



SPECIAL OLYMPICS **GLOBAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP** **SUMMIT**

**Special Olympics Global Youth Leadership Summit:
Social Impact for a Unified Generation**

March 16th-21nd, Graz Austria

2017 Summit at a Glance:

44 young people from 18 countries and 7 US States

27 Mentors

17 dynamic speakers

6 days of learning and growing

Special Olympics Global Youth Leadership Summit: Social Impact for a Unified Generation brings together young people with and without intellectual disabilities to learn, network and share best practices.

Through the summit, young people will develop leadership skills that empower them as leaders in the Special Olympics Movement and drivers of inclusion throughout the world. The 2017 Youth Leadership Summit will welcome 44 youth participants, most of whom are coming as Unified Pairs of youth with and without intellectual disability. Each pair/youth is also coming with a Mentor, a Special Olympics staff member or volunteer responsible for youth programming in their home country or state. All 7 Special Olympics regions will be represented and participants are coming from 18 countries and 7 US states.

The Summit will include sessions on inclusive leadership skills, helping the youth to identify their own leadership style, and how to work with and influence others. It will also include sessions on project management skills that will help them put their ideas about inclusion into action. All participants applied with project proposals of how they want to expand or promote Special Olympics programming and make an impact for social inclusion in their home school or community. These projects range in topic from Unified health/fitness to developing employability skills, school-based activities to inclusive friendship camps, to awareness and advocacy campaigns.

At the conclusion of the Summit, each project will be given a small grant from Special Olympics to fund implementation of the project, under the guidance of the Mentor and local Special Olympics Program. In this way, the ripple effects of the Summit will reach far beyond the participants' time in Austria and be part of a larger youth-led movement for a Unified Generation."



Schedule:

16 March: Participants arrive

- Opening Dinner

17 March: Workshop

- Topics: Team Building; Setting Expectations; What Do Great Leaders Do; Global Youth Plan; Special Olympics Movement; Communications & Social Media
- City tour with local school students

18 March: Unified Talk (13:30-15:00)

Schladming Congress

- Led by the voices of the next generation of leaders, this groundbreaking discussion will challenge you alongside leadership from all facets of our global society to change the game for inclusion. The discussion will call on the audience to amplify their voices and state how we as a unified society can build an inclusive world through sport, education, government, media, and technology.

- Opening Ceremonies (19:00-21:15)

19 March: Workshop

- Topics: What is My Leadership Brand; Influencing Others; Project Work within Groups

20 March: Workshop

- Topics: Panel on Leadership; Working with Community Leaders; Storytelling; Measuring Impact

21 March: Unified Talk (14:00-15:00) Messe Graz Festival Stage

- Join Global Youth Leadership Summit participants, Austrian students, and games attendees for an inspirational talk with dynamic trailblazers to share and exchange tips on what WE can do together to create a more inclusive global society.
- Farewell Dinner

For more information about the Special Olympics Global Youth Leadership Summit, please contact, Caroline Chevat cchevat@specialolympics.org.

