Harvard Youth Lead the Change Dubai 2024

a Learning Lab initiative





WHAT IS THE HARVARD YLC?

Premier Four-Day Leadership Immersion Experience

Step into a transformative four-day journey at the Harvard Youth Lead the Change Conference, held in the heart of the city. This offline event is meticulously designed to offer participants an unparalleled deep dive into the world of leadership. Engage in intensive sessions, workshops, and activities that challenge, inspire, and mold you into the leader of tomorrow.

Soft Skill Mastery & Unparalleled Networking

Empowerment Beyond the Ordinary: Beyond traditional leadership teachings, our conference delves deep into comprehensive soft skill development, refining skills like effective communication, critical thinking, and emotional intelligence. Connect with peers, Harvard undergraduates, and industry professionals, laying the groundwork for lifelong success.

Become A Harvard Trained LEADER

CONFERENCE DETAILS



On Completion, students get a Certificate of Achievement from Youth Lead the Change organisation.

All students get 1 Year Free Mentorship

from Harvard Mentors after the conference





A special course fee of AED 5400 + VAT is available exclusively for Early Bird Applicants

How does it work?

Application Process

To join the program, high school students will have to fill out an application form & are selected based on the quality of their responses.

4 Days Immersion Experience

The course offers a unique 4-day immersive experience where students participate in various activities and sessions designed to enhance their leadership skills and knowledge.

Harvard Mentor -led sessions

Led by Harvard undergrads, our mentors offer hands-on leadership guidance through a tailored curriculum covering social change projects and more.

Project-Based Portfolio Development

Guided by Harvard mentors, you'll transform ideas into action with community projects, elevating your college portfolio and showcasing your commitment to positive change.





40+ 12k+ 12+ CONFERENCES YLC Alums COUNTRIES

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The Harvard YLC has garnered immense global demand, having been hosted in various prestigious locations around the world.

Our Approach

Experiential Learning Journey: We prioritize hands-on, interactive activities that transcend traditional rote learning, immersing students in real-world scenarios that challenge and inspire.

Collaborative Project Endeavors: Our curriculum is rooted in team-based projects, fostering a collaborative environment where students harness the power of collective intelligence to address pressing challenges.

Cultivating Critical Thinkers: Through our learner-centric approach, we design activities that not only engage but also stimulate critical thinking, empowering students to analyze, innovate, and lead with confidence and vision.

It was wonderful meeting so many peers from different parts of the world. The tenets of leadership will help me a great deal in my career ahead. Shizah Kashmir (Year 12) **Gems Wellington Academy, Silicon Oasis**

KNOW YOUR Harvard Mentors

YLC is led by Harvard undergraduate students who are leaders in their own communities. Differentiating this program are the student teachers and their youthful perspective on leadership development. Reliable and relatable, the teachers serve as advisors and friends to the students, breaking down intimidating age-based authority structures.

With tremendous enthusiasm for both teaching and learning, the teaching team constantly learns from the students, adapts to their interests and needs, and builds lasting relationships that continue after the program through formal and informal mentorship opportunities.



Edona Cosovic Conc. in Government



Jack Swanson Conc. in Government



Donia Elmansy Conc. in Government + Near Eastern Languages



Namira Mehedi Conc. in Chemistry



Ashley Redhead Conc. in Electrical Engineering



Jamal Nimer Conc. in Social Studies



Mateo Velarde Conc. in Computer Science



Jonada Shukarasi Conc. in Government

Day 1:

- Welcome + Introductions
- Get to Know You Bingo
- Defining Leadership
- Leadership Myths
- Growing Goals
- TED Talk Analysis
- Effective Communication in Leadership and Teamwork
- Case study #1
- Energizer
- Leadership Through Service
- Pluses, Deltas, & Takeaways (PDTs)
- 10 Things in Common
- MBTI & Leadership
- MBTI Leadership Types in Action
- Leadership Vision Board
- The Ethics of Leadership
- Project Introductions



At Harvard YLC, we believe in the power of hands-on experience.

Gone are the days of monotonous rote learning. Here, we immerse our students in a dynamic learning environment interactive activities and team exercises.

We delve deep into real-world case studies, encouraging students to analyze challenges and strategize solutions.

THE CURRICULUM



Day 2:

- Case study #2
- Mentor Panel
- My Values in Leadership
- Guess My MBTI
- Project Brief and Workshop
- Pluses, Deltas, & Takeaways (PDTs)
- Spaghetti Tower
- 30 Seconds in Defense of
- Digital Leadership Bingo
- Leadership in the Digital Age
- Story Game
- Data Leadership
- Elevator Pitch
- A Leader for a Day
- Project Work Day 2



This workshop has taught me that in order to do something big in life, one need not start with a huge impact. You can start with something small and yet go on to make a big impact.

RadhiVeer Vohra (Year 11) Dubai College

Day 3:

- Energizer
- Project Brief and Workshop
- Pluses, Deltas, & Takeaways (PDTs)
- Arm Challenge
- Stranded Island Activity
- Guest Speaker
- Problem Solving Workshop
- Problem Solving in Action
- Mystery Item
- Negotiating Change
- Mentor Panel
- Mentor Mapping
- Project Work Day 3
- Mock Presentations + Feedback
- Pluses, Deltas, & Takeaways (PDTs)

Day 4:

- Letter to Self / Mentors
- Mentor Mapping
- Workshop Practice
- Final Presentations

THE CURRICULUM

Engage Actively: Students are not passive learners; they actively engage, solve problems, and make decisions in their education.

Step into Real Scenarios: Case studies bridge theory and real-world application, enabling students to apply classroom knowledge to practical scenarios.

Boost Critical Thinking: Beyond comprehension, case studies involve analysis, solutions, and informed decisionmaking, honing critical and problemsolving skills.

Collaborate and Conquer: Often a group activity, case studies promote collaboration, effective communication, and teamwork.

Real-World Prep: Through these studies, students step into real-world challenges, prepping them for future leadership positions.

Navigate the Gray Zones: In the real world, not everything is black and white. Case studies, often without clear solutions, teach students to navigate gray areas with poise.



Case Studies at Harvard YLC

Embark on a journey where learning transcends textbooks and lectures, and immerse yourself in the real-world scenarios through our meticulously curated Case Studies at the Harvard Youth Lead the Change Conference.



Social Impact at Harvard YLC

THE GAMECHANGER

Dive into the heart of social innovation with Harvard YLC's CapStone project.

Students are tasked with crafting a transformative social impact initiative, addressing pressing challenges within their community.

This isn't just a project; it's a journey into the world of social entrepreneurship. Collaborate in teams, harnessing diverse perspectives to design impactful solutions.

From ideation to final presentation, experience the intricacies of product creation and project management.

And the journey doesn't end here.

With the skills and tools acquired at Harvard YLC, students have the potential to elevate their college profiles by continuing and expanding upon their initiatives, showcasing not just their knowledge, but their commitment to making a difference.

Social Impact Projects led by YLC Trainees





Provided aid to 2 Schools consequently impacting the lives of 90+ Students

This initiative helped distribute water purifiers to schools and positively impacted the lives of students by raising awareness about water-related concerns.

SOCIAL IMPACT PROJECTS



Empower Ed Educate and Employ



Aims is to use skill development to allow people to find employment. It hopes to lift people out of poverty by helping them develop skills for basic jobs

Focuses on Rural Education and Skill Based Learning

YLC IN NEWS

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UAE: Harvard mentors guide students in region on how to prioritise and tackle real-world issues

The initiative is part of Harvard Youth Lead the Change programme

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EDUCATION

UniHawk brings prestigious Harvard Youth Lead the Change program to GCC

Students from 21 schools representing 12 nationalities join highly selective social change initiative

Press Release

UniHaw

January 10, 2023



Dubai, UAE: Students representing 12 nationalities from 21 schools, 10 cities, and 4 countries across the GCC have received life-changing mentoring from lvy League college students, as part of the Harvard Youth Lead the Change (YLC) program, staged recently in Dubal. Organized by university admissions counselling institute, UniHawk, it was the first time that the highly selective youth leadership development conference has been held in the region, following 28 previous editions across 8 different countries.

The group of 67 young, aspiring leaders took part in the prestigious three-day event,



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