

Youth Compact Champion's Bios 2022

Abraham Bobson Turay, 23, Sierra Leone
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Bobson is a SDG Ambassador and National Peace Ambassador for his community. As a youth activist he works with people with disabilities. He volunteered in the community during both the Ebola crisis and the mudslides that hit Sierra Leone. He has worked with youth networks including Foundation for Development and International Organization For Human Rights Development and Environment.



Ali Abusheikh, 27, Qatar
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Ali is currently studying for his Master's degree in digital humanities and societies at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU) in Doha, Qatar. However, he says he was shaped significantly by his year studying abroad in Chicago, Illinois, USA, during his undergraduate years. His time in America had a significant influence on his personal and academic development. The long-lasting relationships he built with his teachers and peers continue to serve as a wellspring of inspiration as he explores new emerging global modes of communication and expression.

Ali is a writer and the former partnerships coordinator for a non-profit youth-led writing organization called We Are Not Numbers. He considers himself a dreamer and a tea-and-book enthusiast who is Palestinian by blood, yet American in spirit. He is a youth leader and ambassador who utilizes digital tools and modalities to engage with youth and the global "other" in pursuit of understanding. Ali believes that the secret to happiness is helping others.



Anne Muthoni, 25, Kenya
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Anne is a social change agent. Her main focus is in art, climate change and technology. She is focusing on art because she is an actress and she strongly believes in the orange economy. She has worked with refugee and migrant communities in Nairobi with the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society Refugee Trust of Kenya, focusing on psychosocial health. She is also passionate about being part of activities geared towards climate change mitigation, and is fascinated with technology.



Augusto Barón, 29, Honduras
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Augusto is a Honduran leader and public health activist for whom health and its ramifications are his core passions. Currently he's a medical intern of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras, and is always extending his work into other endeavours.

Such as being actively part of the Honduran-based section of the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) and UNMGCY networks. As well as, founding a community initiative called "ColectivoSalud" focused on bridging the gap between the medical community and general population by mainly looking at ways to ease communication and providing health education, working to propel the importance of kindness and emotional intelligence as a motor to achieve sustainable development as part of the directive board of the Global Youth Alliance for Kindness (GYAK), and recently helping to produce COVID-19 oriented educational material within the new Kura Foundation.



Ekow Tachie-Mensah, 25, Ghana
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Ekow is a Ghanaian young leader dedicated to effecting social change and improving people's lives. He graduated from Central University with First Class Honours in Communication Studies. Currently, he is working with the United Nations Populations Fund Ghana as a Youth Leaders Fellow, to deliver a world where every young person's potential is fulfilled.

He is a 2020 Women Deliver Young Leader, working in advancing the health and well-being of women and girls. He volunteers with the Youth Action Movement to advocate for the Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights of young people. Ekow aspires to



become a global leader and a social entrepreneur known for developing sustainable solutions towards tackling global issues.

Hannah Etchi, 27, Cameroon
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Hannah is a young nurse who is extremely passionate about humanitarian health and clinical health care services. She is currently working with Reach Out NGO as a field nurse in implementing the WHO Primary Health Care Services, and she has previous experience working with Doctors Without Borders on the Cholera outbreak in Cameroon (2019). She is also an active volunteer with a local CSO Health Promotion Foundation For All, where she conducts health outreach in hard to reach communities. She is extremely passionate about humanitarian health.



Jigyasa Gulati, 23, India
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Jigyasa Gulati is a Master's student of Conflict Analysis and Peace Building from Nelson Mandela Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution, Jamia Millia Islamia. A passionate learner, Jigyasa is currently working as a Research Fellow and is engaged with various international non-governmental organizations, working in the field of women empowerment and interfaith dialogue in India. She was selected for a Peace Fellowship (2019-20) with Youth for Peace International. Under the fellowship, she worked as a Refugee Project Associate on a youth-led community-based peacebuilding project called Inaayat, aimed at conflict transformation and capacity building through education to children. With a Bachelor's in Political Science, her areas of interest include peacebuilding and gender equality, extending to violent extremism and arms control.

Skilled in Conflict Analysis, Conflict Transformation, and Community Engagement, she aspires to work as a Peacebuilder to bring a positive impact on the lives of the people.



Kaltumi Abdulazeez, 29, Nigeria
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Kaltumi is a humanitarian activist, peace advocate, philanthropist, women and girl-child advocate, and voice of the most vulnerable people in the community. She is currently serving as the Country Director (volunteer role) for the Global Peace Chain Nigeria, a branch of an international peace building organization with a mandate to raise global peace ambassadors. She also works with the USAID-funded Community Initiative to Promote Peace (CIPP) Program, where she oversees peace-building programs in six Nigerian states.

She's a recipient and nominee of several awards, including the Future Africa Awards 2019. She recently served as the chairperson for the Global Model United Nation Conference 2020.

She's intentional to improve her skills and has completed a certificate course in leadership at the National Training Academy (NTA) Cairo, Egypt. She is the founder of Ladies Empowerment Goals And Support Initiative (LEGASI).



Lucy Singh, 26, UK
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Lucy is a medical doctor and research fellow working with the Institute for Women's Health at University College London, and the Centre for Humanitarian Crises at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Her passion for youth engagement led to her role as the 2018-19 National Director for UK global health network 'Students for Global Health', and she now sits on their Board of Trustees. She was also active in the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) over the last 5 years. She spent time at WHO in the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child Health, where she worked on multisectoral collaboration in maternal, newborn, sexual, reproductive, child and adolescent health.

Her interests are in sexual and reproductive health and rights in humanitarian settings. Within this, she is particularly interested in public health, health systems and policy.





Musabber Ali Chisty, 26, Bangladesh
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Musabber is a Lecturer at Institute of Disaster Management and Vulnerability Studies, University of Dhaka. He is interested in working with topics related to community based disaster management and sustainable development. Youth groups are one of the key resources to bring changes in the community. To be prepared for a disaster and to ensure effective response after disaster, young people can support in every step. In this regard he has been working with different INGOs and NGOs to develop skills and capacity of young people to engage themselves in community development.



Nancy Ongom, 27, Uganda
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Nancy Ongom is a Law Graduate (LLB) from Uganda Christian University-Mukono. She is very passionate about Human Rights and Sexual Gender Based Violence (SGBV) and has recently completed a Trainer of Trainers (TOTs) certificate Course in Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR).

Nancy Ongom volunteers with Youth Led Organizations and actively engages in civic participation and was implementing a change project on Menstrual Hygiene Management before closure of schools, as well as, engaging young girls and boys in Primary schools and also introducing them to the aspect of social accountability and advocacy. Nancy Ongom is currently a member of National Youth Engagement Network (NYEN Uganda).



Pearl Odigwe 28, Italy
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Pearl is a creative person who is always actively seeking opportunities to not only develop as a person, but also be in a position to help others in my community; especially minorities and vulnerable people. She founded Migration and Migration Alignment (MAMA) to support African Migrants on that premise to support this community who have little to no opportunities in Milan. MAMA strives to help this target group adapt in the new host country as well as create inclusive opportunities and sustainability Through their project "May I?" MAMA has encouraged migrants to volunteer to support elderly and disabled people in the community during the Covid-19 pandemic.





Shahidullah Zaland, 26, Afghanistan

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Shahidullah's humanitarian work began in 2015 in response to communities fleeing to Kabul from conflict in the north. Since then he has volunteered and worked in a variety of field roles including as welfare protection officer and safety and security assistant with organisations including Danish Refugee Council and Norwegian Refugee Council. He has also initiated his own project "Khedmat" to empower young people with employability skills and provide free IT and English language classes.



Tirtharaj Koirala, 26, Nepal

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Tirtharaj is the Program Coordinator at Youth Advocacy Nepal (YAN), a youth-led movement-based organization dedicated to protecting and promoting the rights of young people through advocacy, campaigns and capacity development. He is also the founder of a group named "HerPad" that works on promoting dignified menstruation by providing awareness related to menstruation and menstrual hygiene, which also promotes reusable sanitary pads by providing training on the ways to prepare reusable pads using materials available at home. Besides this, Tirtharaj Koirala is a Public Health graduate and a Public Health Advocate. He loves to interact with young people and spread his knowledge on Public Health. He wishes to see a society that adopts sustainability and promotes healthy life through public health approaches.



Umalekshmi R, 24, India

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Umalekshmi is passionate about working in the field of humanitarian actions with a special focus on disaster responses. Umalekshmi's community got badly affected by the Kerala floods of 2018. She had two options, one was to play the role of a mere victim, and the other was to translate herself from a mere victim to a responsible and active change maker. She chose the second one. She played a major role in creating youth action groups when her community got affected by the floods. She believes that youth can play a proactive role in fighting in the frontlines of disasters. She has also conducted research into the role of social entrepreneurship in the post-disaster recovery. She is also a former Indian National Service volunteer and strong believer in their motto "Not me, but you!"



Umalekshmi is a big fan of KSRTC buses and loves doing fangirling for the same.

Valentina Bianco Hormaechea, 26, Argentina

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Valentina is a human rights activist, Fulbright scholar with a master's degree in 'Nonproliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) and Terrorism Studies' at Middlebury Institute of International Studies in the United States. She interned at the United Nations Operations and Crisis Centre (UNOCC) in 2019 and worked primarily on topics related to the Syrian war and the UN peacekeeping operations.

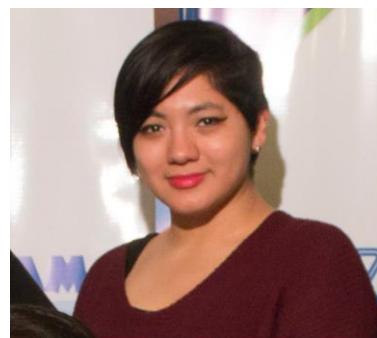
She has worked alongside young people for more than 8 years in different capacities and organizations. She has actively participated in projects related to the inclusion of indigenous communities in Latin America, youth-at-risk and criminalization of poverty, women in international security, and the situation of femicides in Argentina.



Yasmina Molly Chan, 26, Guatemala

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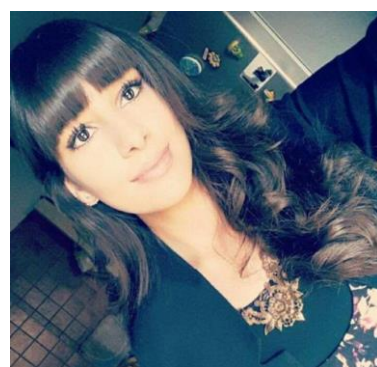
Molly is a feminist youth activist works with young women in Guatemala to advocate for access to SRH services. During the COVID-19 pandemic they have been working to ensure that young people living with HIV have access to ARV medication. Molly also coordinates a regional youth network AMUGEN and is the country coordinator for International Youth Alliance for Family Planning.



Yasmine AbuGhazaleh, 23, Palestine

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Yasmine is a youth activist from East Jerusalem. She is a BA graduate in the field of law, and a Master student of international studies. Yasmine volunteers with many associations and organisations in Palestine, including Al Soraya Centre for Community Services and Y-Peer Palestine. She also enjoys making short videos and communications tools to reach young people.



Zanji Valerie Sinkala, 25, Zambia
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Zanji is a Human Rights Activist and Investigative Journalist. Her greatest interest is to be a voice and helping hand for people affected by humanitarian crises all over the world and cushion the impact of these crises with the diverse skills and expertise she has. Growing up on the border with DRC, she was inspired to volunteer with UNHCR and Cartias to support refugees and bring stories from the refugee crisis onto radio shows.



Philippa Jane Chapman, 23, UK
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Philippa is a researcher and volunteering for youth-led grassroots organization. She is a PhD student focusing on female empowerment in the global south and the impacts of Covid-19. She is volunteering with youth-led grassroots organisation Equal Aqua Uganda (registered in both the UK and Uganda) as the Female Empowerment Director. As the Female Empowerment Director of Equal Aqua Uganda of whom has conducted a range of COVID-19 response projects such as distributing PPE and conducting virtual lockdown learning.



Joseph Mutoni Mutabazi, 28, Kenya
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Joseph was born in North Kivu of Congo, a refugee in Kenya since 2015 due to the civil war. Joseph faced plenty of difficulties as refugee for not having the documents. As a refugee youth, he joined a computer repair and maintenance course in 2016. He is working with UNHCR as Community Outreach Supervisor and helping youth and key populations (LGBTIQ) in the crisis situation. He believes in the power of young people in creating sustainable peace.

