The Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals are 17 global citizens who have been recognized for their outstanding leadership in their efforts to achieve the Goals.

The Young Leaders come together as a community to support efforts to engage young people in the realization of the SDGs both through strategic opportunities with the UN and through their existing initiatives, platforms and networks.
4 weeks
+18k nominations
+230k site visits
$0 for content
$0 for media
186 countries
From food to fashion to finance, the Class of 2016 was selected from more than 18,000 nominations and has members from Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Malaysia, the Maldives, Mexico, Tunisia, Uganda, and the United States of America.
Young Leaders will be expected to actively support one or more of the following objectives:

- **Advocate for the Goals**, in ways most accessible and relatable to young people across different contexts;
- **Promote innovative ways of engaging their audiences** and peers in the advocacy and realization of the Goals;
- **Contribute to a brain trust** of young leaders supporting the UN and partners for key moments and initiatives related to the Goals.
Launching the Next Class of Young Leaders
Young Leaders for the SDGs

**Deadline for applications:** 3 November, 2017

**Media assets** can be found at [sdgyoungleaders.org](http://sdgyoungleaders.org) or on the Trello board

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Who qualifies to be a Young Leader?

Young people who are genuinely leading fantastic initiatives which support the realization of the Sustainable Development Goals.

They might be a chef, a designer, a campaigner or a blogger. They might know all about the Goals or nothing at all. The important thing is that they are leading an exciting initiative that helps to meet one of the Goals.
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Young Leaders must be aged 18-30 by 31 December, 2017.

Successful candidates will be selected based on the following considerations:

- Their demonstrated achievements in promoting and advancing sustainable development and youth participation;
- Their personal influence within their respective fields and reputation for inclusive and innovative leadership;
- The ability to command an audience, influence their contemporaries and inspire their constituents;
- Their demonstrated integrity, commitment to the SDGs and core values of the UN.
Selection Process

Round 1 – Applications are open from 7 October to 3 November

Round 2 – Qualified candidates are selected to go to the next round

Round 3 – References and UNCTs are contacted and candidates are interviewed.

Round 4 – The selection committee reviews the applications and recommends the finalists.

Round 5 – Selected finalists are contacted

Finally, the Class of 2018 will be announced!