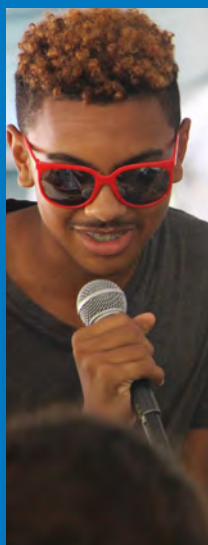


Global Youth Village

International Summer Leadership Program
for Young Adults ages 15-19



- Make Global Friendships • Develop Leadership and Dialogue Skills •
- Work with experts in the fields of peace and conflict, human rights, and climate action



The GYV Story

The Global Youth Village was formed over 40 years ago, with a need and a dream. As the world became increasingly globalized, a group of parents noticed their children did not have the opportunity to meet other young people from different countries and cultures – something they knew their children needed in order to succeed in this new “global world.” These parents dreamed of a way to bring young people from diverse countries together to play, learn, and live alongside one another. Having trouble finding a program which offered just this, they decided to start their own. During the particularly hot summer of 1979, these parents worked diligently with a community of like-minded volunteers, building what is now called the Global Youth Village. That summer, GYV hosted just 12 young people. Over the following four decades, with the support of dedicated alumni and numerous national and international organizations, GYV has brought together over 5,000 youth from 117 different countries.

Over the years, GYV has partnered with the U.S. Department of State and local U.S. community-based organizations to bring diverse groups of youths together. From 2006-2014, GYV hosted over 350 teens from Iraq and 250 teens from Indonesia. Since 2016, U.S. Embassies in Egypt, Algeria, and the U.K. have sent over 100 teens. Our dynamic LivingSideBySide® and leadership curriculums are the bedrock of the experience.

We are dedicated to developing young leaders who are guided by their core values and equipped with the skills needed to contribute positively in their communities.



The Global Youth Village is a program of Legacy International, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with the mission of equipping emerging leaders to transform their values and vision into sustainable success. Legacy has special consultative status with the UN ECOSOC council and is accredited by the American Camp Association. Legacy does not discriminate in its membership, admissions, employment, and procedures.





At the Global Youth Village You Gain:

- Friendships and memories that last a lifetime
- Community leadership skills
- Cross-cultural understanding
- Confidence, independence and new viewpoints

What Makes GYV Unique

- The picturesque Blue Ridge Mountains
- Exposure to dozens of languages and incredible cuisine
- Summer fun combined with practical dialogue and leadership training
- Sincere, dedicated, and fun-loving staff



*"The workshops were so informative and engaging.
I felt inspired even though we talked about difficult subjects."*

International Youth Summit at GY

Your pathway to global citizenship

Global Youth Village is a 16-day youth leadership summit in Virginia. Join peers from more than 15 different countries to:

- Tackle the world's most pressing issues.
- Act and mobilize others – create working groups to develop solutions.
- Become a communicator, innovator, decision maker
- Develop your own youth advocacy toolkits to promote local community change

Mornings will be in summit mode full of information and respectful dialogue. The culminating plenary session is where your working group showcases your resolution to promote change.

Topics to be addressed include:

What is Peace?

- Access to basic human needs – food, education, healthcare...
- Economic equality
- Gender equality
- Security

Climate Action: Planet Earth

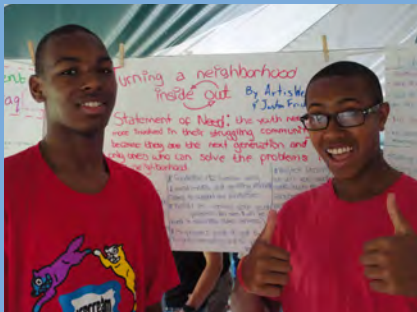
- Water levels rising
- Unusual weather patterns
- Extinction

What is Conflict?

- Persecution
- Unemployment
- Poverty
- Unequal access to health care
- Political Insecurity

Impact on Society

- Displaced People
- Refugees
- Forced migration
- Epidemics / Pandemics – increased risk of human disease.



Try New Things

Afternoons: Outside of the Summits is when you will build friendships, try new things, and round out your experience. You can explore culture, language, dance, arts, sports, or continue refining specific leadership skills.



“My son’s experience at GYV gives me hope for the future. Thank you for all the hard work your staff put into the program.”

- Zumba, yoga, meditation
- Sports, swimming
- Public Speaking / Improv
- Drawing, painting, making murals
- Creative Writing and Speech Writing
- Creating handmade DIY (Do It Yourself) Zero Waste products
- Organic Gardening
- Tree Planting
- Making music on cafe porch

“I made the best friends of my life at GYV. I will never forget them.”

Evening/Special Programs:

All group fun under the stars!

- Talent shows
- Wacky Olympics
- Global Issues Nights
- Cultural Focus nights – peer sharing
- Performing artists sponsored by Virginia Commission of the Arts
- Campfires

“I learned how to talk to people, how to ask them questions about their culture. We learned how to live and work together. To me, that’s the first step towards peace.”

Field Trips: Field trips include short hikes on the Appalachian trail, a tour of Booker T. Washington National Monument to study the life of one of the most influential African Americans in U.S. history, service projects at Lynchburg Grows, `

Total Action for Progress and other local organizations, discussions with local farmers about climate change and organic farming, and first-hand climate action trips to local landfills, recycling centers, and water treatment plants.



Frequently Asked Questions

Who Comes to GYV?

Teen who are:

- Curious
- Open-minded
- Friendly
- Motivated to make a better future

Participants come from

- 12-15 different countries (including China, Japan, Egypt, Jordan, France, Hungary, Mexico and more!)
- 14-20 different states in the US
- Different social, economic and religious backgrounds

Where will I live?

Location:

- Foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia
- Pristine 50 acre campus, surrounded by trees, streams, a pond, garden and hiking trails

Accommodations:

- Wood-frame cabins
- Separate boys and girls areas
- Bath houses near each cabin area

Program Facilities:

- Swimming pool, sport field, basketball court; art & pottery studios; outdoor stage, big-top tent; rock climbing, garden, fire circle; air conditioned workshop and dining spaces

How do I Apply?

Visit www.globalyouthvillage.org
TODAY, spaces fill quickly

Is there Financial Aid?

Yes, email gyv@legacyintl.org for more information

“I learned how to have my voice heard and to listen to the opinions of others.”

For more information, including videos and photos, visit:

www.globalyouthvillage.org

For more photos, visit our

Flickr account: www.flickr.com/photos/globalyouthvillage



Washington D.C. Study Tour

In addition to the Global Youth Village experience, we offer a 5-day study tour in Washington D.C. International and U.S. students enjoy:

- Visit organizations combating social and environmental justice issues
- Enjoy the diversity of restaurants
- Continue your dynamic Summit debates with leaders in the capitol
- Service projects, sightseeing, museums and souvenir shopping

Washington D.C. is the port of entry and departure for our international participants. Legacy staff provide all services at the airport. You spend your initial night at a nearby hotel. Your next stop is the Global Youth Village for 16 days. Then you will return to Washington D.C. for the study tour and your departure home.



Experienced and Caring Staff:

Our staff is a diverse team representing a wide range of professions. All staff share a passion for youth development, community involvement, and a keen interest in learning different perspectives. They work together to create a powerful learning environment. We hire talented, dynamic individuals committed to providing a summer experience that is both supportive and transformative.



Dates and Details

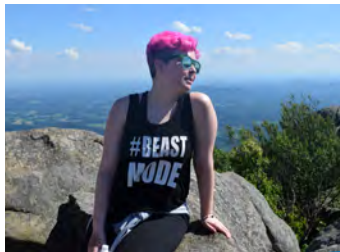
To learn more about dates, rates and to apply visit www.globalyouthvillage.org

Enjoy and Protect Nature.

Not only does GYV tackle issues surrounding climate action and advocacy, but participants also experience full-immersion in nature—a unique feature of the Global Youth Village. Students live in an untouched, natural setting, free from digital distractions, and are encouraged to connect to the natural environment around them, leaving them feeling rejuvenated and at peace.



"My cabin counselor was so encouraging, and the other teens were caring and fun. We laughed for hours in our cabin!"



"GYV was perfect. I gained a world perspective and learned so much."

