

***Special Olympics***



# Special Olympics Inclusive Youth Leadership

*Empowering Youth of All Abilities*



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# Why Youth?

The importance of Youth Leadership



## 1.2 Billion Young People Aged 15-24

Constituting 16% of the global population, the youth demographic is a significant segment with immense potential for influence and impact.

## 41% of the World's Population Under 24

Nearly half of the world's population falls under the age of 24, highlighting the need for special attention and empowerment of youth for future sustainability.

## 240 Million Young People Globally with Disabilities

A considerable number of young individuals internationally have disabilities, emphasizing the importance of inclusion and support for all youth demographics.

## 25% of Children Worldwide Out of School

A quarter of children globally are deprived of education, with over half of children with disabilities excluded from educational opportunities in low and middle-income nations.

# Key Objectives

Our goal is to develop inclusive leaders, both with and without intellectual disabilities, to actively engage in:

1

## **SOCIAL PROGRESS**

Fostering positive societal advancements through inclusive youth leadership and engagement

2

## **ADVOCACY**

Empowering youth leaders to advocate for equality, diversity, and social justice.

3

## **COMMUNITY BUILDING**

Creating a supportive and inclusive community through youth-led initiatives and collaborations.

4

## **EMPOWERMENT**

Empowering young leaders with the skills, resources, and opportunities to drive impactful social change.





# Purpose of Special Olympics Youth Leadership

Empowering young leaders to drive social change



## Empower young people of all abilities

Providing opportunities, resources, and support to nurture the skills and confidence of youth with diverse abilities.



## Enable young people to find their voices

Fostering platforms and environments for youth to express themselves, share their perspectives, and advocate for important causes.



## Train inclusive leaders in the community

Cultivating a generation of youth leaders who promote diversity, equity, and inclusion in their communities through action and example.





# Key Focus Areas

Knowledge and skill development for inclusive youth leaders



# Youth Leadership in Unified Champion Schools

Empowering young leaders to drive change within their schools

**Youth-Planned Projects and Events**

**Youth-Led Activities**

**Unified Captains**

**Youth Leadership Training**





# Youth Leadership in Action



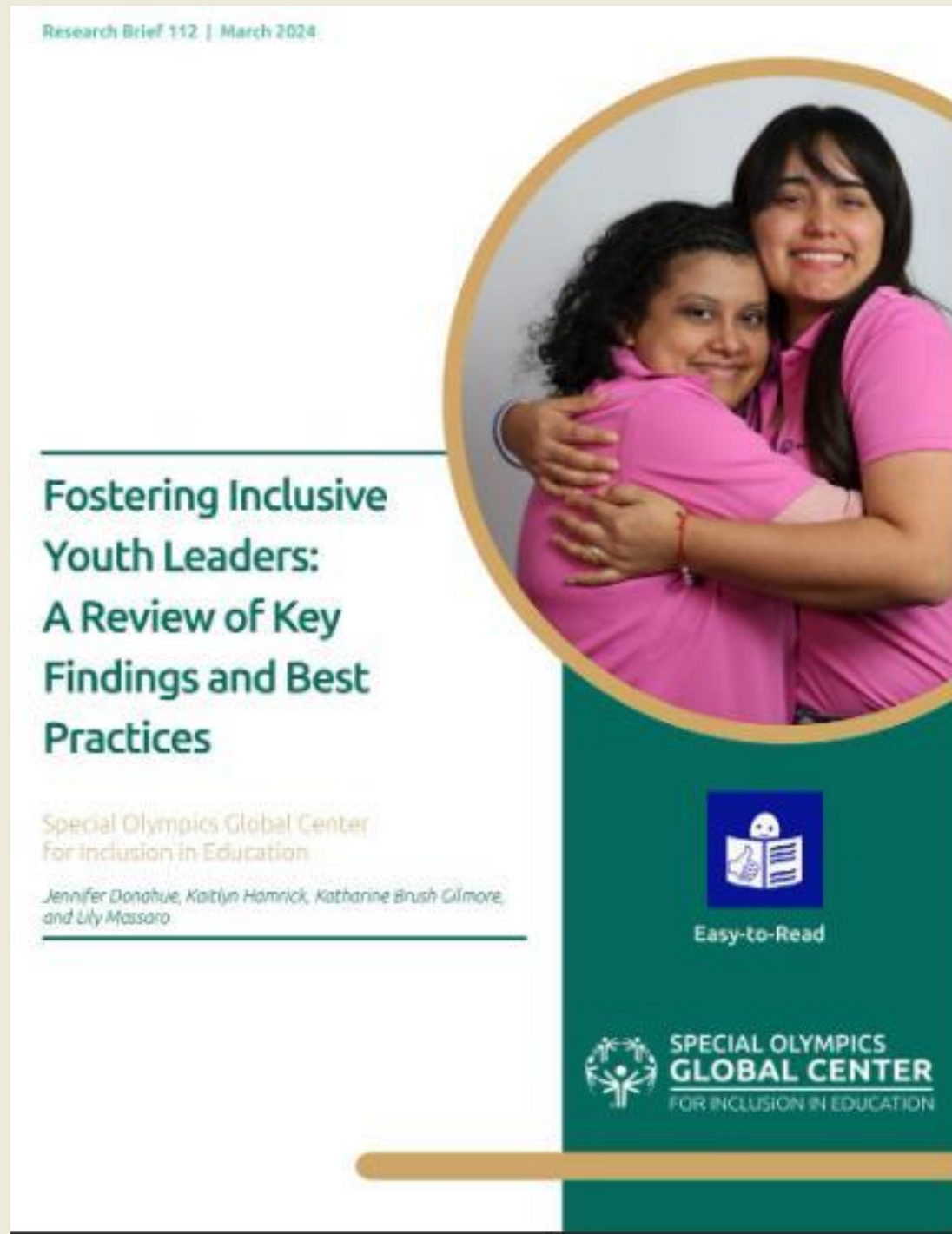
# The Worldwide, Youth-Led Movement for Inclusion

# Leadership in Action





# Resources



## Youth Leadership Summit Resources



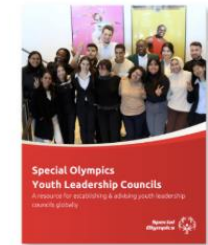
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*“The energy of youth is the driving  
force behind progress.”*



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