

YOUNG LEADERS MAKING REAL CHANGE THROUGH SPORT



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The Youth and Sport Task Force represents creative, passionate and innovative young leaders across Asia and the Pacific who use sport as a tool for positive social change in their communities.

These young leaders are using sport to make a difference: to empower young women and girls, to promote tolerance, to counter extremism, to reach out to the vulnerable and marginalized, to educate about the environment, to promote the values of respect, empathy, and fairness – the list goes on! Ultimately, they are using sport as a universal force for good.

In other words, the Task Force and its Youth Members are using sport to contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The youth are in control. They design their own programmes, determine their own priorities and collectively, decide on the strategic direction of the Task Force. UNESCO supports the Task Force by providing opportunities for the members to promote and enhance their work by connecting with each other and with regional and global opportunities for growth and capacity building.

Want to experience how? Join us for 2019 Funshop of Sport and SDGs in Seoul, Republic of Korea on 5-8 September!

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SPORT AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development explicitly acknowledges the potential for sport to be an enabler of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In addition to bringing significant psychosocial and physical benefits for individuals, sport can also unite, engage and mobilize diverse populations towards a common goal.

UNESCO is the lead United Nations agency mandated to protect and promote physical education and sport for sustainable development and peace. UNESCO works with governments and civil societies around the world to harness the power of sport towards a variety of individual and societal benefits, such as health, social and economic development, youth empowerment, social inclusion, and reconciliation and peace.



From practicing martial arts to raise awareness about human trafficking along the mountainous border between Viet Nam and China; to building community resilience through football in the post-disaster area of Tacloban city, the Philippines; preparing homeless children to compete in the Street Child World Cup in Indonesia; practicing yoga to raise awareness about disappearing public spaces in Phnom Penh;

or a cycling programme within a conflict zone in Hat Yai province, Thailand, the 22 programmes currently represented in the Task Force are diverse and each with a special story to tell.

By the end of 2019, the Task Force is expected to grow to 60 members, representing 30 Asia-Pacific countries.

THE PROGRAMMES

THE 2019 FUNSHOP ON SPORT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS:

A MAJOR YOUTH EVENT TO TAKE PLACE IN SEOUL, KOREA 5-8 SEPTEMBER 2019

UNESCO, together with the Lee Seung-Yuop Baseball Foundation, will host the Seoul Sport & the SDGs Youth Funshop on 5-8 September 2019.



The opening ceremony is expected to draw thousands of youth from local universities and high schools and will include performances and motivational speeches from top artists and athletes.



The Funshop will bring together youth leaders from across Asia and the Pacific for a four-day intensive capacity-building and networking programme.

Through structured exchanges that will draw on their own experiences, the youth will gain a deeper understanding of the role that sport can play in achieving specific SDG targets. The specific thematic discussions will focus on youth empowerment, health & non-communicable diseases (NCDs), social inclusion & gender equality, climate change, and prevention of violent extremism (PVE).



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