THE S4YE YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP (YAG)

To tackle youth unemployment, young people must have a greater say in the policies that directly affect them!
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Solutions for Youth Employment (S4YE) is a global program that brings together donors, governments, foundations, private sector companies, NGOs, and youth to identify, curate, learn from and scale up innovations in youth employment programs.

S4YE's Mission
To help address systemic and persistent unemployment and lack of quality jobs for youth across the world, S4YE’s mission is to identify, curate, learn from and scale up innovations in youth employment programs.
The YAG and its principles

S4YE recognizes the importance of including youth voices in our work and has therefore worked on expanding the S4YE Youth Advisory Group (YAG). The YAG provides valuable input on various S4YE and World Bank workstreams related to the youth employment agenda. The current members of the YAG are working on projects related to: disabilities, health, circular economy, indigenous peoples, refugees and inclusion, the orange economy, education as well as tech and digitalization. Guided among others on the principles of:

- Diversity
- Respect
- Innovation
- Capacity building
- Knowledge sharing
Nitcharee Peneakchanaonasak (Thun)  
Thailand  

Lead Youth Advocate, helping youth with disabilities raise their voice on barriers to quality jobs.  

"Actions speak louder than words"  

Thun
Olusola Owonikoko  
Nigeria

Executive Director of Stanforte Edge where he is driving inclusive development through ICT.

"...With rising population growth, insecurity, food shortage, global health challenges and the burden of climate change that humanity is faced with, the resourcefulness of our youth is our opportunity..." Olusola
Dissa Ahdanisa
Indonesia

Founder of Fingertalk connects deaf people in Indonesia and helps them find job opportunities.

"Start now and keep moving forward" Dissa
Israel Baelongandi
Congo

Founder of the Congo Innovation Academy, with the goal of empowering youth with disabilities to create their own jobs through social entrepreneurship.

“Attitude is everything” Israel.
Srishti Pandey
India

A disability rights activist based in Delhi, currently pursuing her MA in psychology. Her work focuses majorly on disability and sexuality, education and accessibility.

"It's never too late to learn and unlearn" Srishti
Adereni Abiodun
Nigeria

Founder and CEO of HelpMum, a social enterprise that leverages the power of mobile technology and uses low-cost innovations to ensure safe and healthy deliveries in rural, remote and semi-urban areas.
Savera Weerasinghe
Sri Lanka

Founder and CEO of Ananta Sustainables. She is the co-founder of Waste Action LK (WALK), a coalition for sustainable waste management.
Alexey Bolgov
Russia

Founder and CEO of Waste.Karma - A mobile app that helps to recognize recyclable waste via barcode scanning, schedules a pick-up and allows users to exchange waste for rewards.
Cherrie Atilano
Philippines

Founder and CEO of AGREA Agricultural Systems International - a for-purpose and inclusive business, that is creating the first replicable one-island economy that is zero hunger, zero waste, and zero insufficiency, - through the ‘Ecology of Dignity’ approach.
Rita Kimani
Kenya

Co-founder of FarmDrive, using mobile technology, enables farmers to track their productivity, expenses and revenues to create comprehensive credit portfolios, preparing them to access affordable financial services.
Co-founder and CEO of Kee Farms, a regenerative ocean farm network focused on growing seaweed and oysters with the aim of reducing greenhouse gases and increasing biodiversity in oceanic ecosystems.
Lemnec Tiller
Colombia

Co-founder of Wayuuda Foundation - aiming to strengthen access to education among indigenous communities and increase employability and economic empowerment.
Kantuta Conde
Bolivia
Coordinator of indigenous youth and children at the CEM-Aymara and member of the Latinamerican Indigenous Youth Network.
Abeera Abdullah
Somalia / Malaysia

Co-founder and Vice President of Project Stand Up, a youth initiative for and by young refugees.

"Never underestimate the little steps you take along the way! It is what built who we are today". Abeera
Dorcas Asige Apoore
Ghana

Founder of Advocacy for Social Inclusion and Girls Education (ASIGE), with the goal of improving skills and supporting financial independence among disadvantaged youth.
Seyi Oluyole
Nigeria

Seyi Oluyole is a filmmaker, choreographer and humanitarian. She is the founder and Executive Director of the Dream Nurture Initiative for girls and women.

"Every Girl deserves an opportunity to succeed irrespective of her background" Seyi
Fizza Abid  
Pakistan  

Mentee for the International Cricket Council future leaders program. She developed an athlete management system known as Crickistan that focusses on helping cricketers become better players.
Unathi September
South Africa

Co-founder at Gradesmatch - an Educational Technology and Innovation organisation that primarily provides career guidance to high school learners through a platform-based technology.
Founder of Startup Incubator Gambia, which has supported 1500 startups and created over 1000 jobs since its inception.
Engaged in entrepreneurial education as an engine to accelerate youth employment.
Samrawit Fikru
Ethiopia

Founder of Hybrid Designs, the company behind the most popular taxi app in Ethiopia, Ride.
Kaleab M. Tesema
Ethiopia

Co-founder and operational director of Minab IT Solutions PLC (HaHuJobsTM), a tech company that offers various technology-based solutions.
“My advice to my fellow youths is to discover what you are, set your vision and dream, focus on that and believe in yourself.” Benson

Benson Musabe
Uganda

Benson’s Foundation runs Uganda Computer Aid (UCAid), an initiative that organizes free I.C.T workshops for marginalized youth.
Emmanuel Alie Mansaray
Sierra Leone

Inventor and renewable energy engineer, soon a Geologist - Creator of Sierra Leone's first solar car built from waste.

"You just can't beat the person who won't give up."
Emmanuel
Roshni Anwar
Pakistan

Actively engaged in improving women’s participation in digital economic engagement, especially in rural areas.
Anna Bethune
Jamaica

Social impact strategist, systems designer, and non-profit leader.
Jaser Al Harasees
Jordan

CEO and founder of Robotna - he works to spread knowledge about science and enhance analytic skills among young people and adolescents through technology.

"The future is in the hands of our generation, we must inspire to change the world positively through technology" Jaser
Vital Sounouvou
Benin

Founder of Exportunity a virtual market space which links SMEs and digital enterprises with local and international markets.
Amine Chouaieb
Tunisia

Founder of Chifco, a start-up specializing in the Internet of Things (IoT), Machine to Machine (M2M), Machine Learning and Big Data.
Ifedayo Durosinmi
Nigeria

Managing Partner for Herconomy, a platform that connects women to each other and to opportunities such as grants, finance and jobs.
The S4YE YAG Workplan

- Regular Interactions with the group and - Innovation Calls
- Youth to youth training – Leadership and Entrepreneurship
- 1-1 mentorship - coffee talks with young leaders
- Participation in S4YE Webinars
- Youth Summit as part of the S4YE summit
- Participation in S4YE board meetings
- Videos / blogs
- S4YE Youth Engagement Report