Changemaker Foundation Programme

APPLICANT GUIDE

Entry September 2023 - Kakuma, Kenya
Welcome to Amala

We are looking for our fourth cohort of changemakers who want to develop their skills in order to make a difference in their community. The Changemaker Foundation Programme is a transformative learning programme that was launched by Amala in collaboration with United World Colleges (UWC) and their partner, Rise, to support the education and onward pathways of young people in Kakuma camp, Kenya.

During the programme, you will develop your social entrepreneurship and leadership skills, and gain access to new educational and training opportunities, including the Rise Challenge and even a potential scholarship to attend a UWC school.

We first launched the Changemaker Foundation Programme in January 2021 and have since had three cohorts succeed through the programme. Several of our graduates from previous cohorts went on to receive UWC scholarships to attend a UWC school, and one student became a Rise Global 100 Winner!

We are very excited to open up applications for a fourth class of students, which will start in September 2023! The programme will give you a chance to plan and implement your very own social initiative around a topic of your choosing. Our students from the first cohort launched Project21, an initiative improving the lives of marginalised groups in Kakuma.

Together with our team in Kakuma, we look forward to warmly welcoming you to the Changemaker Foundation Programme.

Ajak Mayen Jok
Amala Programme Coordinator
Kakuma, Kenya
This programme has changed many things within myself, as well as my community. This programme has changed my attitude, mindset and has also given me a hope that no condition is permanent, everything changes like the seasons and also has reminded me that hard work pays off. I have hope, as do all of us uwc-amala students.

Martin, Amala Changemaker Alumnus 2021

This programme has encouraged us to think about how we connect with the world and people around us, and how often we can engage in creative and intellectually-stimulating activities.

Shukuru, Amala Changemaker Alumnus 2022

The projects we did with my teammates and tasks were evidence that we dedicated ourselves somewhere. Doing something at your best level makes the perfect role. I will actually use it on a daily basis to engage my teammates to make changes and work hand in hand with them to bring the project into reality.

Ring, Amala Changemaker Alumnus 2021
Join Us

Are you..

- Between the age of 14-17 and currently enrolled in secondary school in Kakuma Camp?

- Wanting to develop skills to become a changemaker in your community?

- Interested in gaining access to new educational and training opportunities, including Rise...

If so, the Changemaker Foundation Programme is for you!

We are looking for an exceptional new cohort of young people who want to serve their communities by learning new academic, personal development and social skills.

This brochure will help you learn more about the Changemaker Foundation Programme, what you will learn, where it can take you and how to apply. We encourage you to read this brochure carefully before applying.

“I now know strategies to solve community issues through techniques I have learned from the UWC-Amala Changemaker Programme. I have learned about 17 sustainable development goals to solve problems around the world.”

Zezo
Amala Changemaker Alumnus 2022
The Changemaker Foundation Programme

The Changemaker Foundation Programme was launched by Amala in collaboration with United World Colleges (UWC) and their new partnership with Rise, to support the education and onward pathways of young people in Kakuma camp, Kenya. The programme is a chance for you to become a changemaker in your community, and gain access to new educational and training opportunities, including Rise.

Components

The Changemaker Foundation Programme includes:

- A **Social Entrepreneurship course** where you will learn about the role that social entrepreneurs can play in solving challenges and explore how to make change in your own communities through designing and implementing a project that does social good.

- A series of **support sessions & workshops** to help you apply to Rise; a programme that finds promising young people and provides opportunity for life as they work to serve others.
How you will study

It is a part-time programme, lasting **24 weeks**, starting from the end of September 2023.

The timing of the programme is flexible so that you can continue other commitments, such as working or taking other classes, at the same time. The time commitment is approximately **10 hours per week**

**In-person learning** (6 hours per week) - each Saturday you will come together with your class and facilitators at the Amala Learning Centre. Your facilitator will guide this part of the learning, which will include exercises and in-class discussions as well as group work.

The programme involves active engagement within the community, either in the form of impact projects or initiatives. The role of the facilitator is to support you in your learning, by guiding the class through activities involved in the programme, supporting you to make sense of your learning, and creating an inclusive learning community.

**Online independent learning** - (4 hours per week), you will study independently online, using Amala’s online platform, Aula, which is the virtual Amala classroom. The Aula platform is designed for online engagement and to support interaction and peer-to-peer learning. You will also submit assignments on Aula and will receive feedback from your facilitator. This study will be done flexibly in your own time for four hours during the week.
"If my actions inspire others to dream more, learn more and do more, then I am a leader. These leadership skills will give me a chance to apply the knowledge I have to the people around me to influence them and impact them positively."

Hamdan
Amala Changemaker Alumnus 2021
Admissions

Eligibility criteria

We are looking for an exceptional new cohort of young people who:

- Are between **14-17 years old**
- Currently enrolled in **secondary school** in Kakuma, Kenya
- Passionate about making a **positive impact on their community** and the world
- Want to **develop skills** in leadership, conflict resolution, problem analysis, innovation, wellbeing, embracing diversity and critical engagement
- Want to **improve their english** for both academic and work purposes
- Want to **make friends** with people from different countries and backgrounds

Selection criteria

As we select students, we will be looking for potential in the following areas:

- Ability to put a plan into action
- Passionate about making positive impact on your community and the world
- Motivation to learn and continuously develop
- Empathy and an interest to help others
- Ability to motivate and influence others towards change
- Academic potential

You will be asked about these eligibility criteria when you fill out an application for the Programme.

We encourage you to keep the selection criteria in mind as you fill out your application for the programme.
How to apply

There are two stages to the application process

1. **Application:** You will fill in a short application form on Amala’s website (www.amalaeducation.org/study-with-us). The application form has six sections, where we will ask you about your background, your motivation to study with Amala and your education goals. The application form will take you between 30 - 90 minutes to complete.

   **Apply here:**
   [https://www.amalaeducation.org/study-with-us](https://www.amalaeducation.org/study-with-us)

   If you have any problems filling in the online application form, please contact Lukambo Luundo lukambo@amalaeducation.org +254798656890 or Ajak Mayen Jok mayen@amalaeducation.org +254704256473

2. **Selection Day:** If you are shortlisted, you will be invited to an in person selection day which will include a short interview.

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**Key dates**

20 August, 2023 - Applications close
9-16 September, 2023 - Selection Days
30 September, 2023 - Programme starts
March 2023 - Graduation

*Please note that these dates may be subject to change.*

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“Indeed change is inevitable”

I have learned how to be a great leader and change my community by changing their mindset. This is because they believe that a girl is not meant to learn or change but I have wronged them by showing my hard work, perseverance, sacrifice for them and how I love to make my community a little better than it was."Indeed change is inevitable".

Falastin
Amala Changemaker Alumnus
2021
About

Amala
Amala uses the power of education to transform the lives of refugees, their communities and the world. Amala has developed the first international high school curriculum for young people who are displaced. We also offer short programmes in areas such as Peace-building, Ethical Leadership, and Social Entrepreneurship.

UWC
UWC (United World Colleges) is a global movement that makes education a force to unite people, nations and cultures for peace and a sustainable future. UWC has a network of 18 international schools on four continents, with volunteer-run national committees in more than 150 countries. Today, 10,780 students from over 160 countries attend UWC schools.

Rise
Rise is a program that finds promising young people and provides opportunity for life as they work to serve others.

"Understanding oneself is something vital. Knowing your weaknesses and strengths gives one the ability to tackle everyday hurdles. Through this course I learned how to know my personality and how I may respond to the things around me."

Ring
Amala Changemaker Alumnus
2021
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