UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM
KUALA LUMPUR, MALAYSIA
AUGUST 1 TO 7, 2019
“This is a truly life changing experience. You will be pushed through every emotion possible, learn about yourself and the world in a way that you never thought, and above all come out of the experience affirmed and supported in your ability to be the best global citizen you can be. It was one of the most humbling and inspiring weeks of my life.”

Ashley Robinson
Australia
The time is now. It is never too early to start making a difference. This question is often on the minds of today’s youth. The world faces complex challenges such as poverty, modern day slavery, peace and justice, to name a few. They seem too large for an individual to make a difference.

**How Can I Help?**

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When a young person has the desire to change the world, the next steps can be daunting. Colossal issues like climate change, hunger or inequality may seem too overwhelming for an individual. At USLS, delegates will learn from movers and shakers of the humanitarian world who have put their fears aside and started incredible initiatives of their own. They will inspire delegates to start taking baby steps into the meaningful world of humanitarian work.

USLS will impact the lives of delegates and equip them with the confidence, resources and life skills to be catalysts of positive change across the globe.

Using connections that they made at the symposium, many of our delegates have fronted initiatives in their home countries. All of them leave with a better understanding of global issues and a desire to make a difference in the world.
HOW DIFFERENT IS USLS?

For budding humanitarians, USLS is the first step of a life-long journey. After the symposium, many of our delegates gather enough courage to start initiatives of their own.

At USLS, you will discover things about yourself that you did not think existed. You will be empowered with the knowledge that you are never too powerless to make a difference.

The electrifying atmosphere at USLS will ignite your passion for humanity, drive you to step out of your comfort zone, and set your heart on a greater cause beyond self-preservation. It will challenge you to live a life of service, with passion, persistence, patience and purpose. More importantly, it will kindle the flame of humanity that is deep within you.

USLS will set your heart ablaze and motivate you to champion justice, give voice to the voiceless, and truly embrace the risks that you must take to unleash the power within yourself and become the person whom you were created to be.
WHERE PASSION FOR HUMANITY IS IGNITED
WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND?

USLS is a leadership development and social change programme for youth leaders between the ages of 18 and 30, who come from all corners of the globe. Everything from its activities to speakers - who are extraordinary servant leaders - is planned with this in mind.

Attend if you have a burning passion to build a better world, while recognising the magnitude of the problems at hand, such as global warming, poverty and inequality.

You should come with an open mind and a genuine appreciation for different perspectives. Get the chance to give your take on controversial issues, and engage in debates with your peers, stakeholders and speakers alike.

Being a humanitarian is not an easy calling. It’s not something you can look up online. This is why USLS provides a solid foundation on the ins and outs of starting your own initiatives for good.

Humanitarians may also face resistance from their loved ones and members of their communities. Through USLS, delegates join a wide and supportive network of individuals who are fighting for the common good of mankind, who demonstrate that a large cause need not be a lonely one.
SERVICE LEARNING DAY

USLS is all about changing the lives of communities in need. Hence, the Service Learning Day gives delegates an opportunity to interact with those in need in a foreign community.

They will understand what it means to give back to society, by offering acts of compassion and unconditional service to the marginalised.

Delegates will gain first-hand experience on the harsh realities that countless people face due to poverty, age, social status, injustice, among other factors. Through meaningful interactions with the marginalised, our delegates will have a broader perspective on life and hopefully, some may be challenged to step forward to effect positive change.
Everyone has a unique cause that he or she is passionate about. Satisfaction comes when we commit ourselves to things that matter to us. Only then would we be able to lead purposeful, meaningful and fulfilling lives.

We may feel more strongly about certain issues than our friends, but we have this in common - a concern that makes us want to step forward and do something.

A busy schedule can get in the way of reflection. For some of us, that spark of passion may soon be extinguished by the mundane activities of life. Or, we may wish to turn our desire into action, but not know where to start or what to do.

The Workshop Session at USLS sets aside for delegates to discuss and reflect on causes that matter. At the end of the session, we hope to translate their ideas into concrete action plans.
WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE SYMPOSIUM?

• Youth Leaders who desire to be a change-maker
• Youth Leaders who intend to pursue a career in humanitarian work
• Youth Leaders who understand the need to serve the communities

If you think you fit the criteria to be a delegate at the 10th University Scholars Leadership Symposium 2019, send your application to: USLS@humanitarianaffairs.org
All applicants for the USLS must be nominated by their colleges. Individuals who apply on their own are required to undergo a screening process. Successful applicants must then confirm their participation by paying a registration fee. A VAT of 7% will be added to the registration fees.

**Early Bird Registration Fee**
( Before 30 March 2019 )

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