A network of gender equality champions driving dialogue, action and positive change.
ABOUT THE NETWORK

The 30 for 2030 initiative will put young people central to solution building, policy-making and sustainable change. The network will support young representatives to develop innovative gender equality solutions and engage with a broader range of stakeholders. Members will provide expertise on youth and gender issues, design innovative solutions and campaigns, encourage the mobilization of young people and facilitate the dissemination of information to networks and organizations around the region.
ROLE OF THE NETWORK

- INSPIRE
- MOBILIZE
- CONNECT
- TRANSFORM
FIELDS OF EXPERTISE AND AREAS OF WORK
MEET THE MEMBERS

2023-2024 cohort
Nathaniel Diong  |  22, Australia

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Areas of work
- Technology and Innovation
- Economic Empowerment
- Feminist Movements and Leadership
- Climate Change
- Careers & Employment

Ashleigh Streeter-Jones  |  29, Australia

Described by Forbes as a “youthful visionary”, Ashleigh has 10 years’ experience in advocacy and campaigns. Ashleigh is the founder & CEO of Raise Our Voice Australia (ROVA), a social enterprise amplifying the voices of young women and non-binary people in politics and policy. Ashleigh was named the youngest ever Australian Capital Territory Woman of the Year, is a member of the APolitical Foundation’s New Voices Council and is the Pacific Community Champion for the Global Shapers Community.

Areas of work
- Rural Women
- Women, Peace and Security
- Feminist Movements and Leadership

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Areas of work
- Technology and Innovation
- Economic Empowerment
- Feminist Movements and Leadership
- Climate Change
- Careers & Employment
SM Shaikat  |  35, Bangladesh

SM Shaikat is the Executive Director of SERAC-Bangladesh, a youth focused organisation advancing access to SRHR, civic engagement, healthcare, and gender based violence prevention in Bangladesh. He was nominated as a Women Deliver Young Leader in 2012. Shaikat was elected to the UN-Habitat Youth Advisory Board and spoke in several events at multiple UNGAs and the 62nd CSW. He was nominated by the U.S. State Dept. to the 2013 IVLP, a Bayer Scholar, 120Under40 Champion, ICFP Youth Trailblazer by the Gates institute and selected to the Swedish Institute's 2023 Leadership Lab.

Areas of work
+ Gender-Based Violence
+ 2030 Agenda
+ Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights

Thaung Ret  |  33, Cambodia

Ret Thaung is currently a Biodiversity and Science Manager at Conservation International Cambodia Program. Ret holds a bachelor’s degree of Biology from the Royal University of Phnom Penh and graduated a Master of Environmental Management from the University of Queensland, Australia. Ret has extensive working experiences with biodiversity conservation, climate change, species conservation, wildlife trade and natural resource management for about 5 years. Ret is passionate in nature conservation and aspires to conserve biodiversity and promote biodiversity conservation work in Cambodia.

Areas of work
+ Climate Change
+ Feminist Movements and Leadership
+ Economic Empowerment
Natalie Au | 28, China

Natalie is Program Manager at 2X Global, the worldwide network building towards a vision of global sustainability and equal opportunity, powered by inclusive, equitable, and gender-smart systems of finance. Natalie was previously a Senior Associate at AVPN, Asia’s largest network for social investors where she led AVPN’s gender lens investing work and supported the Asia Gender Network, a community of philanthropists and thought leaders moving capital to causes for women and girls.

Areas of work
+ Economic Empowerment
+ Feminist Movements and Leadership
+ Technology and Innovation

Sidhant Maharaj | 28, Fiji

Sidhant Maharaj is an Intersectional Queer Feminist Activist with over 8 years’ experience working in the areas of Women, Girls, LGBTQI+ rights, and Youth Empowerment. He is also a feminist researcher and works with organizations focused on gender equality in the Pacific, India, Sri Lanka and the United States in conducting, designing, and facilitating training programs and policy development. With multiple international leadership trainings, Sidhant continuously advocates for intersectional policies while increasing visibility and amplifying marginalized voices.

Areas of work
+ Gender-Based Violence
+ Rural Women
+ Women, Peace & Security
+ LGBTQI+
+ Feminist Movements and Leadership
+ People with Disabilities
+ Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights
Belinda NG | 22, China

Belinda is a sustainability advocate and consultant. She is the founder of the podcast ‘SustainaPod’ which connects high school students to sustainability practitioners and change-makers to mainstream sustainability education. She also founded Heart-to-Heart Hong Kong, a volunteer-led campaign that provided nutritional food packages for food-insecure families during the pandemic. Belinda is one of 30 selected youth leaders driving the Act4Food Act4Change campaign mobilizing food systems transformation, a World Economic Forum Global Shaper, and World Ocean Day Youth Advisory Council member.

Areas of work

+ Economic Empowerment
+ Climate Change
+ Feminist Movements and Leadership

Akhil Neelam | 27, India

Akhil Neelam is a Co-founder and Director of Centre for Gender And Politics, where he leads research, operations, and volunteer engagement to promote gender equality in South Asian politics. He is a public policy practitioner and a gender rights advocate who previously worked with local governments in India to implement systemic changes for better performance of school education programmes. Akhil also serves on the Advisory Board of Teach for Change, an education nonprofit based in Hyderabad. He is a recipient of the UNICEF and Government of Iceland’s GEST fellowship.

Areas of work

+ Gender and Political Leadership
+ Men’s Allyship
+ Policy and Governance
+ Education
Tanmaya Kshirsagar  |  18, India

Tanmaya Kshirsagar is an artist, musician, writer and a TED-Speaker. She specializes in Indian Classical Vocal Music and belongs to the 5th generation of Gwalior Gharana in the lineage of Pt. B. N. Kshirsagar. She is a National Scholarship holder in Indian Music, awarded by the Govt. of India and has been a performing artist since the last 6 years. She is currently pursuing Bachelor of Arts Honors in English Literature, and her work has been published on platforms like Times of India, Medium, Women’s Web and the Indian Review to name a few.

Areas of work
- Feminist Movements & Leadership
- Music
- Rural Women

Radhika Modi  |  28, India

Radhika is a researcher and facilitator working on the intersections of gender, sexuality, menstrual health, and SRHR. Her deep interest in understanding the role of gender dynamics in our society inspired her to co-found the Jamia Queer Collective (JQC), the only queer-friendly space in the country’s top university. As a menstrual health activist, she has led conversations on menstrual health in multiple parts of India. She also works with several international organizations as a consultant, including the Oscar-winning organization “The Pad Project”.

Areas of work
- Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
- Menstrual Health
- LGBTQI+
- Feminist Movements and Leadership
Divya Goyal | 23, India

Divya is a young disabled feminist and researcher, working on disability inclusive development, social policy, and gender-responsive approaches. She is currently working with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine on economic participation of people with disabilities. She has previously worked with UNICEF on evaluating diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in the workforce and developed guidance for hiring managers on reasonable accommodations for applicants with disabilities. She holds an MPhil in Development Studies from University of Cambridge as a Commonwealth scholar.

Aditi Chauhan | 30, India

Aditi has been representing Indian National Football team for the past 15 years, she was also the first Indian female footballer to play for West Ham United FC in the UK. She’s always been extremely passionate about sports which led her to study MSc Sports Management from Loughborough University in the UK. From her own experience she saw how transformative sports can be in developing life skills, especially for women, hence she decided to put her passion and education together to start her initiative called She Kicks which aims to empower girls through football through her own foundation.
Mayumi Sato | 28, Japan

Mayumi Sato is a PhD student and Gates Cambridge scholar at the University of Cambridge, climate researcher, and founder and director of SustainED. She has several years of experience working with climate-vulnerable groups, such as the Indigenous hill tribes in Thailand, and has worked on Ministerial-level climate policy discussions on reforestation, illegal logging, and gender equity. She has been awarded by Peace First, and Audi Environmental Foundation, among others, for her advocacy on environmental, social, gender, and racial justice.

Areas of work
+ Climate Change
+ Feminist Movements and Leadership
+ Education

Phyo Su Aung | 31, Myanmar

Phyo Su Aung worked as an Agriculture Field Agent in an international NGO supporting rural communities within Myanmar on agricultural development. Phyo Su then transferred to the Microfinance sector to support rural households’ daily finance management. As a leader, she managed a variety of people, including staff, villages, committees, and still helped support families on the ground from rural areas. Most of her clients are women who she helped work towards a sustainable income by joining the microfinance programs.

Areas of work
+ Rural Women
+ Economic Empowerment
+ Feminist Movements and Leadership
The Noe San | 28, Myanmar

The Noe San is a licensed Australian lawyer and a banker in Myanmar, she believes that technology is the key to breaking down financial barriers for the underbanked communities in emerging markets. She launched her fintech start-up ModusOperandi (‘MO’), as a solo female founder with a vision to build a neobank for Micro Small and Medium Enterprises that do not have bank accounts. Within the first year, MO has facilitated more than 300,000 transactions worth over 10M USD with an extensive offline network of 5,000 agents.

Areas of work
- Economic Empowerment
- Rural Women
- Technology and Innovation
- Feminist Movements and Leadership
- Gender-Based Violence

Monal Bhattarai | 22, Nepal

Monal Bhattarai is an Educator working as the Managing Director at Canopy Nepal, where she promotes interactive learning and creates access to education for students from less-privileged backgrounds. She is also the Country Coordinator of ISLearning, an NGO in the USA that connects differently-abled students globally. Further, she is one of the founding members of Canopy France, which focuses on fundraising to support Nepali children receive education. She is also awarded as the HundrED Ambassador and Global Ambassador, Youth Opportunities.

Areas of work
- Interactive Learning
- Access of Education
- Female Education
- Agenda 2030 and the SDGs
Eisha Mehtab | 22, Pakistan

Eisha advocates for mental health equity, feminist activism, leadership and social psychology. She is involved in research projects for her undergraduate studies in Psychology and English. She was awarded the National 25 under 25 women award in Pakistan by The Little Art and Australian Awards for founding her internationally funded NGO, The Mirror, based on transforming gender rights in her country through multi-faceted projects with network 300+ alumni. Eisha runs ‘Mindfully’, a platform for raw conversations in the mental health climate.

Areas of work
+ Feminist Movements and Leadership
+ Mental Health Equity
+ Education
+ Climate Change

Nabila Abbas | 25, Pakistan

Nabila Abbas is a young global youth activist, working for the rights of young rural girls. She is from an underprivileged area in Pakistan and has been fighting against social and cultural stereotypes. She is the first generation attaining higher degree education in aviation management. Nabila is the first girl from Pakistan to be a spokesperson at the International Congress of Youth Voices. She advocates for inclusively helping the 31% rural women whose voices cannot be heard.

Areas of work
+ Rural Women
+ Economic Empowerment
+ Feminist Movements and Leadership
+ Gender-Based Violence
Manuel Kuria | 29, Papua New Guinea

Manuel Kuria is 29 years old and from Papua New Guinea. He has a Post-Graduate Diploma in Education specializing in Social Science and Personal Development and a Bachelor in Applied Science specializing in Family and Community Studies (Social Studies). Currently he works as Family and Community Studies Tutor at the University of Goroka. Manuel has a strong interest in SRHR, gender equality & violence, mental health, human rights, empowerment, advocacy, social inclusion, climate change and SDG’s.

Areas of work
- Climate Change
- Rural Women
- Gender-Based Violence
- 2030 Agenda

Sharlyne Mangai | 24, Papua New Guinea

Sharlyne Mangai is from the East Sepik Province (ESP), Papua New Guinea. Sharlyne joined the ‘Sanap Wantaim: the new normal’, Youth Led Behaviour Change Campaign which aims to rally men and boys to stand with girls and women as allies; creating a safe city and inspiring awareness and advocacy to action. Sharlyne works closely with service providers and referral pathways for survivors of GBV. She is a dedicated youth volunteer on Gender-Based Violence (GBV), Human Rights and social issues.

Areas of work
- Gender-Based Violence
- Engaging Boys and Men
- SRHR
- Economic Empowerment
- Mental Health
Morris Edwin  |  30, Papua New Guinea

Morris Edwin is a youth leader, a Komo Rugby Football League Chairman, the Chairman for Komo Youth 4 Change Association which also includes the Tari, Hela province. Morris encourages youth to help him supply fresh vegetables to the ExxonMobil camp regularly, effectively involving local youths in agriculture and fish farming. Morris advocates for peace in Komo which has been devastated by tribal warfare, supporting girls, women and children who have been affected by the warfare.

Areas of work
- Women, Peace and Security
- Economic Empowerment
- Agriculture
- Education
- 2030 Agenda
- Sports
- Gender-Based Violence

Latishar Ila'ava Namo

|  21, Papua New Guinea

Latishar Namo is a youth advocate with the Sanap Wantaim Campaign. Latishar is passionate about creating positive change in her community and amongst her peers. She joined the campaign in 2021 and has been part of the youth-led campaign ever since. Latishar facilitates sessions on behaviour change and gender equality in communities, schools, on the national radio station and in public spaces.

Areas of work
- Gender-Based Violence
- Rural Women
- Feminist Movements and Leadership
Rhea See | 32, Philippines

Rhea See is the Co-Founder & Co-CEO of She Loves Tech, a global platform committed to closing the funding gap for women tech entrepreneurs through its annual global start-up competition held in 70+ countries, education and events including a flagship conference. She Loves Tech has the world’s largest pipeline of women tech founders with 13,000+ tech start-ups from 100+ countries. Rhea is a recognized thought leader in the diversity, innovation, and entrepreneurship space.

Areas of work
+ Feminist Movements and Leadership
+ Economic Empowerment
+ Technology and Innovation

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Darla Bautista | 27, Philippines

Darla is the Co-founder and CMO of Trizie, an award-winning Filipino gut and skin wellness brand bridging natural innovations from Thailand. Since 2020, Trizie Fiber has reached 45K+ shoppers with 1K+ content creator wellness advocates, 20+ youth and health organization collaborators, and presence in 500+ drugstores. Darla was awarded Tatler Asia’s Gen.T Honoree 2022. She trained 800+ students on entrepreneurship and serves as IMMAP’s chairperson for monthly digital transformation summits for 300+ companies.

Areas of work
+ Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
+ Mental Health
+ Economic Empowerment
+ Feminist Movements and Leadership
+ Technology and Innovation
Manyasiri Chotbunwong (Pear)

18, Thailand

Manyasiri ‘Pear’ Chotbunwong is a Menstrual Justice Activist. She is a proud advocate for youth voices and menstrual hygiene who is driven to destroy taboos and break the silence. Pear is the Founder of H.E.R. (Health. Equity. Respect.), a nonprofit organization increasing menstrual hygiene accessibility for women across 5 countries. Pear is a Forbes 30 Under 30 Honoree, the youngest in the Social Impact category. She has been recognized as the youngest winner of the Women of the Future Southeast Asia Awards in Public Service and a recipient of the Diana Award.
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Meet the members
Heela Yoon is the Founder of Afghan Youth Ambassadors for Peace Organization (AYAPO) a grassroots NGO working in Afghanistan focusing on Local Peacebuilding. She has more than five years of experience working with humanitarian and human rights organisations including Amnesty International and Oxfam Great Britain. She has worked with the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders as a peace fellow focusing on localising UNSCR 1325 and 2250 in Myanmar, Bangladesh, and The Philippines. She is currently the Afghan Coordinator for International Parliamentary Network for Education.

Kirthi Jayakumar is a feminist researcher working in the areas of Women, Peace, and Security, Transitional Justice, and Feminist Foreign Policy. She founded and runs The Gender Security Project, which works on the WPS Agenda and Feminist Foreign Policy through research, reportage, and documentation. Kirthi set up the CRSV Observatory, which documents conflict-related, systemic, and mass sexual violence across time and space. She is an advisor to the Women7 (W7) under the German Presidency of the G7. She formerly coded an app for survivors of gender-based violence called Saahas, which works as a web and mobile app, and has trained over 7,000 individuals in bystander intervention, over 20,000 children and 1,000 teachers on child sexual abuse prevention and response.
KARISHMA ALI  |  25, PAKISTAN

Karishma Ali is a football and social entrepreneur from Chitral, Pakistan. In 2016, she represented Pakistan in the International Jubilee games and in the AFL International cup Melbourne. Ali has dedicated her life to breaking barriers for women in sports and ensuring that girls in her hometown of Chitral have more opportunities to play sports. Karishma established Chitral Women’s Sports Club in 2018, a pioneer organization dedicated to providing a safe environment for Chitrali girls to participate in sports. Her organization currently has 215 registered members participating in various sports activities. In 2019 she was listed in Forbes Asia 30 under 30. During the same year, Karishma was also selected as a member of the Pakistan National Youth Council. On 23rd March 2022, she was nominated for the Pride of Pakistan enclosure which included people who excelled in their respective fields.

Areas of work
- Women, Peace and Security
- Economic Empowerment for Women
- Feminist Movements and Leadership
- Sport

NAMGAY CHODEN  |  26, BHUTAN

Namgay is a foreign service officer and the founder of Wisely Bt, a free online service to help Bhutanese young professionals create bespoke resumes and CVs. She is also a Global Shaper and Climate Reality Leader. Through her voluntary project, the “Bhutan Climate Futures Lab” Namgay is engaging over 400 youth to help them shape narratives and meaningfully participate in decision-making through climate and policy literacy. She is currently on a special assignment at the Desuung Skilling Programme, a national initiative to re-skill and up-skill over 20,000 individuals by 2040.

Areas of work
- Climate Change
- LGBTIQ+
- Gender-based Violence
- Policy
JANNATUL MOUWA | 30, BANGLADESH

Jannatul Mouwa is a youth climate activist. She was born in Satkhira which is one of the most climate vulnerable districts in Bangladesh. Jannatul started a movement, Sunday for women’s Climate Justice, in 2019, and founded a youth Feminist Organization named BINDU Women Development Organization. Jannatul plants trees every year to support the ecosystem and encourages youth groups to do the same. She is passionate about working for emergency support in natural disasters in Satkhira. In 2007, devastating Sidr hit the coastal area and she formed a youth emergency response groups for disaster preparedness and rescue. Her youth team have played a vital role in every local disaster for over 14 years now. She is working on gender-friendly disaster response in her community and has encouraged others to join in the fight towards gender equality.

DEA AMIRA | 27, INDONESIA

Dea Amira is the CEO & Co-Founder of Rentique, Indonesia’s #1 fashion rental and resale app. Her passion towards empowering women and sustainability led her to create Rentique with a mission to Revolutionize Indonesia’s Fashion Industry. She’s an honoree of Forbes 30 under 30 Indonesia 2022 & an author of Indonesia’s best selling book: #MillennialInvestor.
JOLLY NGUYEN | 32, VIET NAM

Jolly Nguyen is an entrepreneur, founder, country leader, and mentor. Jolly’s works concentrate on ASEAN regional sustainable development, and she has worked on social impact initiatives for the past nine years. Jolly led different projects which advocate for youth empowerment and environmental development. Her social venture intends to enhance people’s awareness while also taking steps to eliminate single-use plastic in the ocean. Through her professional and social work, she is dedicated to promoting inclusion, diversity, and positive impact.

Areas of work
- Climate Change
- Agenda 2030 and the SDGs
- Economic Empowerment for Women
- Technology and Innovation

BRIDGET WILLIAMS | 29, NEW ZEALAND

In 2019, Bridget took off her High Court gown and put on a necklace. Thus, Bead and Proceed was born. Bead and Proceed is a social enterprise, which inspires thousands to harness the power of creativity to action the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals, making Bridget a recognised SDGs expert across New Zealand and beyond. As one of the youngest female elected chairs for her local community board, she is a voice for young women and advocates for active citizenship. Bridget is a member of Global Women, Asia New Zealand Foundation Leadership Network, and a World Economic Forum Global Shaper.

Areas of work
- Economic Justice and Rights
- Feminist Movements and Leadership
- Technology and Innovation
- Agenda 2030 and the SDGs
- Organisational change
RIDHIMA PANDEY | 14, INDIA

Ridhima is a 14-year-old Climate Activist based in Uttarakhand, India. She started her activism after witnessing the kedarnath flash flood that occurred in her home state in 2013. She remembers visuals of people crying because they had lost their family members and kids crying because they had lost their parents and homes. After struggling for months, she decided to do something to stop the flash floods and that’s how she learned about global warming and climate change. She found climate change interesting, wanted to expand her knowledge, and gradually found out about the exploitation of the environment and biodiversity that was destroying her future.

PRIYAL KENI | 28, INDIA

An International Rifle Shooter, Chartered Accountant and Social Entrepreneur, Priyal has been a strong advocate of Sport for Sustainability and Women Empowerment. After winning over a hundred medals and representing India for 7 years as a member of the Indian rifle shooting team, she set out on a transformative journey to start her own social enterprise, through which she has impacted thousands of underprivileged children over the last 4 years. A 5-time TEDx speaker, Priyal is one of the Generation Equality Allies selected by UN Women India and also one of the top content creators on LinkedIn who is a part of their maiden creator accelerator program through which she is supporting women-owned small businesses in India.
MARINEL UBALDO | 25, PHILIPPINES

Marinel is currently undertaking a Masters in Environmental Management at Duke University. She has served as the Philippines Country Coordinator for UN COY16 Glasgow while co-leading the implementation of the Local Conference of Youth 2021. Marinel has been active in educating communities, especially the youth and children about climate change and the roles they can take to adapt and mitigate to its effects. She spoke to world leaders on behalf of Filipinos in international climate conferences. She is a petitioner of the National Inquiry on Climate Change. Her global campaign with Amnesty International calling on the Philippines Government to ensure relocation of Super-Typhoon Haiyan survivors generated 528,070 actions around the world.

Areas of work
- Climate Change
- Feminist Movements and Leadership
- Gender-based Violence

PHATTEeya (Grace) Yongsanguanchai | 17, THAILAND

Grace, a junior at the Thai-Chinese International School, is a strong advocate for youth empowerment and climate action. She was selected as a Thai Red Cross Youth representative in the Southeast Asia Youth Network and a Thai delegate to the United Nation’s Youth4Climate event. She advocates for climate action by presenting to ASEAN ministers, ambassadors, the Parliament, and the public. Grace is the founder of PeACEbyYouths, a youth network advocating against violence and conflict in Thai society. She values dedication & hard work and believes that youth can bring transformative change.

Areas of work
- Climate Change
ANGELA ZHONG | 19, CHINA

Angela Zhong is a first-generation Asian-American Harvard student hailing from Houston, Texas. She is a sophomore studying economics with a secondary in environmental science public policy. Though she is currently on a gap year, she previously served as her school’s Undergraduate Council Executive Cabinet and researched the intersections between gender representation and peacebuilding under a UN SDG Advocate. She also serves as a team lead on the Harvard College Consulting Group’s plant-based meat substitute case, the Council of Student Sustainability Leaders, the Presidential Committee on Sustainability Scope 3 Emissions Group, and the student-faculty Dining Services Council. Additionally, Angela was an ambassador on the USA Debate Development Team and hopes to centre marginalized voices through a career in international public service. Angela has represented youth at the US Institute of Peace Conference, the Rotary World Peace Conference, the ECOSOC Youth Conference, the World Food Programme Presentations, and the Conference of Youth (UKCOY16) prior to COP26.
RIJVE AREFIN  |  28, BANGLADESH

Rijve Arefin is a multi-award-winning community development practitioner and a dedicated youth activist. He has been named a Forbes 30 Under 30 and highlighted as the Featured Honoree for Social Impact. He also received The Diana Award - the most prestigious accolade a young person can receive for their humanitarian work, continuing Princess Diana’s legacy. He is the co-founder and co-chair of the global youth organization, Awareness 360, which has directly benefited more than 1.1 million individuals worldwide under his leadership.

Areas of work
+ Gender-based Violence
+ Agenda 2030 and the SDGs
+ Preventing Violent Extremism

ZAHRA AL HILALY  |  22, AUSTRALIA

Zahra is a first-generation Australian from Palestine and Iraq. As a freelance journalist, Zahra believes story-telling will change the world. She is the co-chair of the Western Australia Youth Government Council, a MYAN and YWCA National Ambassador and acts as a Board Director for Missing Perspectives. She was the youth core-group representative for the Generation Equality Forum, part of the team that helped pledge 4.1 billion for gender equality. In 2021 she was the inaugural Under 25’s Asian-Australian of the Year, and in 2022 she was named the Multicultural Young Person of the Year.

Areas of work
+ Economic Justice and Rights
+ Feminist Movements and Leadership
+ Displaced/Immigration
+ Migrant Space
+ Women’s Political Empowerment
Dr. Elise Stephenson is a researcher and entrepreneur in diplomacy, national security, government, politics, climate justice, and gender and sexuality. Elise has travelled over 75,000kms by road across rural and remote Australia connecting with communities around gender equality, the environment, and leadership, plus working across Southeast Asia on youth empowerment, entrepreneurship, and political engagement. Elise’s work focuses on intervening at critical junctures to ensure equality, justice, and regeneration in international affairs. Elise is a research fellow at the Global Institute for Women’s Leadership and is the Gender, Space and National Security Fellow at the National Security College, ANU. She is recognized by Google as one of Australia’s Top 50 Outstanding LGBTIQ+ Leaders and is a 2022 Fulbright Scholar.

Hanlu Hu is a Research Consultant at ILGA World. Holding a Master’s degree in International Affairs from the Geneva Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, she is a passionate queer feminist committed to driving gender equality through dialogues and partnerships. With internship experience at UNIDO and UNICEF, she has also served as a youth envoy for EQUALS-EU, promoting digital gender equity in Europe. Hanlu will pursue an MSc in International Project Management at ESCP Business School.
LOUISE D.G. MABULO | 23, PHILIPPINES

Louise Mabulo is a chef, farmer, and entrepreneur. She is the Founder of The Cacao Project, which cultivates resilient and Climate-smart livelihoods, positioning farmers for sustainable success in San Fernando, Camarines Sur, Philippines. Mabulo is a National Geographic Young Explorer, Young Champion of the Earth under UNEP, Forbes Asia’s ‘30 Under 30’ honouree, Young Activist Summit Laureate, and a member of Tatler’s ‘Generation T’. She has hosted the online series, '#GenGeo Conversations' and hosted the online cooking show 'Simply Sarap' under the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs.

Areas of work
+ Climate Change
+ Feminist Movements and Leadership

HAFSAH MUHEED | 26, SRI LANKA

Hafsah is an intersectional feminist, human rights advocate & sustainability practitioner with 7+ years of grassroots experience on gender, wellbeing, climate change, peacebuilding and human rights. She serves on the Board of Sri Lanka Unites, a member of the Members Advisory Group of CIVICUS; Secretary for the Adolescent & Youth Constituency, and member of the Global Steering Committee at PMNCH & as the Vice Curator of the Global Shapers Hub Colombo 2022/23 at the World Economic Forum. Hafsah founded Amplifying Impact, a feminist organization that focuses on being inclusive by being accessible. She was recognized as a Women Deliver Young Leader and represented Sri Lanka at YOUNGA 2020.

Areas of work
+ Feminist Movements and Leadership
+ Economic Empowerment for Women
+ Gender-based Violence
+ Climate Change
+ Peacebuilding
+ Health and SRHR
+ Humanitarian Action
+ Digital Safety
+ Labor Rights
+ Disability Rights
SANJANA CHHANTYAL | 28, NEPAL

Sanjana is a Fulbright Scholar, MBA graduate, and works in the Private Equity and Venture Capital industry. She founded the Next Steps Project to help aspiring students make informed academic decisions. She is a member of USAID Youth Excel’s Global Youth Advisory Council. She volunteers as Project Officer in SDSN Youth’s program that helps SDG-focused start-ups globally become investment ready. She co-founded the Stree-Shakti Project that aims to prepare young women to take on leadership roles in Nepal’s Energy sector.

Areas of work
+ Economic Justice and Rights
+ Finance and Data Analytics
+ Entrepreneurship and Start-ups

NALA AMIRAH | 17, INDONESIA

Nala Amirah is a 17-year old Indonesian youth climate activist who aspires to create meaningful and prosperous change in the climate movement and food systems. She also champions climate education and women empowerment within her climate work and has founded Green Welfare Indonesia, Indonesia’s first youth led non-profit organization that primarily strives for environmental and social sustainability through advocating against unethical livestock farming & unsustainable agriculture with plant-based approaches. Green Welfare Indonesia has also introduced the world’s first waqf hydroponics concept.

Areas of work
+ Climate Change
+ Agenda 2030 and the SDGs
+ Feminist Movements and Leadership
EMMANUEL PONON   |   21, PHILIPPINES

Mirus Ponon is a youth advocate who started volunteering at 9. He is the founder of the ASEAN Youth Advocates Network for the Southeast Asian youth to be engaged citizens. He has been invited to speak more than 500 times globally, including with the United Nations. He has been acknowledged as a 25 Under 25 Legacy Awardee, Young Global Changemakers Awardee, Global Teen Leader, and Outstanding Jose Rizal Model Student. Outside his organization, he also serves in the World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature Philippines, the Manila Youth Development Council, the National Youth Commission, and continues to volunteer and mentor young individuals.

Areas of work
+ Economic Justice and Rights
+ Women, Peace and Security
+ Agenda 2030 & the SDGs

MELATI WIJSEN   |   21, INDONESIA

Melati is a 21-year-old full time changemaker. She founded Bye Bye Plastic Bags at the age of 12 to make Bali plastic bag free. Since then, Melati has spoken on world stages such as TED & the UN, recently co-chaired the World Economic Forum GPAP committee, sat on the inaugural Expert Advisory Panel for the Earthshot Prize, & has had her film, Bigger Than Us, premiere at the 74th Cannes Film Festival 2021. Today, Melati launched her new company, YOUTHTOPIA, focusing on youth empowerment through short, meaningful peer-to-peer programs to provide youth the tools they need to be changemakers.

Areas of work
+ Climate Change
+ Agenda 2030 and the SDGs
+ Economic Empowerment for Women
ALINA ALAM  |  29, INDIA

Alina started Mitti Cafe at the age of 23 with the dream of showing the world the magic of abilities. Mitti Cafés provides experiential training and employment to adults with physical, intellectual and psychiatric disabilities. The organisation’s outreach initiative helps create awareness about inclusion and disability rights. Alina is a Tedx speaker, has been featured in the Forbes list of 30 under 30 Asia, and is a Commonwealth Youth Awardee. She has received the Niti Aayog-Women Transforming India Award, Hellen Keller Award, United Nations Intercultural Innovation Award, Karnataka Women Achievers Award, Times of India-She Unlimited Award, Rotary Exemplar Award, Microsoft Nipman Award, Tiecon Young female Entrepreneur of the Year Award, amongst others.

VANDITA MORARKA  |  28, INDIA

Vandita Morarka is a human rights lawyer, feminist researcher and organiser. They are the Founder and CEO of One Future Collective - their work here develops feminist leadership capacities for social change while supplementing efforts through knowledge co-creation, re-imagining advocacy and feminist justice efforts. Vandita is a fellow with Acumen, Change.org, Swedish Institute, WEL - Qatar Foundation, a Global Shaper at the World Economic Forum, and serves on the board of CIVICUS. Their work has reached over 2 million people.
Dhwani Rupali Vani is a young space scientist and researcher with a passion for making a difference in the world. She aspires to represent females in the field of STEM and space science. She is the founder of two organizations: EcoRevo, which focuses on climate action, and sustainable environment, and One.Step is a youth empowerment organization that provides mentoring. Recently, Dhwani has been working with the We Can We Will Foundation, providing educational support and extracurricular activities for underprivileged children.
MADHAV DATT  |  25, INDIA

Madhav Datt’s work pioneers low-cost technology and data driven solutions to help local communities in environmental crises across the world. Madhav founded Green the Gene as a small environmental club in his school when he was 8 years old. Since then, Green the Gene has become one of the world’s largest completely youth-led environmental non-profits, with projects in 62 countries. Madhav co-founded Nostos Homes, a non-profit building homes for forcibly displaced people. Madhav was named to the Forbes 30 Under 30 list in 2021, and is a 2019 Diana Legacy Award Recipient.

areas of work
+ Technology and Innovation
+ Climate Change
+ Displaced/Immigration

NET SUPATRAVANIJ  |  29, THAILAND

Net Supatravanij is the Co-founder of ila. She is passionate about using innovative business models to tackle gender inequalities. With ila’s app ALLY, she envisions a smarter, safer world for women. Net is the winner of the UN Women Youth Leadership award for Thailand 2021, recipient of Thailand’s Department of Women’s Affairs Outstanding Woman of the Year 2022 and currently sits on the advisory board of B Corp’s B Lab UK.

areas of work
+ Technology and Innovation
+ Feminist Movements and Leadership
+ Safe Spaces
SABRINA (SAM) MELISSANDE TAMAYO
| 27, PHILIPPINES

Sam Tamayo is passionate about technology, social innovation, and sustainable development. Currently, she is pursuing an MSc in UCL as a Chevening Scholar. In 2018, she started Project SMILE, a youth-led NGO whose main advocacy is to uplift the lives of neglected and underprivileged Filipinos - one act of kindness at a time. Under her leadership, Project SMILE has mobilized thousands of young people, has received local and international recognition, and most importantly, has impacted the lives of over 40,000 Filipinos-in-need.

AYESHA AMIN | 31, PAKISTAN

Ayesha is a social and tech entrepreneur and a gender justice activist. She is the Founder and CEO of ‘Baithak - Challenging Taboos’ that has impacted lives of over 200K girls and women in the field of SRHR. Her most recent initiative is ‘Gul’, an AI powered voice assistant to educate young men and women about their SRHR in local languages using WhatsApp. She has been honored with several awards by the President of Pakistan, Ministry of IT, and Youth Ministry of Pakistan.
Dr. Preeti Shakya is a physician, writer, feminist activist and social impact entrepreneur from Nepal. She is passionate about bringing the underserved communities closer to health equity and addressing health disparities at the intersections of entrepreneurship, advocacy and community engaged programmatic health equity initiatives. She is the Founder and CEO of Maatri Nepal; a non-profit working to advance maternal health by preventing maternal deaths owing to post-partum haemorrhage in Nepal. She also founded Project In Her Hands— a volunteer initiative to combat menstrual stigma and promote menstrual equity in Nepal. Preeti is the recipient of the D-Prize Award 2021. She was also awarded the Student Projects for Health Award for Project In Her Hands in 2018.
A network of gender equality champions driving dialogue, action, and positive change.