

OUR FUTURE OUR VOICES

A VIRTUAL SUMMIT
BY, FOR, AND WITH
YOUNG PEOPLE



CALLING YOUNG CHANGE MAKERS! APPLY NOW TO BE A SPEAKER IN IYF'S VIRTUAL SUMMIT!

The week of October 19-23, 2020, [IYF](#) will host ***Our Future, Our Voices***, a virtual summit by, for, and with young people. Speakers will lead conversations about how to build a more just, equitable, and sustainable future, engaging other young leaders, aspiring change makers, and allies from the corporate, government, funder, and nonprofit sectors.

Young people are leading the charge for change and creating a future for us all. IYF is committed to making ***Our Future, Our Voices*** an inclusive platform that amplifies diverse ideas and identities. That's where you come in!

- ▶ *Do you have a **story** of social change to tell?*
- ▶ *Can you share a model or **strategy** that has positive impact on a societal problem?*
- ▶ *Can you teach other change makers a must-have **skill**?*

If so, keep reading to learn how to [apply](#) to lead a session!

SUMMIT THEMES

Our Future, Our Voices will convene along three thematic tracks that align with clusters of the United Nations [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs).

TRACK 1

Ensure that all human beings can fulfill their potential and live with dignity, equality, and health.

PEOPLE

TRACK 2

Protect the planet so it can support the needs of present and future generations.

PLANET

TRACK 3

Build a prosperous, ethical, and sustainable economy that works for everyone--including the most vulnerable.

PROSPERITY

SESSION FORMATS

We encourage applicants to think creatively in their session proposals – we are not looking for another generic panel discussion! Strong session proposals will have a specific focus with practical, action-oriented takeaways, and will use one of these formats:

Storytellers

These 10-15-minute sessions, followed by Q&A, focus on telling your story of social change, including what inspired you to act, how you are helping to solve a social problem, and your vision for the future.

For more detailed guidance on session formats, please refer to the last page of this document.

Skill-builders

These 45-minute interactive workshops focus on leading activities that will transfer a specific must-have skill to other young changemakers.

Strategists

These 20-30-minute sessions, followed by Q&A, focus on demonstrating or presenting how to – or how not to – create community change by diving into a specific model, tool, framework, or strategy for making an impact on a social problem.



HOW TO APPLY

The application for session proposals can be completed online at: <https://bit.ly/OFOV2020>

Session proposals will be reviewed on a rolling basis; we encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible. Applications may not be considered if received after **August 9th, 2020**.

APPLICATION DETAILS

The online application consists of three sections:

- 1. Speaker Information** – details about yourself and up to two (2) additional speakers for your session:
 - **Contact information:** full name, email address, WhatsApp number
 - **Demographic information:** age, location, country of origin, gender identity, race/ethnicity, education, and occupation
- 2. Session Information** – details about the session you would like to lead:
 - Session title, thematic focus (**People, Planet, or Prosperity**), and preferred format (**Storyteller, Strategist, or Skill-builder**)
 - The problem, issue, or challenge your session will address and why it is important to you
 - Primary audience and geographic focus of your session (if any)
 - What participants will gain by attending your session – specific knowledge or skills, a model, tool, or framework, etc. – and how you will make your session engaging
- 3. ICT & Logistics Information** – details about your ICT access and your availability:
 - Internet connectivity
 - Access to devices such as laptop/tablet, webcam, and microphone
 - Accessibility needs
 - Availability and commitment to work with the Summit team in August & September to prepare your session



FAQs



Who should apply to lead a session? Whether you're working in your school, local community, city, country, or the world – impacting 5 people or 500,000 – if you're a young person creating positive change and you're excited to share your experience with others, we want you to apply! We are open to considering applications from people of all backgrounds and ages, and we strongly encourage youth from marginalized or underserved communities to apply.



Is there an age limit for speakers? We will consider speakers of all ages, but most selected speakers will be young people. We're defining this broadly as ages 10-35.



What types of session topics are we looking for? We want to hear from young people about how they are creating a more just, equitable, and sustainable future, so this can include a wide range of topics. If you want to see examples of possible session topics, please visit our [event webpage](#). You could also look at the [17 SDGs](#) for inspiration. The ***Our Future, Our Voices*** Youth Advisory Committee identified some key topics or themes they want to see discussed during the Summit, so we are definitely interested in session proposals that address age-based barriers, gender equity & intersectional feminism, mental health, racial justice, issues impacting indigenous communities, issues impacting people with disabilities, or issues impacting LGBTQ+ people. However, as long as your idea works with our Summit themes of **People, Planet, or Prosperity**, we'll consider it!



Who is reviewing session proposals? Completed session proposal applications will be reviewed by members of the ***Our Future, Our Voices*** Youth Advisory Committee, as well as IYF staff.



When will you hear about the status of your application? We will begin contacting applicants about their session proposals on August 3, 2020, beginning with people who applied earliest.



What happens if your session proposal is selected? The Summit team will be in touch to share resource documents and, depending on the format of your session, will schedule coaching and/or training sessions to help you prepare your session. Storytellers and Strategists will be expected to pre-record their sessions no later than mid-September.

If you have other questions, contact us at summit@iyfnet.org!

SESSION FORMAT GUIDANCE

Session Type	Storytellers	Strategists	Skill-builders
Length	10-15 minutes long	20-30 minutes long	30-45 minutes long
Number of Speakers	Recommended 1 or 2	Recommended 1 or 2	Up to 3
Focus of Content	Tell your story of social change! What inspired you to take action? What is the problem you are working to solve? How are you helping to solve it? What is the impact of your solution? What is your vision for a new future? Why is this issue important to you?	Demonstrate or present how to – or how <u>not</u> to – create a specific change in your community! Share a model, tool, framework, or strategy for making a positive impact on a social problem. What leads to its success? What have you learned from mistakes along the way? We want details!	Transfer a specific must-have skill to other changemakers! What's something you think everyone working in social change should know how to do? How will you teach that skill to Summit participants? What is different or unique about your approach to this skill? These sessions are not just demonstrations or presentations – they are practice!
Pre-Event Expectations	We will work with Storytellers through a blend of coaching and sharing resources to help session leaders prepare and pre-record their sessions.	We will work with Strategists through a blend of coaching and sharing resources to help session leaders prepare, and in <i>most</i> cases pre-record, their sessions.	We will work with Skill-builders through a blend of training, coaching, and sharing resources to help session leaders prepare an interactive, activity-based virtual workshop.
Presentation Day Expectations	Storytellers should also plan to be available for a live session during the Summit to answer follow-up questions and chat with participants once their 10-15-minute session is broadcast. Q&A sessions may take place via text chat in the Summit platform and/or via live video conversation with a moderator.	Strategists should also plan to be available for a live session during the Summit to answer follow-up questions and chat with participants once their 20-30-minute session is broadcast. Q&A sessions may take place via text chat in the Summit platform and/or via live video conversation with a moderator.	Skill-builder sessions will be hosted live during the Summit via the Zoom meeting application; session leaders can make use of Zoom's participation features, including breakout rooms.
Accessibility Accommodations	Pre-recorded sessions will have captions added to make these sessions fully accessible for people with hearing impairments. Other accessibility options are also being explored.		We will work with session leaders and participants in live sessions to make accessibility accommodations whenever possible.

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