



## What are the Global Youth Awards?

The Global Youth Awards are an annual awards show, held each Autumn, in London and Los Angeles in celebration of young people that are doing extraordinary things to help create change in communities and rejuvenate the planet in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Our mission is to create the largest global collaboration for youth empowerment and development the world has ever seen. #OneGlobalYouth

This year, as well as searching for groups and individuals that are already committed to creating change, we would like to support schools and youth groups in creating projects of their own. Imagine the impact our young people could have if every school or youth group committed to just one project for change? It might be that you already have a project in mind or are starting one that would qualify for the awards. Entry is completely free as is guest/audience attendance at the awards event itself.

In order to simplify the process we have broken the categories down into our Three Global Goals of Empowerment, Environment and Education and included a music category for young performers reaching out to make a difference through music. This will allow young people to really think about what each of the words means to them and ways that they can express this within

their communities. Whether it is taking action against environmental destruction, educating others on cultural diversity, community issues or by empowering others or supporting them to achieve goals, anything goes. Projects can be done individually, in groups or by an entire pupil body. We have broken the awards into two age categories 11-18 and for further education 19-25.

## Why are they important?

You only have to look at the likes of Boyan Slat, Malala Yousafzai and Greta Thunburg to see the capabilities of young people passionate about change. We want to help inspire all young people to understand that anyone can be a leader and change the world if they have passion and purpose. Who better to inspire our youth than young people themselves? It's because of this that our awards events are run by youth judges, youth performers and youth hosts. The event is hugely inspiring, not just for the young people involved but also for our older guests who get to see and experience young people doing things that they could not

even imagine completing in a lifetime.

Since our first awards show in 2012 The Global Youth Awards have supported over 100 projects, founded, run or created by young people. We have provided business mentors and mentoring to each of these projects to help continue their growth and development. This figure can be doubled to include the youth performers, hosts and judges that we also offer mentoring and support to as part of our network going forward. Winners are offered the opportunity to become Global Youth Ambassadors for RoundTable Global or in the case of larger groups a Global Youth Collective, accessing a global network of inspiring youth and opportunities including becoming hosts and judges the following year.





## How To Get Involved

If you know of any young people at your school, college or youth group that are already working on projects for change within your local community then you can register projects or nominate them here <a href="https://www.roundtable.global/global-youth-awards-2020">https://www.roundtable.global/global-youth-awards-2020</a>. Providing nominees meet the age criteria, they will automatically be submitted for the Global Youth Awards 2020. Please try to keep submissions short and to the point and include any links that support the nomination.

If you have not yet started a project but would like to enter our 2020 awards there is plenty of time! The submissions deadline is two weeks prior to the event itself which will run in Oct 2020. If you would like some support motivating your young people, we have a variety of options available.

- Digital resource pack containing videos, case studies and ideas for a project
- Youth Ambassador visit some of our previous winners have kindly offered to visit local schools
  with their award and talk about their own projects and how it felt to win a Global Youth Award
  (Please be aware that this is subject to their schedules and on a first come, first serve case basis)
- · We have a number of additional options including assembly visits and paid for workshops

If you would like any additional information or to arrange a call please contact tanith@roundtable.global

# Creating a Project or Initiative for the Global Youth Awards

Our Categories are: EDUCATION - ENVIRONMENT - EMPOWERMENT - MUSIC & CREATIVITY



For each of our awards categories we will be looking for individuals and groups that are demonstrating a commitment to creating change and showing leadership or innovation in whatever it is they have chosen to do!.

Start by thinking about the issues that impact your school, college, community or country. Whether working in groups or individually, take time to discuss the changes that you would like to see happen. How can you contribute to change? The best place to start is with a topic that you are passionate about as passion creates purpose which is much easier to turn into action.

#### Food for thought

- Tackling climate change by taking action, raising awareness or creating a project that empowers others to change, what are the key factors in your community?
- Supporting your community think about those that may need additional support, elderly residents, disability, poverty, homelessness
- Tackling social issues educating others on cultural diversity, LBGTQ, internet safety and the many other issues that communities face.

Below are a few case studies from our 2019 award winners for further inspiration, but if you are stuck for ideas or unsure if your project would qualify please contact <a href="mailto:tanith@roundtable.global">tanith@roundtable.global</a> for support.

As part of RoundTable Global we offer a one day empowerment workshop to schools that incorporates creating a community project within the programme - please get in touch for further details and costs.

## CASE STUDIES - A few of our 2019 Award Winners



Queen Anne's school started supporting local charity, Sport in Mind, two years ago. Sport in Mind's mission is "To improve the lives of people experience mental health problems through sport and physical activity." Initially the students supported them via fundraising and attending events such as their annual football tournament. However the students last year wanted to know how else they could help. Sport in Mind are very proactive in their approach to mental health support and believe that educating people on the benefits of being physically active is a key way to help reduce the number of individuals suffering with mental health issues.

Therefore the students at Queen Anne's school developed a workshop with the support of Sport in Mind. They have delivered it within their school and hosted a Wellbeing and Exercise event for 5 other local schools where the students at Queen Anne's helped students from these schools develop their own wellbeing lessons. These sessions have now been delivered across Berkshire to help educate young people about the excellent work of Sport in Mind and the benefits of being physically active.

Habs is delighted to announce Ishaan (Lower Sixth) was awarded a Global Youth Award – Empowering Leadership award for his anti-slavery and anti-human trafficking efforts.

At the age of 14, Ishaan saw a documentary which changed his life. He learned how children around the world were being exploited and forced into slavery. After talking about the programme at the School, Ishaan further committed to raising awareness of slavery and human trafficking in a way young people engage with.

In 2017 Ishaan founded Stolen Dreams, a website and communications organisation to get young people to engage with, and drive, positive action around human trafficking. Since then, he has spread his message widely across social media, podcasts and through public speaking, especially at other schools. Ishaan's work has displayed real impact as it engages young people in this issue and encourages them to discuss human trafficking, a tremendously sensitive topic, with warmth and compassion.





Nebula is a company of twenty young female entrepreneurs whose main aim is to implement change through conversation and education. Over the past year they have created a collection of three original children's books, with added digital elements, intended to be entertaining but also dealing with complex issues which are prevalent in society today. They have focused on environmental (No Place like Home), discrimination (I can't but we can) and mental well-being (Don't bottle it up), presenting these in a simple and easy to understand way in order to engage children.

Their books are currently stocked in the British Library and have received praise from the Mayor of London

https://www.adventureswithamara.com

Congratulations to Issy, who received a Global Youth Award and is now a Global Youth Ambassador. These awards are given to young people who are showing leadership in several different fields.

Issy has been passionate about raising awareness for various projects. She has been painting animals for a few years now and selling them at Art for Youth (35% of the sales going to the charity UK Youth) and she has also been raising awareness of animals on both the concerned and endangered lists. She was the face of the Justice Bag's Back to School campaign a couple of years ago, encouraging people to use bags for life that support fair trade, helping women in China get paid fair wages.

At the awards evening, Issy was interviewed by Platform Inspires, where she chatted about endangered animals, climate change, and how pleased she is that the school has banned all plastic bottles.

