



A WWSF inclusive initiative

The Youth Table for dialogue, turning ideas into action
for the Common Good for All,

achieving UN SDG Agenda 2030

"The Youth Table"

Concept note & User Kit

Empowering youth for the implementation of the UN 2030 Development Agenda.

The youth of today are on the move and demand spaces where they are empowered and learn how to co-lead decision-taking processes with elected leaders for a future free from any form of discrimination and violence, and where their rights, creativity, choices & hope create environments of respect & influence transformative action for the future.

The "The Youth Table" initiative shares a vision & a plan to help create a more sustainable future together with youth. Building a broader civil society leadership culture with open spaces for dialogue & conversations that matter and invite young people to learn and promote how to work and co-lead together in developing ideas and solutions to advance the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030. The Women's World Summit Foundation campaign aims to help build that future, together with men, launching new initiatives, such as "The Youth Table" and "The Woman's Table", empowering young people (15-25) and women worldwide for the common good for All, leaving no one behind.

Brief History

"The Youth Table" and "The Woman's Table" are 2 new WWSF Leadership Training programs under the umbrella of the WWSF **75 % campaign**, designed to inspire collective problem-solving and creating a powerful civil society leadership culture. WWSF provides a **Concept note** and a **User Kit** for Hosts and facilitators with guidelines about how to set up "The Youth Table", creating spaces for practical dialogue & courageous leadership initiatives, learning about transformative action for the common good for All.

The WWSF **75 % Leadership Training Forums for women & youth** are regular initiatives to encourage and strengthen leadership building through awareness raising, training and learning to lead from the heart, in collaboration with other organizations and partners, committed to driving progress toward the realization of the UN Sustainable Development Goals Agenda 2030.

By creating "The Youth Table" in your community, school, organization or church, you contribute to a growing movement that mobilizes the **75%** of the world population - the women, children and youth - 6 billion of us - who need to be included in co-decision making and in co-designing the space in which we live, finding solutions for a more sustainable future.

Vision

"The Youth Table" is a timely initiative, designed to contribute to bring young people together to collectively exchange ideas, select topics, and drive transformative action towards learning how to work and lead together for change on this beautiful planet. The initiative fosters local gatherings (with global connections, if you wish), linking diverse voices to develop practical common solutions for today's big challenges confronting the vision and possibility for peacebuilding and well-being. Through in-person and digital spaces, the "The Youth Table" supports a new form of civil society participation and relevant leadership training in real-time collaboration and exchanges, grounded in inclusive and forward-looking strategies, leaving no one behind.

Mission Statement

Strengthening the role of young people by establishing practical, inclusive spaces for open dialogue, shared experiences & critical thinking. WWSF supports the development of ideas and initiatives that respond to communities' development needs, while also contributing to broader, long-term needs for urgent solutions and inclusion.

Objectives

- **Contribute** to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG Agenda 2030) through locally driven youth leadership training sessions on the 17 SDG themes and bold common activities for needed change.
- **Mobilize** young people to create and join "The Youth Table" — a space for focused dialogue & solution-oriented collaboration.



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- **Address** urgent issues affecting families, children & youth, communities & institutions by bringing diverse perspectives & solutions to **"The Youth Table"**, in collaboration with clubs, schools, churches & sports teams, etc.

Key Functionalities

- **A Table for conversations that matter and for decision-taking**: to present ideas, projects, gather feedback, and foster collective problem-solving.
- **A listening Circle**: focused on youth leadership, human rights, women's rights, youth- & child rights, sustainable development, and social issues such as non-violence and disarmament.
- **Active solidarity**: exploring ways how to work and co-lead together and supporting relevant organizations and youth groups where possible.
- **A Table for new ideas**: to share projects, seek input, and form partnerships to move forward.
- **WWSF Prize awards** are offered for creative, transformative solutions coming from **"The Youth Table"**.

Our Values for "The Youth Table"

- **Listening**: Every voice matters.
- **Respect**: Welcome all experiences with openness.
- **Courage**: Trust the strength of youth to drive change.
- **Creativity**: Together, imagine new possibilities and turn them into action.
- **Diversity**: Every culture can initiate & sustain **"The Youth Table"**, reshape your future and bring hope.

Target Audience

Young people (15-25) - boys and girls of all backgrounds, whether students, already employed, activists, solution seekers and/or established change-makers, those who question our current alarming world situation, to bring hope, and are ready to take action to transform our world into a peace-loving and responsible humanity.

Impact Measurement

As the idea of **"The Youth Table"** initiative grows, we will track progress of development and local projects. The WWSF goal is to maintain transparency and demonstrate how these collective efforts contribute to a broader and more powerful youth leadership model for sustainable development outcomes that can be shared around the world. WWSF welcomes partnerships with like-minded groups, clubs, NGOs, development agencies, foundations and sponsors to empower the campaign in developing new strategies and initiatives around the world.

Partnerships & Support

WWSF is building a network of youth organizations and partners to promote and increase the needed local support for change. **"The Youth Table" initiative is free of charge and depends on receipt of your Registration Form which will be confirmed by WWSF.**

Youth organizations and individuals can contribute by offering expertise, mentoring, advocacy, or exploring funding options. By partnering with WWSF, you can help us promoting and expanding local Leadership Training Forums, connect diverse voices, and contribute to measurable progress toward the UN Sustainable Development Goals - Agenda 2030. If you're interested in supporting these efforts, please contact us, and visit our website, www.woman.ch

Select your activities from The United Nations identified 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to transform our world - Agenda 2030: <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>

1: No Poverty; **2:** Zero Hunger; **3:** Good Health and Well-being; **4:** Quality Education; **5:** Gender Equality; **6:** Clean Water and Sanitation; **7:** Affordable and Clean Energy; **8:** Decent Work and Economic Growth; **9:** Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure; **10:** Reduced Inequality; **11:** Sustainable Cities and Communities; **12:** Responsible Consumption and Production; **13:** Climate Action; **14:** Life Below Water; **15:** Life on Land; **16:** Peace and Justice Strong Institutions; **17:** Partnerships to achieve the Goals.



Consult the **"The Youth Table - User Kit"** below for guidance in starting **"The Youth Table"**.



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User Kit for Hosts and Facilitators

Guidelines to empower young people to speed up transformative action, creating change, increasing collaboration and turning ideas into action for the common Good for All.

Overview

"The Youth Table" initiative, launched in 2025 by the Women's World Summit Foundation (WWSF) based in Geneva, Switzerland, is about sharing lived experiences, reflecting on the challenges our youth is living with today, researching and developing solutions. "The Youth Table" fosters dialogue that empowers creativity and youth leadership rooted in practical action and collective wisdom.

"The Youth Table" is part of the annual "WWSF Leadership Training Forums" of its **75% campaign initiative: Women, children & youth representing 75 % of the world population - 6 billion of us - who need to be included in finding urgent solutions for a more just world, co-leading with elected leaders and leaving no one behind.** WWSF also launched in 2025 "The Woman's Table". More information can be found on our website.

Registration and Hosting

To register as a Host of "The Youth Table" in your community, school, church or youth organization, click on "Take Action" in the "Get involved" - Menu on our website.

Expected Outcome

"The Youth Table" initiative will increase awareness by sharing tools on the importance of innovation and technology for achieving sustainable development, the opportunities and challenges thereof, and policy recommendations, particularly in the context of the 2030 Development Agenda.

1. Purpose

- Gather trusted young people and build Networks in your youth groups, organizations and in your communities, supporting each other through "The Youth Table". The gatherings can promote reflection, dialogue, and concrete action addressing community needs, fostering a culture of shared responsibility, and exhibit practical local youth responsibility and leadership. Cultivate love in action, instead of fear, learning to work together and to lead from your heart. ❤️

2. Getting started: Preparation & Intention

- Choose a theme for your first Youth Table gathering, for example:
 - Discussions on how to work and co-lead together, inspire each other to become change-makers for improved security & justice in your communities.
 - Selecting from social inclusion themes: i.e. Education; Climate change; Healthcare, etc.
 - Use the 17 themes from the UN Sustainable Development Goals - Agenda 2030 to learn about ideas and solutions that will inspire you and learn how to work for change.
- Consult **Guidelines** about project management on the assigned **WWSF Google Drive** folder.

3. Hosting "The Youth Table"

For each meeting, you will need:

- **An "Attendance sheet"** for all participants with data protection (private policy).
- **A pre-selected subject for discussion** to be announced at each gathering & use of the UN SDG Goals.



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- **A Record keeper** who will write a brief activity report, including decisions taken during your meetings.
 - **A Moderator** for smooth discussions if your host is not available.
 - **A participation Agreement** which is an additional agreement to give permission to be photographed.
 - **Share with WWSF your Project Template** to give you visibility wherever possible.
- **Check-in:** Share the "Attendance sheet" to be signed, & the Moderator opens the session with your selected subject for **"The Youth Table"**
 - **During the meeting:** Identify participants interested in selecting solutions for your topic and discuss the next steps (organization, materials, venue, budgets and communications folder). Consult our Guidelines about project management on the assigned WWSF Google-Drive folder online.
 - **Mandatory:** We propose that you participate at one of our regular WWSF Zoom Leadership Training Forums for young people to get acquainted with **"The Youth Table"** & where you can ask your questions.

4. Reflection & Dialogue

- Based on the selected topic of the meeting you can answer the following questions to participate in the discussion. Examples: What in this topic reflects your daily life?
- What challenges exist locally or nationally? What practical solutions or common action can you identify to move forward?

5. Keep track of your decisions and share them with WWSF

- WWSF has created for this purpose a **Google-Drive folder online** to help you record your meetings, decisions taken, and save documents all in the same place.

6. Closing Ritual

- End with a shared message for the time of togetherness.
- Invite participants to say one word as a closing message.
- Agree on the date and location for the next meeting.
- Encourage hosting in diverse spaces like in homes, workplaces, schools, or community centers.

7. Optional Activities during **"The Youth Table"** gatherings

- Reflection time / Guest speakers on youth leadership development & wisdom sessions. Sharing resources like books, articles, videos, youth messages, declarations,

8. Branding & Communication

- **After confirmation of your registration**, WWSF will return to you a personalized logo of **"The Youth Table"** for your communications with your partners and with WWSF. WWSF will include the name of your organization or group and the name of your City and country on your personal logo which we will return to you with the request to not modify it and to use it for your communications with your members, and exchanges with WWSF.
- **Create your social media posts** & announcements of **"The Youth Table"** with this logo.
- **Update events, decisions taken, documents on your Google-Drive folder**, so that WWSF can promote your creative initiatives in its Newsletters & on our social media posts.

9. Disclaimer

WWSF provides guidance to help you in developing **"The Youth Table"** gatherings. However, WWSF cannot be made responsible for any local event costs, financial arrangements, or any damages, losses, or liabilities arising from your organized Table activities. We appreciate your understanding and wish you success with your initiative. We also wish to restate that our objective is primarily finding solutions for the realization of the UN Sustainable Development Goals - Agenda 2030. Regarding this, WWSF cannot support topics that are not in line with the UN 2030 Development Agenda, presented and described in 17 themes in the Concept Note.

WWSF wishes you loads of success & do contact us if you have questions regarding the registration.



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