YOUNG DIPLOMATS FORUM

Unlock your potential
“Most humbling and inspiring weeks of my life”

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Alexandra Mills - YDF 2016 London
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The Young Diplomats Forum (YDF) is set up to recognise, enhance and develop the next generation of senior diplomats. This community of exceptionally bright and accomplished future leaders will gain further insight, tools and opportunities to engage with key stakeholders at a crucial time in their careers and broaden their connections to influence global leaders. Our Forum will present an opportunity for interaction and the development of skills for future senior diplomats and future leaders. The Young Diplomats Forum is set up to recognise, enhance and develop the next generation of diplomats and leaders.
The YDF will play host to an exceptional elite of young diplomats from across the world in a weeklong event that develops their skills and knowledge in areas around international affairs.

The forum includes exciting field trips, interactive workshops, simulations, case studies, presentations and speeches from leaders from the diplomatic world. The event will excel in facilitating exchange of ideas and fostering international relationships.

“Creating a global community”
Previous and Upcoming YDF'S:

TURKEY
Ankara
2013

MEXICO
Querétaro
2014

UNITED KINGDOM
London
2014

GREECE
Athens
2015

UNITED KINGDOM
London
2015

UNITED KINGDOM
London
2016

CROATIA
Zagreb
2016

LATVIA
Riga
2017

UNITED KINGDOM
London
2017

Malaysia
Kuala Lumpur
2018

UNITED KINGDOM
London
2018
We aim to assemble a unique task force community of young leaders. These exceptionally bright individuals will come from across the world and meet annually in different international locations to enhance their knowledge in international affairs and diplomacy. The task force will be responsible for developing high level policy documents regarding major challenges/issues that our facing our world today.

We attract active young leaders, inspirational citizens of the world, and passionate individuals in their eld. The Young Diplomats Forum was created to develop the next generation of global leaders who present the main actors of the Forum and have to carry out research on the various topics.

The YDF gives you the unique opportunity to contribute to the international community through developing recommendations and consultations on key global issues from a young leadership perspective.

Participants turn their ideas into solid recommendations and initiatives. As one would expect from a community of young leaders, the experience is unique to everyone and we allow them to explore and initiate new ideas beyond the event.

“Create a lasting legacy”
WHY ATTEND?

- **Knowledge**: Contribute to the debate on global diplomatic agendas.
- **Skills**: Meet and interact with diplomats, ambassadors, Ministers, Members of the Parliament, Government's officials, journalists, academics, and diplomacy experts.
- **Workshops on Smart Diplomacy**
- **Increase your knowledge, contacts and skills sets to boost your career**
- **Create a lasting legacy of Young Diplomat Forum 2017**
The week-long forum aims to tackle some of the leading global issues but from the perspective of the youth.
2017 is set to be yet another challenging year for the International Community. The Global Diplomatic Forum has marked the 2017 Global Affairs Agenda and through the YDF we will assess the development and impact they may have in the coming years.

We bring the best of the Global Diplomatic Forum’s knowledge and content to our programs. This comes from years of work with our stakeholders on the most challenging issues the world faces.

We drive youth leadership throughout our programmes. We understand it’s about drive and intellectual curiosity to tackle tough challenges. By developing your leadership skills, we believe you open up opportunities for the future.
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“The YDF was perhaps the best international conference I have ever attended! It was an enlightening experience and through the GDF I’ve met some of the most brilliant young minds on earth and made what I know will be lifelong connections and friendships. The quality of the presenters and their experiences were world class and has certainly taught me a lot. I would recommend the YDF for any student or young professional interested in international affairs and diplomacy”

- ROMMELL ST. HILL - ATTORNEY AT LAW / INTERNATIONAL TRADE CONSULTANT - BARBADOS
CULTURE AND HISTORY

The forum is an opportunity to experience the cultural wealth of the host city via visits to cultural and historical attractions.
INSTITUTIONAL VISITS

The forum offers delegates sessions at key institutional visits.
“Amazing experience”

"Young Diplomats Forum was an amazing experience. As an Israeli, it was inspiring to meet young leaders from countries like Pakistan, Morocco, Libya and Iraq, and discover that everyone has a common dream of peace and better future for our region. I had the honour to represent my country at the multilateral international arena, and the friends I made will stay with me on my way forward."

David Gurevich, 32, Haifa, Israel
PAST DELEGATES WERE FEMALE

We are focused on supporting the growing generation of female leaders in diplomacy.
PARTICIPANTS PER SECTOR

- Students and Graduates: 40%
- Private Sector: 20%
- Govt and Diplomatic Officials: 40%
GROWING ALUMNI

We aim to support our alumni in continuing to help them make an impact in their home countries and communities through sharing knowledge, developing global projects and enhancing their professional developments.

ACCESS TO REPORTS

YDF Alumni will have access to reports and publications that have been produced by the Global Diplomatic Forum.

ACCESS TO EVENTS

YDF Alumni will have access to all our events for free (excluding YDF).
If successful, applicants will work with our team in preparation for their participation.

Applicants will receive a decision within 14 days, in which they will be informed by email whether or not they were successful.

Applications to be sent via email to ydf@gdforum.org. CV and a personal statement of 500 words.
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