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Youth For Future



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Foreword

Youth For Future is a non-profit organization founded in 2021 by Emre Caglar with the initial goal of advancing the Sustainable Development Goals. Over the years as the number of volunteers and impact grew, the underlying issue of Japan's internal struggle on child abuses, orphans, and educational inequalities became glaring.

As of 2024 in Japan, more than 600 orphanages provide homes to over 30,000 children. Unfortunately, most of these children feel that their career choices are limited to the teachers and social care workers they interact with, the sole adults in their lives. To broaden their perspectives, this year Youth For Future launched the Global Identity Program (GIP), which supports children in discovering their unique identities amidst Japan's rapidly evolving multicultural society and technological advancements.

The program includes spring and summer camps, weekly classes, and bi-monthly events, all designed to help the children to self-discover their potential roles in society. Through this, the GIP allows the children to broaden their horizons, allowing them to explore diverse career paths and become true global citizens.

Message from the Founder

Introducing **Emre Caglar**, Founder of Youth For Future



Emre Caglar

Chairperson, Executive Director

Japan is one of the most developed nations globally. However, attending the One Young World summit, sponsored by One Young World Japan, highlighted for me the duality of Japan's progress: while Japan is ahead in many respects, it also faces significant challenges. Japan is home to over 600 orphanages, sheltering more than 30,000 children. Tragically, many of these children end up in care due to experiences of violence, with over 200,000 cases of child abuse reported last year alone. Despite the declining population of children under 18 in Japan, the number of children in orphanages remains steady—an indicator of the nation's ongoing orphan crisis. At Youth For Future, our mission is to support and empower children in orphanages to realize their fullest potential.

While their basic needs are met in care, we recognized a deeper question: How can we, as an organization, support these children in a way that sets them up for success when they turn 18 and leave these homes? Two critical gaps in Japanese society emerged—English literacy and global citizenship. We chose to focus on these areas to equip children with skills that are both valuable and lacking in Japan, empowering them with tools they can leverage as they transition to independence. Our mission goes beyond merely teaching English or global citizenship. We strive to be facilitators in each child's journey, guiding and encouraging them as they explore their interests. Through our project-based, student-centered programs, we offer children the chance to discover their passions, tackle real-world issues, and develop solutions—fostering a sense of agency and self-discovery.

Our goal is to expand their horizons, expose them to diverse career paths, and nurture them into true global citizens.

Board of Directors

Meet the *people behind YFF*

Youth For Future is comprised of both university students and those who are working, all under the banner of our mission and vision. We come from various backgrounds, from those with experience in non-profits, government organization, and education.



Emre Caglar

Chairperson, Executive Director

Emre Caglar is an Economics major at Keio University with a strong passion for accelerating social impact in Japan and globally in the educational field. He received a full scholarship to attend the One Young World summit in Canada, where he furthered the need for social impact and the role youth plays as leaders. Emre hopes not only to support youth but also to empower them to start their own social impact projects and make a difference in society.



Sena Yamamoto

Deputy Executive Director, Head of Management

Sena Yamamoto is a Policy and Business major at Keio University with a strong passion for promoting social and cultural change in Japan through internationalism. He joined YFF in high school, continuing to address social issues with years of experience working alongside NPOs and organizations supporting children from diverse backgrounds. He hopes to foster an environment for all children to experience what the world has to offer.



Jungen Ono

Director, Head of Public Relations and Government Affairs

Jungen Ono is an Economics major at Keio University who is dedicated in building a global movement for youth leadership. With his experiences as an Assistant at a public policy consulting firm, a Research Fellow at a Diet Member's Office, and a Teacher Assistant at a high school, he hopes to utilize his passion and experience in public relations, public policy, and education to contribute to the fostering of the next generation of young leaders.



Arika Okubo

Director, Head of Spring and Summer Camp & Kodomo-shokudo Project

Arika Okubo is a Political Science and Economics major at Waseda University. As a third culture individual, she has revolved her academic interests around the challenges faced by the different societies she grew up in, including Malaysia and Egypt. After her internship at Université Senghor in the summer of 2024, she has gained particular interest in working to reform the legal systems of countries in Africa.



Rinka Lee

Director, Head of Global Identity Program

Rinka Lee is a Global Political Economy major at Waseda University who is dedicated in advancing social change in Japan through international collaboration. She leads the Global Identity Program, leveraging her background in project management, global policy development, and mental health advocacy. Her work aims to empower young people, ensuring they have access to opportunities in a connected world.



Ryuta Wijers

Director, Head of Human Resources and Communications

Ryuta Wijers is an Economics major at Keio University, with a strong passion in equal opportunity in education. He has written research papers on the negative societal effects of private education and low inheritance taxation. With an experience in volunteering for children with difficult home situations and tutoring students from less privileged environments, he hopes to contribute through YFF in leveling the playing field in opportunity for Japanese students.



Taiki Goto

Financial Director

Taiki Goto is an Economics major at Waseda University, with a passion in working and providing equal opportunity to children. With experience as a Proprietary Trader at Apex Trader Funding, he is well versed in accounting and finance. With years of experience as a volunteer working with children from various backgrounds, he hopes to create an environment where children can experience the myriad of opportunities outside of their local community.

Advisors

Meet the *people advising* YFF



Shailja Datt

Head of Japan IB PYP
Coordinator Network

Shailja Datt serves as the chair of the Japan IB PYP Coordinator Network, boasting over 20 years of invaluable experience in the educational sector.

In her current role as the PYP coordinator at Horizon Japan International School, she passionately advocates for students to grasp the significance of student agency and global citizenship, fostering a deeper understanding among them.



Partners & Affiliations

Meet the **organisations** working with YFF

Partners



YouMeWe NPO

YouMeWe NPO is a Tokyo-based nonprofit organization that is solely dedicated to nurturing and supporting local students from institutionalized homes. For a decade, YouMeWe NPO's mission has been to assist students in becoming fully independent as they reach the age of 18, such as giving financial literacy education to children in institutionalized homes.



NPO Mirai No Mori

NPO Mirai No Mori is a nonprofit organization that creates life-changing outdoor programs for abused, neglected, and orphaned children in Japan, supporting their growth into happy and successful young adults.



Kodomo-shokudo Gajumaru

Kodomo-shokudo Gajumaru is a kodomo-shokudo where children can feel at ease even if they are alone. They aim to reduce the number of meals eaten alone, value connections with the community, and create a place where both adults and children can feel safe.

Affiliations



WannaGonna

WannaGonna is a nonprofit platform that provides NGOs/NPOs with knowledge and resources such as skilled volunteers in order to support their activities. They have built not only an online volunteering system, but also a community of volunteers who want to make a difference in the world.

History

Introducing the *history* of YFF

2021

September

Youth For Future launches as an organization focused on projects in all aspects on the SDGs.

December

First two branches open at Horizon Japan International School and Nagoya International School.

2022

February

Additional branch opens at K. International School.

May

Additional branch opens at St. Mary's International School.

2023

January

First collaborative event among the branches in the Kanto region.

June

YFF restructures into non-profit organization focused on enhancing the educational and developmental opportunities for children in underprivileged communities.

September

Successfully initiates the first ever project outside of Japan, the "Global Impact Project" where we provided donation of school stationeries to Mvita Primary School in Kenya.

2024

September

Launches the "Global Identity Program" aimed at supporting children in orphanages through providing english enhancement, globalized mindset, and tech literacy.

December

Youth For Future officially applies to the Tokyo Metropolitan Government for the approval on Non-Profit Organization status.

Forging pathways for child development

Promotion of sustained and
continued commitment to
global citizenship



Our Mission

Our mission is to support children in orphanages in Japan by providing the opportunity for self discovery, adaptations, and independence through promoting global citizenship and English education, empowering them to leverage this advantage in Japanese society.



“I am Ryuya Totsuka. I believe that YFF’s activities are outstanding from the perspective of community design and social design. I hope to continue contributing to YFF’s growth so that it can become an organization that has a greater impact on society.”

Ryuya Totsuka

Former student at an orphanage in Japan

Our Vision

Youth For Future strives to nurture global-minded individuals who play a positive role in Japan's growing multicultural society by unlocking untapped potentials.



“My name is Yoshiaki Aoyagi. I grew up in a children's home, and from that experience, I developed a strong interest in children's education. I aim to collaborate with children's homes to improve the future of these children. My goal is to support children in these facilities to receive a high-quality education and create an environment where they can confidently step into society. I resonate with the philosophy of YFF and wish to contribute to society through YFF's activities.”

Yoshiaki Aoyagi

Former student at an orphanage in Japan



Our Achievements

Get to know the *impact* of YFF

¥400,000+

Fund Raised

100+

Volunteers Engaged

30+

Children in Orphanage Engaged

100+

Hours Per-Child Engaged

10

Universities & High Schools Engaged

Orphanage Initiative: Collaboration with YouMeWe NPO



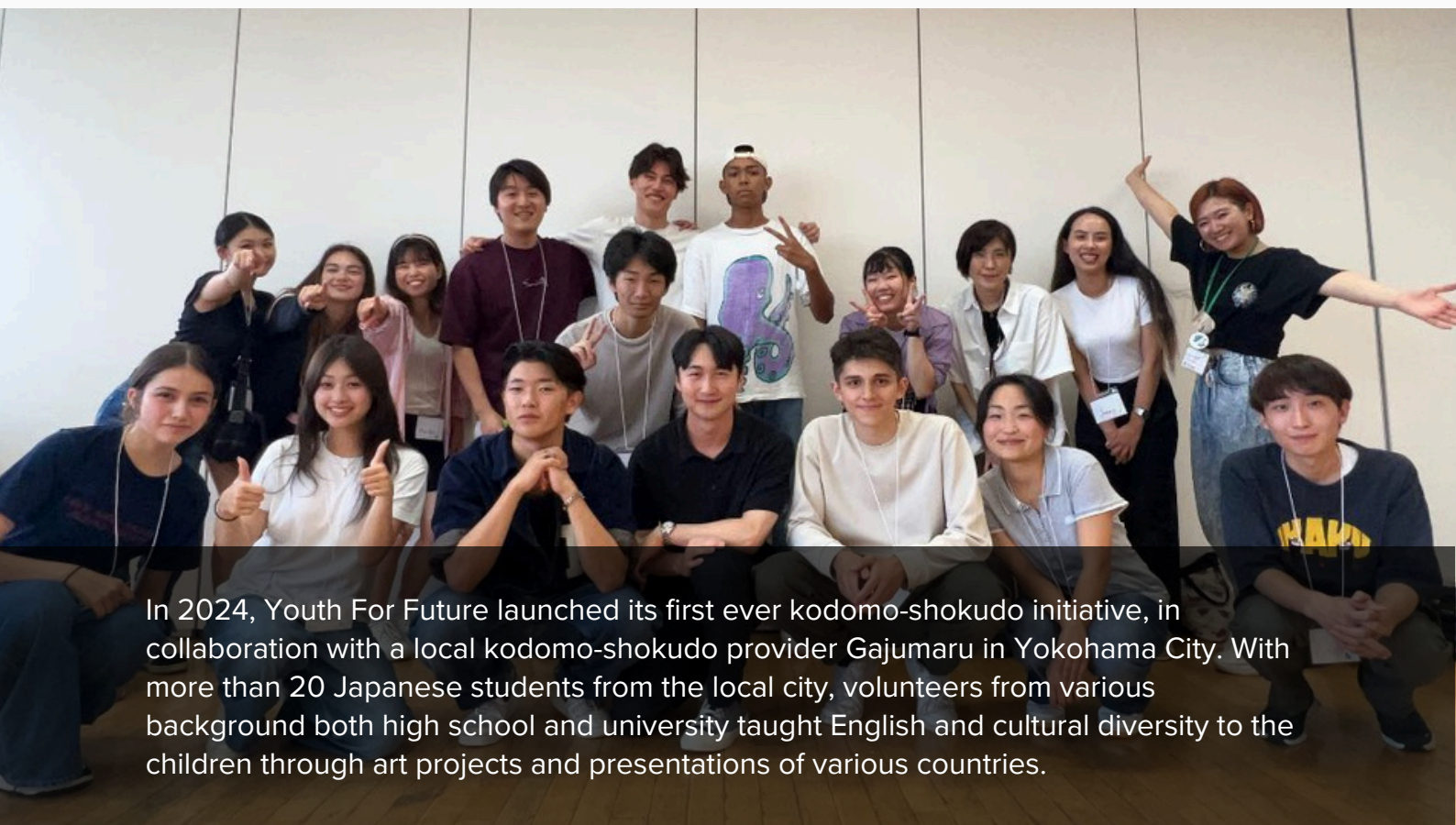
In April 2024, YFF started its collaboration with YouMeWe NPO, engaging with children in an orphanage every week. In addition to weekly visits to the orphanage, YFF engaged in active collection and donation of supplies such as laptops, tablets, clothing, and English/Japanese books for YouMeWe NPO and other institutions. These donations were used as part of a curriculum in an orphanage.

Orphanage Initiative: DAA Summer Camp with YouMeWe NPO



Youth For Future in collaboration with YouMeWe NPO held the 16th annual Designer Arts Academy (DAA) Summer Camp for children in orphanages across Japan! This year, we welcomed bright and talented participants from four different homes to the beautiful Horizon Japan International School Yokohama campus. From movie-making and music composition to yoga, kickboxing, photography, arts and crafts, and thrilling dodgeball and futsal tournaments, our diverse activities made this camp unforgettable!

Kodomo-shokudo Initiative: Collaboration with Gajumaru, Kauri, and Mayu



In 2024, Youth For Future launched its first ever kodomo-shokudo initiative, in collaboration with a local kodomo-shokudo provider Gajumaru in Yokohama City. With more than 20 Japanese students from the local city, volunteers from various background both high school and university taught English and cultural diversity to the children through art projects and presentations of various countries.

Global Initiative: Donation to Mvita Primary School



Towards the end of 2023, as a global project, we provided over 50 sets of pencils, erasers, notebooks, A4-sized paper, and math tools to students in a public school in Kenya. 50 students who attend Mvita Primary School in Kenya have received the school supplies to assist with their studies. We look forward to continuing our efforts to improve the quality of education these children receive as part of our global project.

The Approach

*Introducing the 3 **approaches** of YFF*

The **Approach** of Youth For Future

Our approach as Youth For Future is to offer a **student-centered approach** based on project-based learning. Our goal is to allow the children to be able to self-explore their own passion, which is what we nurture to accomplish through the GIP program.

Within the GIP, specifically the primary program is aligned to offer over 100+ hours of support annually to one child. This shows our approach of Youth For Future to support children based on building a personal relationship and impacting them deeply, than impacting many children on a surface level.

1.

Teaching English

English proficiency is pivotal in today's interconnected world. To equip our children with this invaluable tool, we employ a student-centric methodology, customizing our approaches to align with their interests. Our plan involves leveraging English-language media, such as movies and documentaries with Japanese subtitles, to infuse learning with entertainment. Additionally, we prioritize interactive games and activities to foster conversational skills, ensuring a dynamic and engaging learning experience.

2.

Cultural Interaction

Our aim is to broaden the horizons of the children by showcasing the rich tapestry of global cultures. Leveraging our diverse cohort of international volunteers, we orchestrate visits to orphanages and cultural events, facilitating meaningful interactions that transcend geographical boundaries. Through these encounters, we aim to instill in the children a profound appreciation for cultural diversity, enriching their global outlook.

3.

International Environment Experiences

We endeavor to recreate the essence of international exposure within local confines. Through meticulously curated activities such as exchange programs with international schools, embassy visits, and excursions to themed locations such as British Hills, we offer the children a glimpse into global landscapes. By immersing them in simulated international environments, we seek to broaden their perspectives and nurture a sense of global citizenship, all without the need for extensive travel.

Global Identity Program

Introducing the **movement** of YFF



Global Identity Program (GIP)

The Global Identity Program (GIP) is tailored to support elementary through high school students living in orphanages across Japan. This program is dedicated to equipping these children with the skills and knowledge needed to achieve full independence by the age of 18. There are two main shifts in Japan: the increasingly multicultural society and the rapid development in technology. GIP focuses on preparing students to thrive in this dynamic environment, allowing them to understand their own role and responsibility in the global society.

GIP is made up of weekly/bi-weekly classes, fun events with all the orphanages once in two months, and a summer and spring camp that aims to act as a celebration of learning for the students engaged in the program. GIP promotes a project-based learning approach, empowering children to take control of their own life journey, while exploring and working towards achieving their own interests and passions.

In addition to these curriculums, the middle school and high school program feature a mentorship program that allows them to gain one-on-one specialized support to guide their passion. Through experiencing the primary program, students will be able to better understand their passion in society, with the mentorship program tailored for YFF to help them strive towards their dream.

The three pillars of GIP are structured to allow the children to be able to self-discover, adapt, and gain independence in Japan's rapidly diversifying society.

The Three Pillars of GIP

English Literacy

01

Develop the ability to understand and improve English comprehension skills while gaining confidence in communicating through simple sentence structures

Global Citizenship

02

Gain the opportunity to learn and appreciate the diverse nationalities, cultures, and diversity worldwide, enhancing their international-mindedness. In doing so, they will better understand their responsibility within the global community and their role in fostering a more connected and compassionate world

03

Digital Citizenship

Equipped to navigate the online world safely, ethically, and effectively using digital tools and resources responsibly.

The GIP Approach



Advancing educational equity and global citizenship

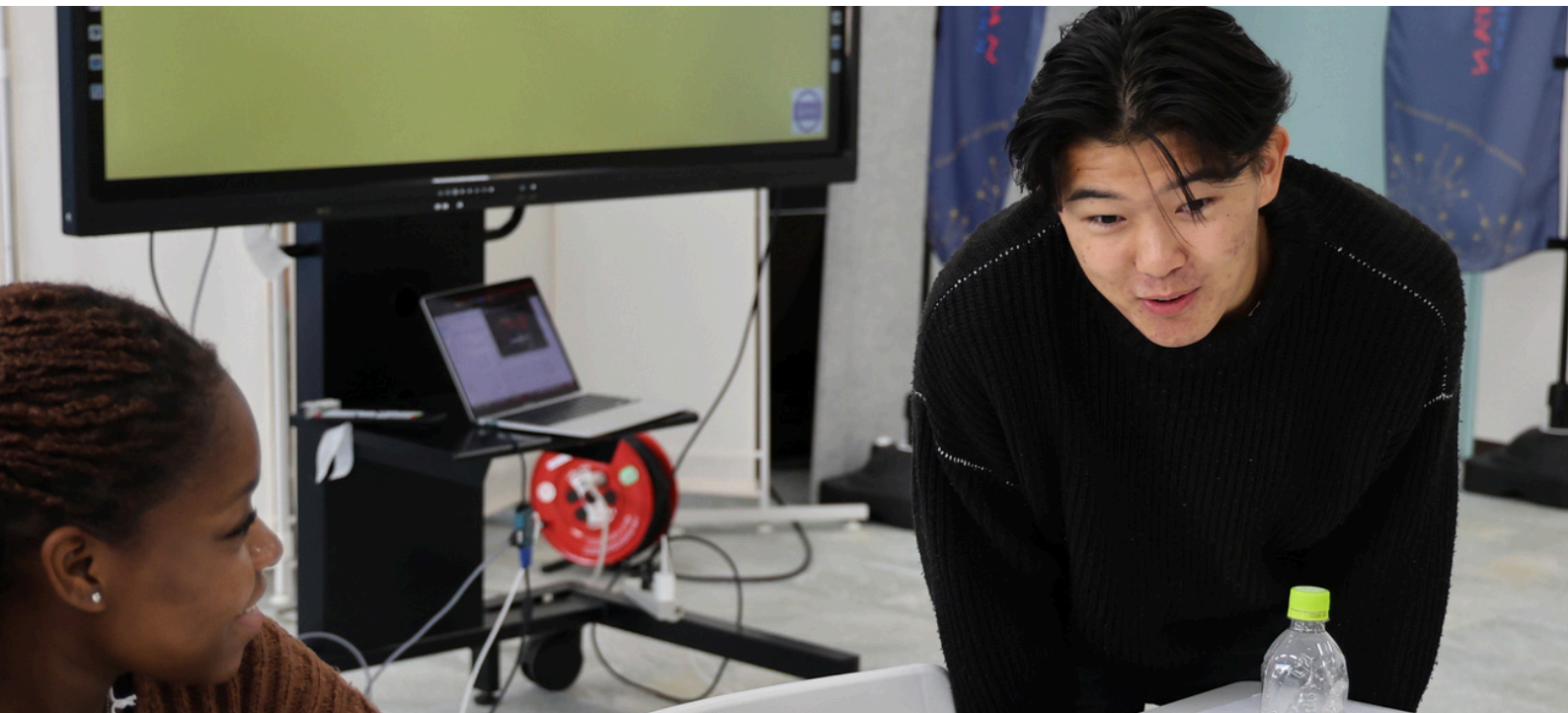
Promotion of educational equity and access to ensure opportunity





Management

Introducing YFF departments and teams



“With Japan’s current demographic and economic behaviors changing, the need for global citizenship, digital literacy and financial literacy come in peak demand. We want to have children learn these useful skills from an early age through both educational and fun experiences.”

Sena Yamamoto

Deputy Executive Director, Head of Management

Our role

Youth For Future operates through management under the decisions and instructions of the Board of Directors. The Management is comprised of the Department of Public Relations and Government Affairs, Department of Global Identity Program, and Department of Human Resources and Communications. Within each department there are associated teams, acting to support the goals of each department. Furthermore, each department is run by a department head, organized to strengthen the support system for achieving the goals of Youth For Future.

Our goals

At Youth For Future, our goal is to provide a robust educational foundation for children in orphanages, empowering them not only to survive but to excel and thrive in society. Guided by our core values of global-mindedness, digital literacy, and english literacy we aim to inspire these children to unlock their potential and contribute meaningfully to the world around them.

Dept. of Global Identity Program

The Global Identity Program is at the core of Youth For Future, driving curriculum development, coordinating with children's homes, and organizing engaging camps and fun days. Our department creates a curriculum that is academically enriching and culturally inclusive, encouraging students to think globally and embrace diverse perspectives. Lessons prioritize hands-on activities over passive content delivery, ensuring engaging and memorable learning experiences. Through this approach, we aim to meet the diverse needs of our students, equipping them with tools to thrive in an interconnected world. The program also connects learning to real-world applications through camps and projects, helping students build confidence and recognize the value of their contributions. As a department member, you will have the opportunity to shape our students' learning experiences by designing high-quality educational materials that reflect the principles of international education.

Curriculum Development Team

Ayşe Bayram - Project Coordinator
Megumi Wurz - Project Coordinator
Emi Tanimoto - Project Coordinator
Mei Kanada - Project Coordinator

Fun Day Organization Team

Miyu Sugiyama - Project Manager

Reach Out Team

Kaoru Takashima - Project Manager



"The Global Identity Program opens a window to the world for children in Japan, inviting them to dream beyond their circumstances. It is a light of possibility, nurturing a sense of confidence and purpose to navigate the ever-globalizing world."

Rinka Lee

Director, Head of Global Identity Program

Spring and Summer Camp Team

As part of the Department of Global Identity Program, Spring and Summer Camp Team is in charge of the spring and summer camps which we intend on holding twice a year. Our team mobilizes in organizing variety of activities for the children who will be participating from the orphanages, but to also mobilize various stakeholders to cooperate with our team, securing venues and materials, in addition to overseeing consistent and smooth operation of the camps themselves.



"YFF is committed to providing holistic support solutions in these increasingly complex environment for both the children in orphanages and those who are not."

Arika Okubo

Director, Head of Spring and Summer Camp & Kodomo-Shokudo Project

Spring and Summer Camp Team

Sarah Mastunaga - Project Coordinator
Shiho Iwasaki - Project Coordinator
Minseo Lee - project Coordinator

Dept. of Public Relations and Government Affairs

The Department of Public Relations and Government Affairs plays a crucial role in securing support and influencing public opinion. Our department and its associated teams focus on building strategic relationships with supporters, sponsors, donors, and other stakeholders to advance our mission and vision to maximize our impacts on children in orphanages and its community. Social Media Team, Sponsorship and Fundraising Team, Government Affairs Team, and Website Development Team work in tandem to support our management activities through securing outreach. Our 10 dedicated members work tirelessly to shape and promote our organization's image ensuring our mission reaches a wider audience, securing necessary finances, advocating for our cause, and staying informed on relevant legislations and developments.

Social Media Team

Maya Morikuni - Project Coordinator
Shiho Iwasaki - Project Coordinator
Miho Kim - Project Coordinator
Toru - Photographer and Videographer

Sponsorship and Fundraising Team

Hirokatsu Tao - Project Manager
Hiro Hobson - Project Coordinator
Aina Hayakawa - Project Coordinator
Soo Ho - Project Coordinator

Government Affairs Team

Taiju Ishimi - Project Coordinator

Website Development Team

Yui Nogami - Project Manager



“The impact of children left behind and forgotten at orphanages must be reversed now. We must stand up and tackle the issue head on through building coalitions of stakeholders who are able to provide a hand.”

Jungen Ono

Director, Head of Public Relations and Government Affairs



“Fostering global citizenship, along with English and financial literacy, among the least privileged helps level the playing field and prepares the next generation to become open-minded leaders in an increasingly international and diverse Japan.”

Dept. of Human Resource and Communications

The Department of Human Resource and Communications plays a crucial role as the backbone of our organization by building and fostering a passionate community of Youth For Future management members and volunteers.

Our goal as the department is to recruit individuals who align with YFF's mission and vision as a part of the External HR team, and to onboard new members and facilitate clear communication between our inter-departmental teams as part of our Internal HR team. The Event team organizes internal activities to boost morale and communications, allowing for efficient work output regardless of the personal backgrounds or situations.

Ryuta Wijers

Director, Head of Human Resources and Communications

External and Internal Human Resource Team

Enoch Cohen - Project Coordinator
Ethan Lee - Project Coordinator

Event Team

Hiro Hobson - Event Manager

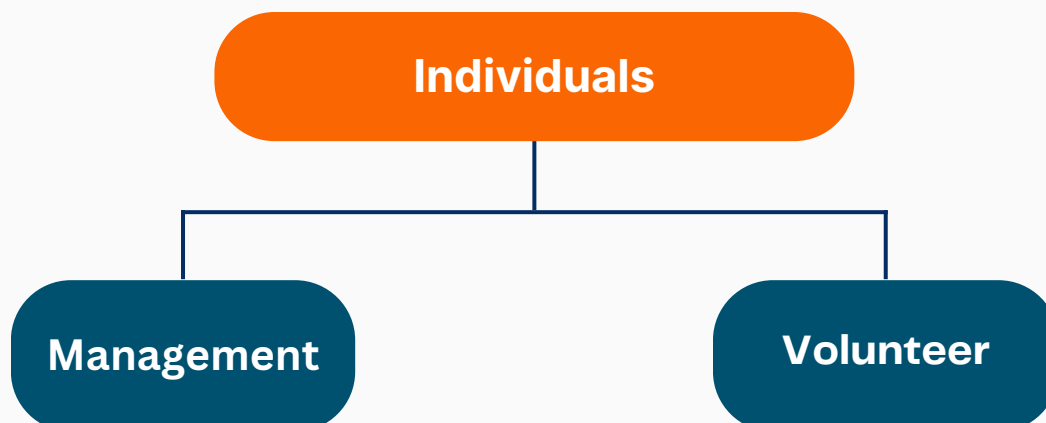
The need to act is now

Promotion of youth leadership



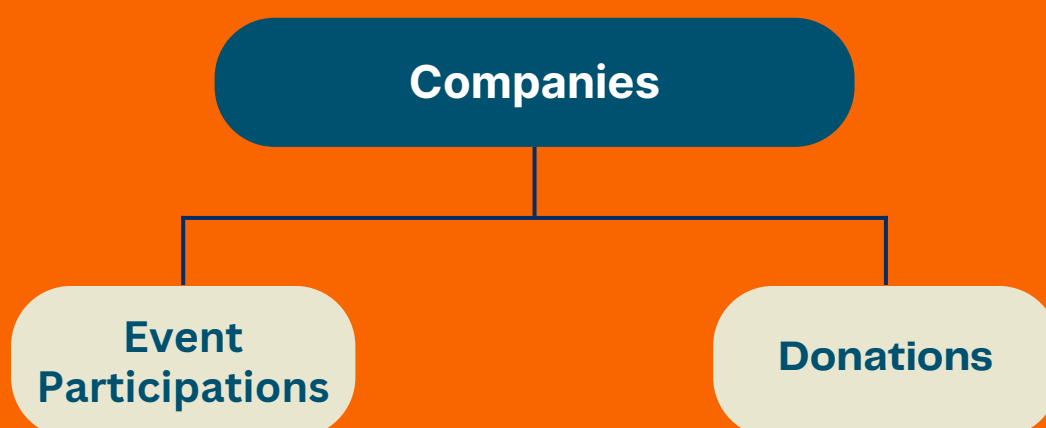
Getting Involved

How to *join* the movement



Individuals can join the management team by applying through a screening process. As part of the team, you will work to organize and execute YFF's mission and vision to expand its impact.

Individuals can become a part of the volunteer team, where they will have the opportunity to directly make an impact on children's future, executing YFF's mission and vision.



We value building strong and multifaceted partnerships. We are eager to explore various collaboration opportunities, seeking not only monetary support but also non-monetary contributions such as expertise sharing, volunteer involvement, and in-kind donations to foster a robust partnership that benefits both our organization and the communities we serve.

Getting Involved

How to **contact** YFF



Thank you for your continued support in Youth For Future.

Whether you want to learn more about our mission and vision, get involved, or explore partnership opportunities, we would love to hear from you! Please message Youth For Future through one of the methods below.

Together, we can make a meaningful difference.



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