



KOFI ANNAN
Changemakers

A Kofi Annan Foundation Initiative

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AN INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE FOR IMPACT

ABOUT

Each year, a select group of 12 young changemakers come together online and in-person (in Geneva, Switzerland) for the **Kofi Annan Changemakers: An Intergenerational Dialogue for Impact**.

The Kofi Annan Changemakers Initiative elevates the voices of the current generation of young changemakers and builds their capacity for positive action on the challenges of today. They go on to perpetuate **Kofi Annan's vision**, ethics and values and become part of the global Kofi Annan Changemakers **community**.

Kofi Annan strongly believed in the importance of youth leadership, and the Kofi Annan Foundation has designed an initiative with a **three-part approach**:

1

Dialogue and mutual learning between this new generation of changemakers and friends and colleagues of Kofi Annan and the Foundation on topics such as ethical leadership, building resilience and bridging divides.

2

Insight into the “**Kofi Annan Way**” throughout the year-long programme to teach and bring to life the values and approaches underpinning the work of Kofi Annan and his colleagues.

3

Pairing of each Changemaker with a mentor who will provide advice, inspiration and support during and after the programme.



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PARTICIPATION

Twelve people under the age of 30 and from diverse backgrounds and continents are selected via a confidential nomination, application and selection process.

The Kofi Annan Foundation sends out a call for nominations to a wide and diverse number of partner organisations. Nominees are then contacted and invited to apply.

SELECTION CRITERIA

Each candidate must:

- Be under the age of 30 by the beginning of the online module in June 2024.
- Have demonstrated their commitment to the public good at the global, regional, national or local levels and have initiated or significantly contributed to initiatives for positive change in fields that relate to the Sustainable Development Goals and/or the key areas of interest to Kofi Annan:
 - 1. Peace and security**
 - 2. Inclusive development**
 - 3. Rule of law and respect for human rights**
- Be available to participate in the entire online module (bi-weekly sessions of 2 hours from June to November) as well as travel to Geneva for the week-long, face-to-face module in November 2024.
- Be a confident English speaker. The main language of the programme being English, all participants need to be confident English speakers to ensure that they can exchange with each other and the speakers.
- Have access to good quality internet connection and a computer. Internet data package may be provided on a case by case basis.

The Kofi Annan Changemakers are chosen bearing in mind:

- Geographical and gender balance, diversity of educational and professional backgrounds.
- Quality and completeness of the application.
- Alignment of the candidate's areas of work with those listed above.
- How the programme can add value to the applicant's career and personal objectives.
- Alignment with the core values of the programme: ethical leadership, personal integrity, resilience, humility, inclusion, tolerance, and bridge divides.



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OUTCOMES

Enabling Intergenerational Collaboration

- Facilitating dialogue and mutual learning with proven leaders and other changemakers from around the world.
- Offering youth the opportunity to interact with and build confidence around power holders.
- Interaction with expert mentors to advise, inspire and support the changemakers in their work on positive change.

Building Youth Agency

- Offering young people the opportunity to learn from on the ground, real-life experience.
- Honing skill sets such as negotiation, communication, mediation and intercultural sensitivity through online and face-to-face workshops.
- Sharing the soft-skills and practical know-how embodied in the "Kofi Annan Way" through exchanges with friends and colleagues of Kofi Annan and the Foundation.
- Plus, the creation of a **global alumni network** of Kofi Annan Changemakers who share Kofi Annan's values and perpetuate his legacy.

PARTNERS

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