

Jóvenes Innovadores



Youth-Driven Systems Change

Jóvenes Innovadores strengthens how vocational systems in Arequipa, Peru connect young people with high-growth industries, particularly clean energy and information technology. With the support of the Anglo American Foundation, IYF works alongside technical institutes, employers, and educators to align curricula with labor market demand and improve teaching practices. What distinguishes this model is the role of youth in shaping how systems function: through a Youth Leadership Advisory Committee, young people contribute to program design and lead strategies that shift how communities understand career opportunities in emerging fields. Rather than operating outside existing structures, the model builds on institutional capacity and addresses structural conditions that limit participation, including gender-based exclusion. Through these systems-level improvements, the program aims to connect thousands of young people with the skills, knowledge, and support needed to access quality employment and greater economic mobility.

At A Glance

Location(s):

Arequipa, Peru.

Program Type:

Making Vocational Systems Work for Youth.

Industry:

IT & Telecommunications, Green Hydrogen/Solar Energy Installation & Maintenance, Energy (General).

Key Elements:

Life Skills Development, Technical Training, Youth-Influenced System and Curriculum, Employer Engagement, and Behavioral Change Campaign.

By The Numbers



1,1700+
young participants.



45%
of participants are women.



270+
educators trained to replicate the model, strengthening local capacity to serve youth.

"I truly value having a space like this where I can feel supported and start believing in myself."

– Ruth, program graduate

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