

Global Youth Leaders Summit 2020 Transforming Crisis into Re-connection

The pandemic in 2020 is drastically redefining our beliefs and pursuits in sustainable development in an era of globalisation. International services and works have been forced into suspension by this unprecedented coronavirus outbreak – and this health risk is believed to stay for good. What does this mean for globalisation? Will it continue, or will this be brought to a halt? What does this mean for the efforts to build up global understanding and a global outlook?

This is a good opportunity for young people around the world to take a pause and review their roles and positioning. How should they overcome the different global challenges, reconnect with others under the circumstances, and continue to foster intercultural collaboration for the betterment of the community?

The “Global Youth Leaders Summit 2020: Transforming Crisis into Re-connection” is organised by the Service-Learning and Leadership Office (SLLO) of The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU). Scheduled for 24 October (Hong Kong Time), this is an online platform for youth leaders from all over the world to share and reflect on their experiences under the different pandemic contexts, and to discuss, plan, and act together for future social initiatives to take place among the involuntary social distancing and other crisis and challenges.

Summit Programme Rundown (Saturday, 24 October 2020. Date/time refers to HKT.)

Open Session (open for all)

Time	Content
13:30	Opening Remarks Professor Jin-Guang Teng, President, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University
13:40	A New Global Landscape Invited Presentations and Panel Discussion World-renowned speakers and practitioners will share about their work and experience on social betterment, impacts of their work towards the community before, during, and after the coronavirus, and insights for the young generations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dato Dr Kim Tan, Founder Chairman, SpringHill Management Ltd. (UK) and Co-founder, Transformational Business Network (UK) • Ms Jennifer Neelsen, National Director at Lesotho, World Vision International • Mr Jeffrey Andrews, 1st Registered Ethnic Minority Social Worker, Christian Action • Professor Angelina Yuen, Hon. Professor, Department of Applied Social Sciences, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (moderator)
15:00	Closing Remarks Professor Kwok-yin Wong, Vice President (Education), The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Closed Sessions (for nominated students from co-organising universities only)

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15:15	Global Reconnection Hackathon	Global Reflection Workshop
	Students will work together to brainstorm, design and prototype innovative products that address the theme of reconnection under the context of COVID-19, world-pressing challenges and help the community. Their innovation and solutions will be presented, and outstanding ideas will be awarded. (This session will last for 24 hours)	Students will complete a guided reflection study before the Summit. At the Summit they will discuss their work with other students from all over the world. They will compare and contrast their findings/experience, get to understand different issues under various contexts around the globe, and conclude the Summit with creative means in a handcraft workshop. (This session will last for 3 hours)

Enquiry

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