



Young Changemakers Programme

Towards the Transformation of
Self, Community & World

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Lampeter Campus, UWTSO, Wales

Introduction

The **Young Changemakers Programme** (YCP) offers inspirational and transformative learning opportunities that combines encounter, experience, inquiry and action in a circular itinerary. It aims to enhance young people's self-awareness, mutual appreciation, and understanding of local-global challenges.

Building on the Pontifical Foundation, Scholas Occurrentes' University of Meaning programme, and drawing on University of Wales Trinity Saint David's commitment to the well-being of future generations, and its experiences in offering ethical leadership programme, the YCP seeks to meet young people's need for making learning relevant to personal and professional development as well as local and global transformation.



Programme Features

The YCP is a four-day in person programme, involving experiential, artistic and reflective activities. The educational process aims to give meaning to young people's emotions, ideas, and actions through listening/encounter/dialogue, co-creation/collaboration, and appreciation/celebration.

More importantly, each participant will have a group of peers to explore and dialogue about their respective local challenges, identify a specific issue to focus on, and plan and design a project for transformative action in their local community.

Programme Outline

YCP is a four-day in-person programme.

Total contact time: 24 hours.

Independent learning time: 12 hours (readings, viewing of videos, interviews, questionnaires).



About Scholas Occurrentes

Scholas Occurrentes is a pontifical foundation offering educational activities in five continents. It believes in passion, gratitude, mystery, and community as the ethical basis for a new human culture.

Scholas seeks to provide educational experiences that can engender meaning, deepen young people's connection with life, and help them embark a path of real transformation.



About University of Wales Trinity Saint David

Founded more than 200 years ago, UWTSD's mission is 'Transforming Education, Transforming Lives', through hundreds of innovative courses, offered from six campuses. UWTSD is dedicated to the well-being of all its students and staff.

About Lampeter, Wales

From magnificent mountains to lush forests and wild rivers, from Ancient Egyptian Culture, Celtic Studies to contemporary philosophy and positive peace, Lampeter is where higher education began in Wales. Taking inspiration from more than 200 years of history in academia, Lampeter campus aims at futures-forming through innovative fresh-thinking teaching.



Call for applications is open and closes on Friday 1 March

Young people aged 19-27 years old are encouraged to apply for the Young Changemakers Programme.

The cohort will be selected from diverse backgrounds (e.g. culture, geography, faith/religion, social class, gender, ethnicity, etc.).

We are particularly interested in young people who are motivated to encounter difference and to develop skills for personal, professional and social transformation.


Candidates must be able to participate in all programmes in English language.

The YCM's scholarship includes the course participation, the accommodation and meals in Wales, and the transport to and from the airport. Tickets to Wales and Medical insurance (compulsory) is not included.

Selection Process

The programme is regularly oversubscribed, so the team needs to operate a process of selecting appropriate participants. This process is based on two stages.

First is the completion of a short questionnaire which involves candidates drawing heavily upon their own perspectives, values and experiences. The type of questions asked in the questionnaire are not of the 'wrong or right' variety but instead seek to understand what each candidate thinks and feels, and what are their motivations based upon their life experiences thus far.



In other words to get to know each potential candidate as a rounded individual. Priority within the questionnaire is given to personal initiatives undertaken in voluntary, educational or care work, support for family or community projects, or participation in or promotion of schemes for addressing hardship and poverty.

The second stage of the selection process involves a selection from the questionnaires of a smaller shortlist of candidates. These will be chosen for an online interview with a member of the organising team. Again the questions will look to get to know more about the values and life experiences of each candidate.





APPLICATION FORM

