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The 2025 Global Youth Leadership Summit will unite youth in a single global youth leadership platform for inclusion and change.



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### **Get Your World Winter Games Merchandise**

Get ready to celebrate the spirit of inclusion and athletic excellence with the official merchandise of the Special Olympics World Winter Games Turin 2025!

Shop here:

<https://shop.specialolympics.org/collections/turin-winter-world-games-2025>

**Merchandise for the games will only be available for purchase online and will not be sold on-site in Turin.**

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### **Key Takeaways:**

- **Complete your Clifton Strengths Assessment by February 17th**

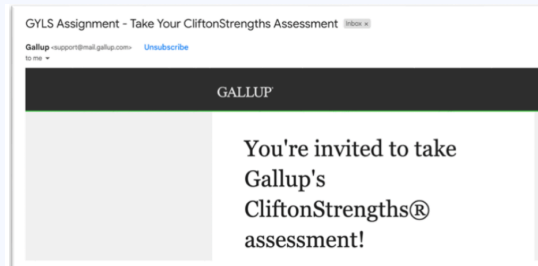
- **Join Youth & Mentor GYLS Virtual Webinar Series**



Get ready to celebrate the spirit of inclusion and athletic excellence with the official merchandise of the Special Olympics World Winter Games Turin 2025! From March 8-15, 2025, Turin, Italy will host over 1,500 athletes from 103 countries competing in 8 thrilling sports. Our exclusive merchandise series captures the essence of this historic event, showcasing the extraordinary power of sport to unite and inspire. Whether you're a fan, a supporter, or an athlete, our collection offers something for everyone.



## Summit Scoop | Assignments



### CliftonStrength Assessment

As part of your leadership journey in Turin, we are asking all GYLS attendees –youth and adult mentors—to complete the CliftonStrengths assessment before you arrive in Turin.

Each participant has been emailed an individual code to begin their assessment. For guidance on completing the assessment, please refer to the one-pager provided.



### Join Live Youth & Mentor Webinars

Youth and mentors are required to join live webinars to support their arrival in Turin. **We will send pre-webinar assignments to complete in advance of the calls. These webinars and pre-assignments are mandatory.**

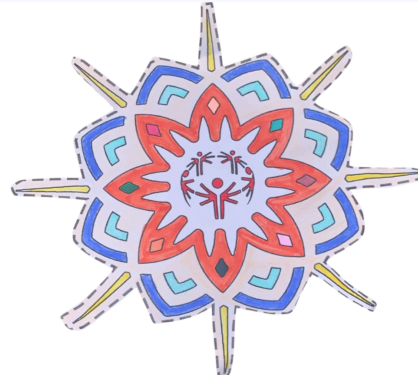
- **Youth Webinars (mentors optional):** Scheduled for **8:00 AM EST** on **February 11th** and **18th**.
- **Mentor-Only Webinars:** Scheduled for **8:00 AM EST** on **February 13th** and **20th**.

**Deadline to complete the assessment is  
February 17, 2025.**

[Review Assessment Instructions](#)

Zoom invitations have been sent directly to your email. You can also find all Zoom information below.

[Save Webinar Call Zooms](#)



## **Snowflake Social Media Challenge**

Design your #SnowakesForTheFuture

**Send to [youthsummit@specialolympics.org](mailto:youthsummit@specialolympics.org) for a chance to be featured in the next  
Summit Scoop.**

[Create Your Snowflake](#)

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**Summit Scoop | Youth Leader Spotlight**

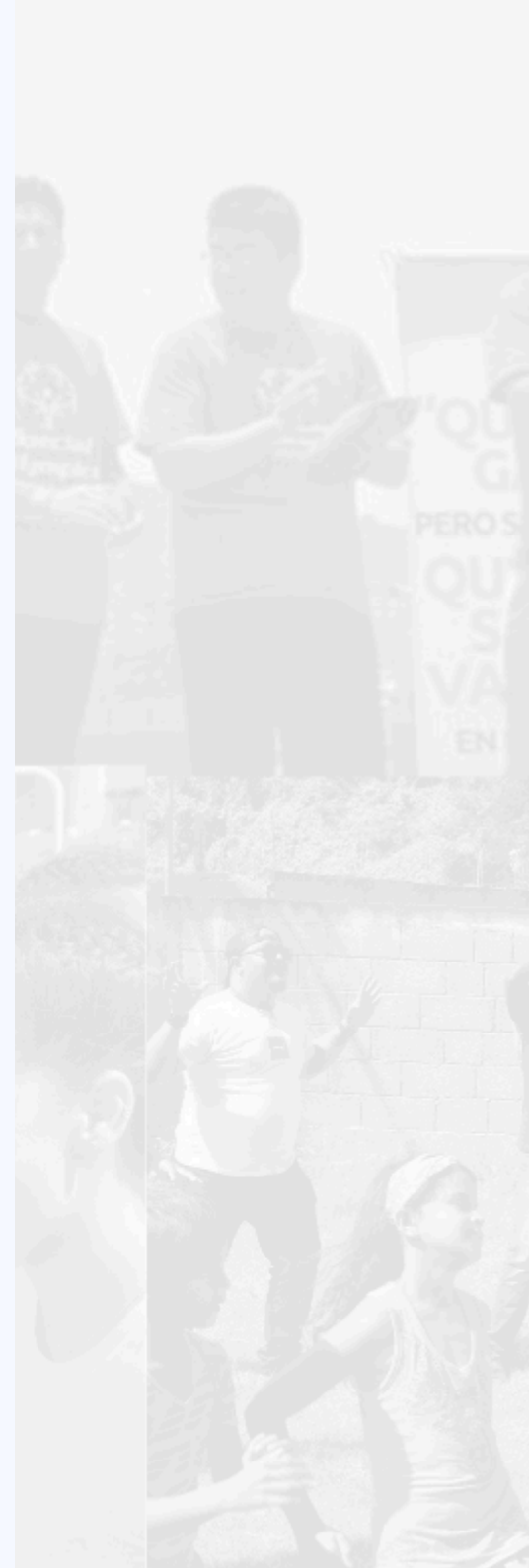


**Cecilia** Gabriela González Roche and Luis de Jesús Alexander Maldonado Soto are passionate advocates representing Special Olympics Guatemala at the 2025 Global Youth Leadership Summit. **Cecilia**, a student at the "Instituto Neurológico de Guatemala," has over six years of leadership experience, serving as a Health Messenger, Athlete Leader, and master of ceremonies at regional events.

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**Alex**, a 16-year-old student at Escolaris Homeschool, actively promotes inclusion as a Unified Partner in badminton and as assistant coach for the Young Athletes program. He also launched the "Inclusion Revolution" project in his community to bring strategies for inclusion to schools and universities while sharing his perspective as a sibling of someone with an intellectual disability.

Both Cecilia and Luis are dedicated to fostering inclusion and accessibility through sports and health initiatives, working toward a more equal future. Together, they represent the Unified Generation, inspiring others to embrace empathy and create inclusive environments. They can't wait to meet everyone in Turin in less than 2 months!

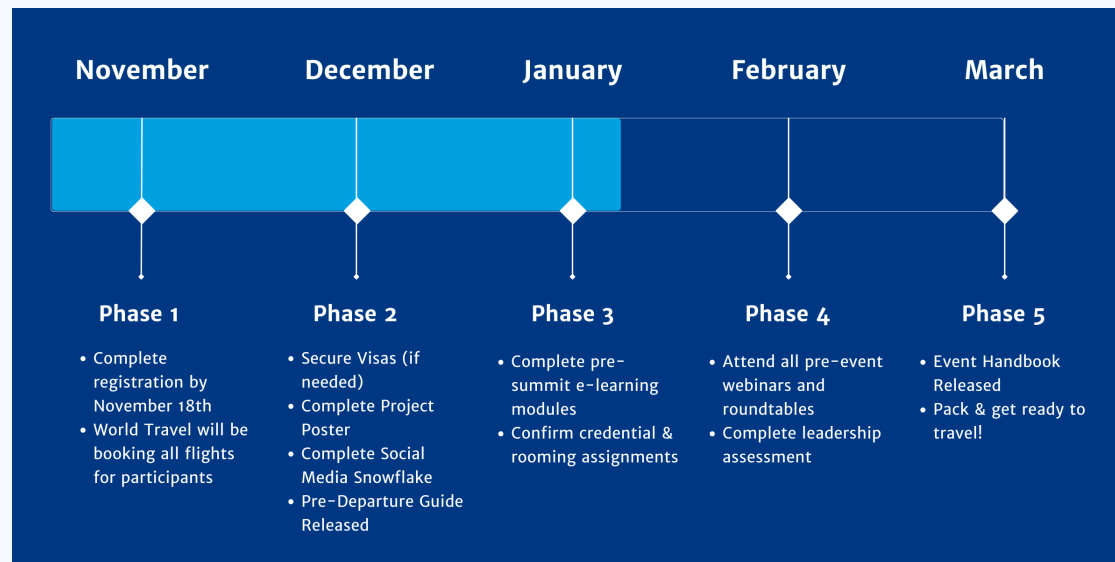






## Summit Scoop | Road To Turin

As you continue to prepare for the 2025 Global Youth Leadership Summit, here is a preview of what you can expect over the next two months. Stay tuned for more details!



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