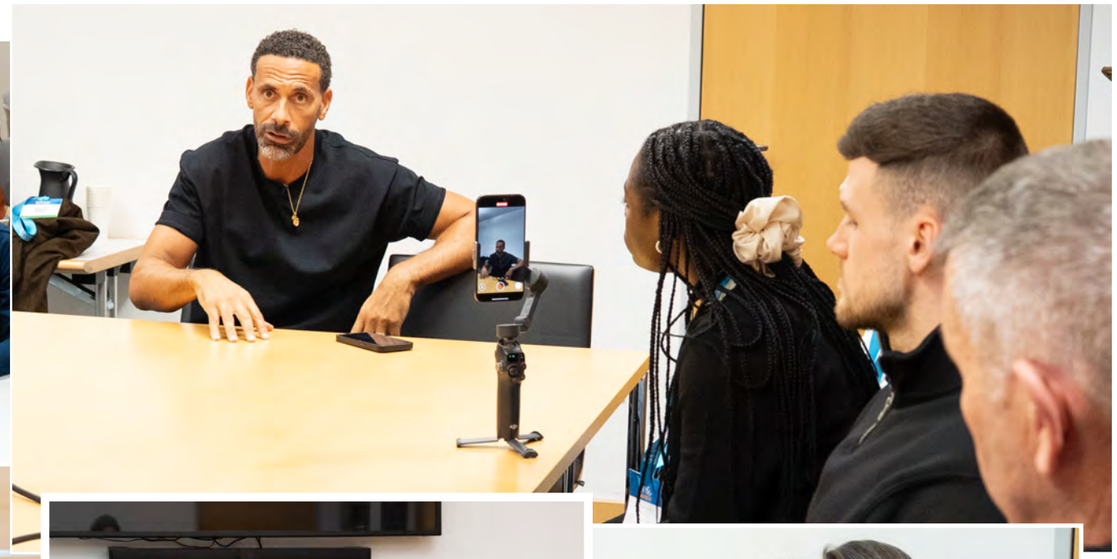

"I really enjoyed the Action Circles as I was able to think about solutions to issues that impact youth and connect with other Delegates." - One Young World 2025 Delegate

Action Circles

Action Circles invite Delegates to explore and develop collaborations with other young leaders working in the same area or tackling similar challenges. These sessions give Delegates the space to connect, share experiences, and exchange knowledge.

They start with a keynote introduction from an expert in the area, followed by guided discussions and exercises led by the participants themselves, with the ultimate aim of fostering impactful collaborations between the Delegates.

We hosted 28 sessions, exploring topics including:

- *Indigenous Heritage: Preserving Indigenous Culture, Knowledge, and Practices*
- *Corporate Sustainability: Embedding ESG Principles in Business*
- *Climate Action: Improving the Resilience of Ecosystems*
- *Media Literacy: Strategies to Combat Misinformation and Disinformation*
- *Anti-Hate and Racial Justice: Promoting Advocacy to Fight Hate Speech*
- *Mental Health and Wellbeing: Building Resilient Support Systems*
- *AI and Economic Stability: Promoting Technological Capacity Building*

Mentor Sessions

These exclusive invite-only sessions convened outstanding Delegates from across the globe to meet with Counsellors in an exclusive setting. As mentors, the Counsellors imparted their learnings and insight with the impressive collections of young leaders, who in turn shared their own experiences, challenges and questions.

Topics included:

- *Global Solidarity* with **Tawakkol Karman**
- *Lessons on Team Culture for Business from Sport* with **Francois Pienaar**
- *Peacebuilding* with **Shigemitsu Tanaka**
- *Uniting Against Hate* with **the Bronfman Foundation**
- *Entrepreneurship in Promising Markets* with **Jurriaan Middelhoff**
- *Risk, Responsibility, and Reward* with **David Beasley**
- *Driving Social Mobility Through Community Building* with **Rio Ferdinand**
- *Using Storytelling to Combat Injustice* with **Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe**
- *Race, Privilege, and Identity* with **Colour-Full Podcast**
- *Artificial Intelligence* with **Vilas Dhar**
- *Empowering Young People to Take Public Office* with **Geordin Hill-Lewis**

Social Programme

The Delegate dinners were held at Paulaner am Nockherberg. Paulaner am Nockherberg is one of Munich's most historic beer halls, renowned for its traditional Bavarian hospitality and vibrant atmosphere.

The social programme allows Delegates the chance to explore the local culture and network in an informal setting.

The Closing Ceremony at BMW Welt

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Hosted at the iconic BMW Welt, the Ceremony featured incredible performances, reflections on the week gone by, and a celebratory gathering of the newly named 2025 One Young World Ambassadors.

Ilka Horstmeier arrived in a custom-designed BMW featuring traditional South African patterns by South African artist Esther Mahlangu - surprising the audience and kicking off the event in style. A traditional Bavarian band welcomed everyone and paid tribute to Munich, the wonderful host city of this year's Summit.

Terry and Rebecca King-Crews joined Co-Founders Kate and David on stage to facilitate the iconic ribbon ceremony, symbolising the commitment of all 2,000 young leaders to transform their Summit inspiration into action.

We were honoured to welcome Her Royal Highness Princess Sophie-Alexandra of Bavaria, who shared heartfelt words about Munich before handing over to Dr. Christiaan Scharf representing the City of Munich to facilitate the baton handover to Cape Town. Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis proudly accepted the baton and spoke passionately about the importance of One Young World, not only for Cape Town, but for South Africa and the African continent as a whole.

The audience then heard virtually from the President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa, who spoke on the vital role of youth in shaping the future. To celebrate the 2026 Host City, Cape Town, Mtunzi Fesi and friends performed the vibrant and much-loved song Shosholoza. A couple of Delegates even joined them on stage to dance and sing along!

The Ceremony concluded with a celebration party for all Delegates, an unforgettable finale to an inspiring week.

One Young World 2026 Cape Town

The next One Young World Summit will be held in Cape Town, South Africa.

As 2026 marks 50 years since the Soweto Youth Uprising, the Summit will honour this legacy and celebrate the young leaders shaping our future through innovation, entrepreneurship, and bold action.

Promising a powerful celebration of courage, creativity, and collaboration, we are thrilled to bring the Summit to one of the most breathtaking cities on Earth, honouring not only Cape Town, but South Africa and the African continent as a whole.

The Summit will be hosted at the Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC), South Africa's premier venue for world-class conferences and global gatherings. As the continent's leading destination for world-class events, Cape Town offers a vibrant and inspiring backdrop for the 2026 Summit, where South Africa will welcome the world.

Media Coverage

Broadcast Media

Media activity at the 2025 One Young World Summit in Munich was extensive, with 29 journalists on the ground and over 60 interviews conducted throughout the week.

Broadcast coverage was strong with 11 major pieces of coverage across CNN, BBC World TV, Bloomberg TV, Sky News, Fuji TV, Times Radio, and LBC. Additional coverage is expected with upcoming segments featuring Maria Ressa, Bill Browder, and Professor Thuli Madonsela for The Open Mind on PBS and Bloomberg early next year.

Podcast episodes on the BBC's Global News Podcast and The Happy Pod, and DW Inside Europe in the days after showcased the breadth of voices and expertise at the Summit. Print and online features looked at specific content issues in depth in The Observer, Newsweek, PA, The New World, City AM and Semafor. An opinion piece authored on behalf of David Beasley on the challenges of global humanitarian efforts was published in TIME.

The BBC World Service team had their own stand in the Community Square where three of their journalists were on the ground hearing stories from some of the 2,200 attendees on site. The BBC team also conducted their own skills session, teaching Delegates how to pitch a story to the media, which was very well received.

Coverage continues to go live. To date, the Summit has been featured in 90 stories across top-tier media outlets including:

Social Media

Our social media channels amplified the reach of the Summit across our digital community on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, TikTok, and X. During the four days of the event, we produced over 250 pieces of content, growing our audience by 8.6k followers. Our inspiring posts generated over 4.4 million impressions and 40,000 engagements, motivating audiences to take meaningful action.

The One Young World Digital Communications Team also interviewed iconic Counsellors including Terry Crews, Nathalie Emmanuel, and Rio Ferdinand, capturing their insights and advice on driving lasting change.

The Opening Ceremony was live-streamed to our global Community, supported by real-time social media coverage across all platforms.

Munich City Branding

The One Young World Summit had a branded presence across the city of Munich.

Highlights included a large banner displayed on the City Hall near the Marienplatz, and ELLA im Lenbachhaus, the venue of the Counsellor VIP dinner, being lit up in One Young World blue.

One Young World Ribbon Partners Deloitte and Siemens branded their respective offices, with Deloitte showcasing two Delegates on a poster, and Siemens creating a video projection outside their building.

Sustainability and Accessibility

Sustainability at the Summit

Sustainability is a top priority at One Young World and is a core part of our operations. We are committed to playing our part in delivering on the United Nations Paris Agreement as rapidly as possible. Here are some of the steps that were taken this year:

- All venues were within walking distance or close to public transport from the hotels
- Badges and lanyards at the Summit were made from paper and sustainable cotton
- All bins at venues were multi-purpose and took recycling, which was then processed and sorted by the venue
- The One Young World merchandise store clothing was zero waste, made from certified organic cotton and printed in a renewable energy-powered factory
- Catering was locally sourced and provided in biodegradable containers with wooden cutlery
- Reusable drinks bottles were supplied by Pernod Ricard to be used at water and refreshment refill stations. Delegates at the Summit were also recommended to bring their own drink bottles and hot beverage cups
- Coca Cola provided recycling bins
- All Summit venues had sustainability policies which met our strict requirements. All suppliers were asked to sign the One Young World Sustainability Pledge and told that if their commitments to the pledge were not met they would be removed from the site
- Delegates were given the opportunity to email the dedicated sustainability inbox to raise any concerns or ideas regarding sustainability at the Summit

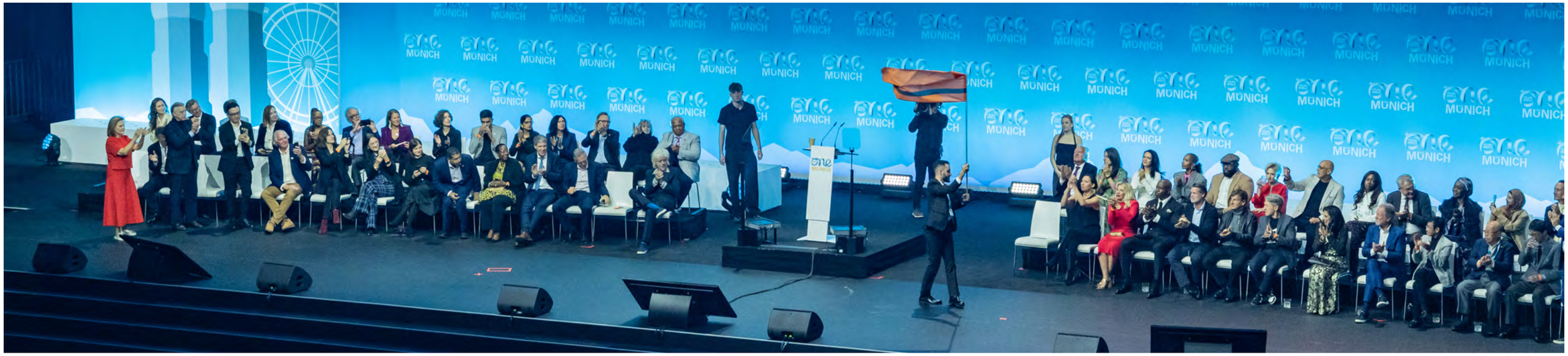
Accessibility at the Summit

Our aim is to make the Summit accessible to all and help to make Delegates' journeys as smooth as possible between all our venues and throughout the duration of the Summit.

In order to make the Summit as accessible as possible, One Young World implemented the following procedures at the Munich Summit:

- All One Young World Munich venues and stages were fully accessible.
- International sign interpretation took place at the Opening Ceremony and on the Presentation Stage
- Closed caption text was available on the Presentation Stage and Interactive Stages
- Height adjustable lecterns on the Presentation Stage
- A low sensory room, male and female prayer rooms and a family room were available at the ICM Messe Munich
- A buddy scheme was provided where requested
- Personalised accessible transport schedules were provided where requested
- An access guide was provided outlining accessibility information for the airport, Summit venue, opening and closing ceremonies, and Delegate dinners

One Young World Counsellors



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Andy Nulman - CEO, PACT!

Ashraf Garda - Founder, Champion South Africa

Carine N'koué - General Secretary, UEFA Foundation for Children

David Beasley - Former Governor of South Carolina and Former Executive Director, UN World Food Programme

Dr Benedikt Franke - CEO, Munich Security Conference

Francois Pienaar - Former South African Rugby Captain and Founder, MAD Leadership Foundation

Gary Stannett - CEO, Rio Ferdinand Foundation

Georgia Stanway - Professional Footballer, The England National Team and FC Bayern Munich

Geordin Hill-Lewis - Executive Mayor, City of Cape Town

Her Excellency Toyin Saraki - Founder and President, The Wellbeing Foundation Africa

His Excellency Miguel Ángel Moratinos - Under-Secretary-General, High Representative for the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations

Her Majesty Queen Rania Al Abdullah of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

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Lord Peter Hain - Former Anti-Apartheid Campaigner, and Member of the House of Lords, United Kingdom

Maria Ressa - Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Co-Founder and CEO, Rappler

Mark Tewksbury - Canadian Olympic Champion Swimmer, and Humanitarian

Muzoon Almellehan - Former refugee from Syria, Education Advocate and Goodwill Ambassador, UNICEF

Nazanin Boniadi - Actress and Human and Women's Rights Activist

Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe - British-Iranian Author and Former Hostage

Nathalie Emmanuel - Two-Time Emmy Award Nominee and Star of Game of Thrones, Fast & Furious, and Megalopolis

Philipp Lahm - Former Professional Footballer, Captain of Germany's 2014 World Cup Winning Team

Professor Thuli Madonsela - Director, Centre for Social Justice, Stellenbosch University and Founder, the Thuma Foundation for Democracy Leadership and Literacy

Rebecca King Crews - Fashion Designer, Singer-songwriter, Producer and Philanthropist

Rio Ferdinand - International Football Star, Pundit, and Founder, Rio Ferdinand Foundation

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