

GLOBAL YOUTH MOVEMENT FOR WATER

HOW IT ALL STARTED...

In 2012, at the 6th World Water Forum in Marseille, youth mobilization was organized for the first time in a more structured way. It was at this event that key global networks in the water and sanitation sector were initiated. Over the last decade, youth water actors have multiplied, at all levels, giving more and more volume to youth water engagement. However, youth advocacy, engagement groups and network associations in the water sector have too often been fragmented, diminishing the collective voice and influence of young people.

AND WHERE WE ARE NOW...

This is why, at the last World Water Forum in Senegal, young people from all over the world were given the opportunity to work together and with key actors, to move towards the necessary transformations that our societies and our planet need to ensure a sustainable and more equitable future. The main output of the 9th World Water Forum was the announcement of the idea of creating the Global Youth Movement for Water, a coalition of organisations active in the water & youth sector.

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[#youth4water](#)

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MISSION & IMPACT OF THE MOVEMENT

Our mission is to enhance the recognition, role and impact of youth in triggering and supporting the necessary societal transformation for a water secure future for all.

The Movement aims at gathering any youth-led structure to pool all resources and thus increase our bargaining power with the clear intention to influence decision making and stimulate concrete actions at all levels and in all relevant fields.

Therefore, the Movement shall connect organisations active in the water & youth space to foster collaboration and synergies and increase the outreach and impact of all actors in this sector, from the local to the global levels. It will provide youth-led organisations with more visibility, credibility and recognition to existing and emerging networks and organisations as they engage and support individuals who wish to take action.

Proposed mechanisms:

- Enhance coordination and collaboration of local, regional and global water youth organisations through the community of practice;
- Amplify the power of influence of youth voices;
- Increase the financial and technical capacities of young water leaders;

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

BY YOUTH, FOR
YOUTH, WITH
YOUTH

EMBRACING
DIVERSITY

STRONGER
TOGETHER

LEADING FROM WITHIN

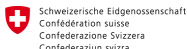
We believe that leadership emerges from within. We are structured in a non-hierarchical, horizontal way, in which everyone is invited to join the Movement, to act and contribute to create and sustain action, without having to deny or change its way of functioning.

The main stakeholders of the Movement are youth-led organisations active in the water space. The shareholders of the Movement, non-youth organisations, are institutional actors from civil society, private sector, governmental organisations that wish to support youth action without directly interfering with the principles, values and and goals of the Movement's youth organisations.

Therefore, the Movement will do without governance structure, remaining flexible and dynamic.



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JOIN US!

Are you a youth-led organisation or association active in the water space?
Do you want to amplify your voice and contribute to a global movement for change?

Are you a non-youth organisation wanting to further support the global youth movement for water?

Fill-out this form to be part of the Movement:
<https://forms.gle/TRKc9r5c4FAyiGDQ9>

IMPORTANT: To help us achieve our objectives and impact, we ask that only one representative from each organisation be part of the Movement. Individuals may not apply to become part of the Movement.

If you are a young person looking for ways to get involved in the water space and have yet to connect with other youth in your country, we invite you to reach out to a youth organisation active in the Movement.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Elysa Vaillancourt, Project Manager at the International Secretariat for Water: evailancourt@sie-isw.org



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