

# 11TH UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM



AT THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE CENTRE  
BANGKOK, THAILAND | AUGUST 1 TO 4, 2023



## UNLEASH YOUR POTENTIAL TO CHANGE THE WORLD

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Have you ever felt the weight of the world on your shoulders, yearning to make a difference but feeling lost and alone in your quest? The enormity of global issues such as climate change and inequality can be overwhelming. But what if we told you that you're not alone? What if we told you that there's a whole community of passionate young leaders just like you, ready to take action and make a real impact?

Welcome to the University Scholars Leadership Symposium (USLS). Here, you'll enjoy a transformative experience that will equip you with the tools and confidence to tackle the most pressing issues. Through engaging UN workshops and inspiring talks by real-life change-makers, you'll find your voice, your purpose, and your power to make a difference.

*Begin Your Journey Here*



# BECOME A *Pioneer*

**POTENTIAL.** Develop your leadership competencies such as communication skill, public speaking, and empathy.

**INSPIRATION.** Learn from humanitarian heroes and transformational leaders through their motivational speeches.

**OPPORTUNITY.** Initiate socially meaningful projects addressing climate change, poverty, and inequality.

**NETWORKING.** Connect with like-minded peers from around the world committed to positive social change.

**ENGAGEMENT.** Participate at the Service-Learning Day and advocate for people, environment and animals.

**ENLIGHTENED.** Join our community of Global Changemakers to advance the UNSDG.

**RESOURCEFUL.** Accelerate your career in social change, advocacy work, and humanitarian affairs.

IN DRIVING *Social Change!*





## ENGAGING MINDS, ENRICHING LIVES

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"The USLS has been the greatest **blessing** I have received during my university years. During each of the talks, I was filled with many **emotions** I had never been through - we laughed, we cried and we cared but most importantly, we learnt. I am humbled, I am inspired and committed to go out and make a positive impact on the world. Most importantly, I am **confident in myself** as I got to realize that **I am not alone in this journey.**"

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ANNE WANDU  
Coventry University, United Kingdom

# HUMANITARIAN SPEAKERS

Shomy is a Forbes 30 Under 30 who currently works as a **CEE Specialist** at the US Department of State. She studied as a Schwarzman Scholar, served as Diana Legacy Award Judge, and **founded Awareness 360**, an award-winning, global, youth-led nonprofit committed to empowering young people to do community service projects in line with the UNSDGs. Over 1 million people have positively benefited from Awareness 360's work.

*Achiever*



**SHOMY CHOWDHURY**  
*Co-Founder of Awareness 360*

## SAM CAWTHORN

*Founder of Speakers Institute Group  
of Companies and Speakers Tribe*



*Survivor*

Sam's life changed forever in 2006 when he was involved in a **major car accident** which left him with an amputated right arm and a permanent disability in his right leg. Sam is an internationally acclaimed speaker, **best-selling author** (How to Bounce Forward and People Follow People among others), and has spoken at Google, BP, and other partners.

Breauna is the **Founder** and Chief Cause Consultant at **Connecting the Cause**, an organisation committed to stopping harmful volunteer practices and empowering Black and other People of Color. Breauna helps others create a positive mindset, teaches community-centric methods to build social justice, and **fight anti-Blackness**.

*Fighter*



**BREAUNA DORELUS**  
*Founder and Chief Cause Consultant  
Connecting the Cause*



# LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND KINDNESS DAY



## PEOPLE

In the midst of a bustling metropolis, where the rich and poor are worlds apart, lies a glimmer of hope - the **Duang Prateep Foundation**. As we join hands with this incredible organization, we'll journey to the heart of Bangkok's **biggest slum**. Envision the joy on the faces of these children as we ignite their imaginations and plant seeds of hope in their hearts. By lending a hand and a listening ear, we learn that every act of kindness can make a world of difference.

Join us in the **lush Mangrove Forest Conservation Center**, where we will roll up our sleeves and get our hands dirty **planting mangroves**. Imagine the sense of pride and fulfillment as we watch these new mangrove saplings take root and flourish, providing a vital source of nourishment and shelter to countless species. Amidst the lush greenery, surrounded by the playful antics of curious monkeys, we will witness the impact of our efforts in real time.

## ENVIRONMENT



## ANIMALS

Embark on a life-changing journey to an **elephant sanctuary**, where we'll connect with some of Thailand's most majestic creatures. As we experience the beauty and wonder of the **animal kingdom**, our hearts will ache as we learn of the unimaginable cruelty and abuse inflicted upon elephants in Thailand's tourism industry. Through this heart-wrenching experience, we'll leave with a deep commitment to treat all animals with the love and respect they deserve.

# WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS

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## 5 GENDER EQUALITY



### UN WOMEN

Gender inequality is still pervasive in our society, affecting women in all areas of life. UN Women champions **gender equality** and **women's empowerment**. The workshop 'STEP IT UP' will give you the tools and knowledge to become a Gender Equality Champion and contribute to achieving SDG 5. Join a network of advocates working towards creating a world where every woman can reach her fullest potential.

## 13 CLIMATE ACTION



### UNEP

As our planet faces unprecedented environmental challenges, UNEP has taken the lead in promoting sustainable development and protecting our planet. Their workshop, '**Green Jobs for Youth**', will provide insights into the latest trends and opportunities in the green economy. Engage in enlightening discussions with experts to discover how to turn your passion for the environment into a fulfilling and impactful career.

## 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



### UNHCR

Every day, thousands of people are forced to flee their homes due to conflict, persecution, or natural disasters. For refugees, movement is not a choice but a **necessity for survival**. As the world's leading refugee agency, UNHCR provides life-saving support and fights for their fundamental rights. **Walk in the shoes of a refugee** in the workshop 'Forced migration: Human Rights and Humanitarian Response'. Become a refugee advocate and join us in building a better future for all.





## INSPIRING CONFIDENCE INSPIRE CHANGE

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**JACK GROWDEN** caught himself asking this question at the USLS, "Who Am I to Make An Impact in the World." And fast forward 7 years later, Jack is a young and thriving CEO who believes in **making technology accessible** to everyone. He started by donating his own laptop to a school in Papua New Guinea and made a promise to establish a computer lab. He founded **LiteHaus International** after the USLS and, he has since impacted over **105,000 students in need**. Jack has been recognised globally as a One Young World Lead 2030 Challenge Winner for **SDG 4** and locally as a Finalist in the **2022 Queensland Young Australian of the Year Award**.

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Global Changemaker  
USLS 2017



# WHERE GLOBAL LEADERS MEET

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The USLS will be held at the **United Nations Conference Centre (UNCC)** in Bangkok, Thailand.

The UNCC is the headquarters of the **UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)**. As a specialized agency of the United Nations, UNESCAP addresses global challenges and opportunities and promotes a coordinated and integrated approach to sustainable development.

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## REGISTRATION

The fee of **USD 1,500 + 7% VAT (tax)** includes:

- ✓ 5 nights at a premium hotel
- ✓ Local transportation
- ✓ Most meals
- ✓ Volunteering activities
- ✓ UN workshops
- ✓ Certificate of participation and more



## WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR?\*

- Demonstrate leadership potential, open-mindedness, appreciation for diversity, and respect for others
- Be passionate about climate change, poverty, inequality, and related issues
- Committed to serving locally and/or globally

*\*All undergraduates, graduates, mature-age students, and young professionals are welcomed.*

# Step Forward to Serve. APPLY NOW

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1. Nominate your students or apply directly as a student by requesting the application form from our team.
2. Submit the form to our team and get ready for a life-changing experience!
3. We'll notify you if you're accepted. Then it's off to Bangkok for an unforgettable journey of Leadership, Diversity, and Global Impact.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to shape the future.

**Space is LIMITED at the UN Conference Center,  
so ACT FAST!**

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