

# LEADERS FOR THE FUTURE



## Leaders for The Future Foundation

We are a dynamic movement dedicated to celebrating and empowering today's youth who face challenges within traditional educational systems. We embrace early school leavers, drop-outs, and those feeling displaced in rigid institutions, recognizing their potential as future leaders.

At the heart of our mission is the belief that a changing world requires a new kind of leader. We strive to answer the question:

*What do today's youth need to take charge of their lives and make wise choices for themselves and the world?*

We recognize the pervasive uncertainty and search for meaning in education, happiness and success. By creating a safe space for open and cross-generational dialogues, we aim to catalyze change in communities.

We are breaking traditional boundaries to unite different disciplines. Our interdisciplinary approach brings together experts in education, care, arts, culture, sports, and policy to address complex issues facing the next generation.

### **We celebrate Early School leavers!**

We honour the children who nowadays feel displaced in current institutions with strict outdated standards.

### **We celebrate Drop-outs!**

We appreciate the young people today who sincerely seek meaning in educational offerings.

### **We celebrate the future citizens!**

Who can no longer see their path due to pasted-on labels, even though they are the pioneers and possess qualities to shape our future.

### **We celebrate their depressed vibes!**

Of those who feel dejected today by a world where humanity has been reduced to a minimum and efficiency to a maximum.

### **We celebrate uncertainty!**

The courageous search of all of us for the new meaning of happiness, learning, success, relationship and perhaps life.

### **Together we celebrate the Future!**

## Our Story: From Isolation to Integration

We find ourselves in a pivotal era fraught with challenges. Amidst this transformative period, one certainty emerges: the future demands leaders who are not just better, but wiser, fairer, and more equitable. The pressing question is, **how do we cultivate these leaders today?**

In the Netherlands, a multitude of innovators tirelessly seeks solutions to existing gaps and areas for improvement. However, their efforts often remain isolated, confined to their respective fields or regions. Recognizing this,

**“our initiative arose from the desire to interconnect these innovators, fostering a broad and interdisciplinary collaboration aimed at sparking a chain reaction towards a brighter future.”**



### Our inaugural event on 11-11-22

was a spontaneous and magical gathering, revealing an unspoken anticipation among participants. This event successfully brought together over 107 passionate individuals from across the Netherlands and Belgium.

The participants articulated the growing need to directly engage in a dialogue with the youth. Recognizing that the next stage of our journey required insights directly from the future itself, our **second event on 03-03-23** was dedicated to engaging in conversations with the youth and the younger generation.

This unique dialogue, bringing together innovators from diverse fields who typically don't engage at the same table, was enhanced by the active participation of a substantial group of youths, ranging from high school to college students.

Through these discussions, we collectively identified 135 essential **building blocks** in various groups, crucial for empowering the youth to construct a better future.



During this event, we confronted reality, and it became more evident **that many young people feel displaced within current systems designed for them. They struggle to find answers in upbringing, education, healthcare, politics, and society.** The increasing numbers of dropouts and school disengagement highlighted this disconnection.



## Next step in our discovery journey

This realization guided us to the next phase of our journey: **Providing a Voice to the Future.**

We concentrate on dropouts and young individuals who don't resonate with the conventional approach to learning and living. Adopting a different perspective, **we celebrate them**, recognizing their traits and needs as essential aspects of future citizenship. Our approach diverges from trying to make them fit into existing systems; instead, it involves a curious and open-minded effort to listen and learn from them.

Looking ahead, our upcoming event on **01-06-24** will be conceived and designed by drop-out youth, where they will assume the roles of speakers, conversation leaders, and performers. We eagerly anticipate this unique perspective shaping our collective understanding and propelling us further on the path to a more inclusive and responsive future.

## Opportunity to Ignite Change: Nurturing Tomorrow's Leaders Through Collective Insight and Youth Empowerment

We invite youngsters and adults, organisations and professionals to join us in supporting the Leaders for the Future to spark a positive chain reaction towards a brighter future!

We appreciate your consideration and are more than willing to provide additional information as needed.

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