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GSL CATALYST



A TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT COURSE FOR SOCIAL LEADERS OF THE FUTURE CREATED BY AN EXPERIENCED UK TEAM

Designed to develop leadership skills, improve wellbeing, and increase confidence. Students will form meaningful connections and join a global movement of socially conscious young leaders challenged to create a project that addresses the UN's Global Goals.

DATES
NOV 10TH-12TH 2023,

AGES
11-18

LOCATION
VIRTUAL - ON ZOOM

CONNECT
VIRTUAL
3-DAY
CATALYST

CHALLENGE
30-DAY PERIOD
OF INDEPENDENT
SOCIAL ACTION

CELEBRATE
VIRTUAL
GRADUATION
EVENT, JAN'24

On the course, students will:

- ✓ **Develop** leadership skills
- ✓ **Connect** with other like-minded people around the world
- ✓ **Explore** their passions
- ✓ **Build** confidence and resilience
- ✓ **Understand** how to improve their wellbeing
- ✓ **Learn** how to design a social action project that addresses the Global Goals

By the end of the course, students will develop skills to:

- ✓ **Work** collaboratively as part of a group
- ✓ **Exercise** critical thinking
- ✓ **Work** towards set goals
- ✓ **Challenge** themselves and others
- ✓ **Translate** thoughts confidently
- ✓ **Communicate** with others effectively
- ✓ **Learn** creative problem-solving techniques
- ✓ **Become** a conscious leader

TESTIMONIALS

// I really enjoyed the GSL Catalyst course because it was very insightful and provided me with a new outlook on leadership and the world. Additionally, my facilitator was excellent and very inspiring. The other people in my team were all very passionate young leaders and we were able to have lots of effective discussions. //

Ainsley, Victoria Shanghai Academy, China
GSL World Catalyst Student

// I have learned many lessons to becoming a better person, a better leader, and a powerful changemaker. //

Pierina, San José de Tarbes, Peru
GSL World Catalyst Student

// The Catalyst event was a wonderful opportunity for our children to broaden their horizons and engage with other young people across the globe. It was a powerful reminder that even the youngest among us has the power to make lasting change. Children need to see real life heroes and hear about how they overcame obstacles to tackle their own challenges. //

Claire Olivier, Teacher
at Swiss International School, Qatar

COURSE JOURNEY

BOOKING

Schools are invited to share the course with their students so that they can book directly using the GSL online shop. Once we have received payment, they will be sent a registration form and their place on the course will be confirmed.

Course Fee £220 / Early bird £185

(Member school students access 20% discounted fees)

Booking closes for all courses 30 days before they start. Early bird prices end 3 weeks before that.



3-DAY CATALYST

The three-day GSL Catalyst equips students with the tools and resources needed to become social leaders and to take action. This interactive online course is delivered in English and led by experienced UK-based facilitators that create space for everyone to explore their passions to advocate and create change in their community.

- **Dates:** 10th-12th November 2023
July 2024 dates TBC
- **Time(s):** 08:00-11:45 or
15:00-18:45 UK time*
- **Location:** Zoom

*There are two time zone options for the three-day course. Students will be asked to select one option for all three days upon registration.

INDEPENDENT CHALLENGE

The 30-day independent challenge starts after the three-day Catalyst. It is an opportunity for the students to implement their project and ideas. Examples of youth led advocacy projects are provided for inspiration, alongside a guidance page that supports them in getting started.

Students will be required to submit a summary of their challenge, alongside any relevant evidence including pictures, written reflections and/or a creative piece to showcase their GSL journey.

CELEBRATION & CERTIFICATES

A virtual graduation celebration event will be held to showcase what students have learnt and accomplished during the course. It will also include panels and offer an opportunity to hear from students about the change that they have created. E-certificates will be awarded following the event.

TIMETABLE

SESSIONS		DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3
AM	PM	Leadership Foundations	The Need for Change	Plan to Action
08:00	15:00	Welcome The Course Director leads an inspirational plenary that introduces the course and its core objectives.	Global Issues, Local Solutions Students learn about Global Issues and the United Nations Global Goals.	The Independent Challenge Students learn about the details of the independent challenge and explore examples of challenges completed by students in the past.
08:45	15:45	Break (15 mins)		
09:00	16:00	Inspirational Guest Speaker An interactive and practical session led by a special guest who shares their own leadership journey.	Passion for Change Students identify their passions and explore how these can be a catalyst for change.	SPRING into ACTION In small groups, students identify a problem they are passionate about and learn the Future Foundations project planning model.
09:45	16:45	Break (15 mins)		
10:00	17:00	What Leadership Means to You Students consider what leadership means to them, explore the qualities of great leaders, and learn about different leadership styles.	Vision for Change Students design their own vision statements building on the work done in previous sessions.	The Next Level A continuation and further in-depth planning session that includes presentation preparation.
10:45	17:45	Break (15 mins)		
11:00	18:00	Wellbeing Students learn about the importance of wellbeing through a series of coaching exercises that they can use as a toolkit after the course.	Resilience Building on the wellbeing session, students are equipped with skills and techniques to improve their resilience.	Closing Session Coaches lead a final reflection with their team giving students an opportunity to share their learning and highlights.
11:45	18:45	Close		

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