



A Summer with Childhood

Childhood Summer Institute 2020

Virtual



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Overview

With summer programs for youth upended or shuttered, World Childhood Foundation (Childhood) seeks to offer a unique opportunity to fulfil its mission to further raise awareness around child sexual abuse, exploitation and violence by educating and engaging youth as part of the solution to address the growing epidemic. A first of its kind program, the Childhood Summer Institute will equip future leaders with the knowledge about the global epidemic of child abuse and exploitation offline and online, provide research opportunities to analyze the role of different stakeholders (e.g., government, UN system, civil society, the private sector and academia) and elaborate on the impact of evidence-based solutions and some of the Childhood funded projects on ending child sexual abuse and exploitation which have historically and disproportionately impacted communities of color.

Program Dates

July – August 2020 (5 weeks)

Location

Virtual

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The UN Sustainable Development Goal 16.2 calls for ending all forms of violence against children, including sexual abuse and exploitation by 2030. Today, 200 million children are exposed to sexual violence every year. How will you help to be part of the solution?

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Dr. Joanna Rubinstein
President & CEO, World Childhood Foundation USA

The Experience

“A Summer with Childhood” is a new program focused on youth advocacy to prevent and address topics related to child sexual abuse and exploitation. This program will help develop their passions in a way they never thought possible through a highly curated and exploratory experience leveraging the full power of Childhood’s vast 20+ years’ experience in the child sexual abuse and exploitation space, its position on several international boards, such as the End Violence Partnership, Early Childhood Development and Peace Building Consortium and the UN Broadband Commission, and Childhood’s

network of global partners, recognized thought leaders and practitioners.

There will be an emphasis on the issues raised by the COVID-19 pandemic surrounding inequality and inclusivity at the global, national and local level. A program highlight will be a full week dedicated to an “insider view” of the United Nations and its stakeholders and how they are ensuring accountability with achieving the Sustainable Development Goals - specifically goal 16.2 - in real time.

Each student will be required to deliver a culminating experience in their ‘own voice’ where they will be encouraged to use a variety of methods to demonstrate their learnings and recommendations that will be shared with the Commissioners of the UN Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development’s annual fall 2020 meeting.

Please see the FAQs for additional information.

A Virtual Youth Fellowship Program (10 students)

In the era of COVID-19, this year’s “*A Summer with Childhood*” is planned as a virtual five week long summer youth fellowship program which will provide U.S. high school age students with a rigorous, in-depth and immersive experience led by global leading experts from the information and communications technology (ICT) industry, international agencies (e.g., ITU, UNICEF, Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children, UN Broadband Commission), academic institutions and civil society. Students will have the unique opportunity to participate in high-level meetings, develop bonds with other student leaders from diverse backgrounds, meet and connect with industry leaders and create youth-driven actionable solutions to raise awareness for child sexual abuse offline and online.

Sample Timeline and Curriculum

Week 1

- Orientation
- Learning the fundamentals - “What is Child Sexual Abuse – Offline and Online?”
- Intro to Childhood’s global network and program partners
- Identification of specific individual research themes to be carried out during the duration of the program

Week 2

- What a pandemic summer looks like for a victim of child sexual abuse and exploitation?

- How has the pandemic exposed and elevated the issue of inequality and what young student leaders can do to envision and create a more inclusive and just world for children?
- Survivor experiences
- Child Online Safety: Challenges and opportunities of the Internet

Week 3

- Insider View of the United Nations
- Global and local governance

Week 4

- Develop Your Voice (to creatively express your unique perspective)
- Completion of individual projects based on student’s selected choice of expression (e.g., research report, video, mixed media, social media)

Week 5

- Project presentations and evaluations
- Thank You & Next Steps

About World Childhood Foundation

World Childhood Foundation (Childhood) envisions a world where all children are free from violence, sexual abuse, and exploitation. Founded in 1999 by H.M. Queen Silvia of Sweden, for more than 20 years Childhood is investing in the development of solutions to prevent and address child sexual abuse and exploitation. As a United Nations accredited NGO, every year Childhood supports over 100 projects globally and raises awareness about our cause. Our work is aligned with the global Sustainable Development Goal 16.2 – ending abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children by 2030. Childhood is a global player, catalyst for change and thought leader. It is a commissioner of the United Nations Broadband Commission for Sustainable Development and the co-chair of the Commission’s Working Group on Child Online Safety. Additionally, Childhood is a board member of the End Violence Partnership, the Early Childhood Development and Peace Building Consortium and a Member of the Steering Committee to the World Economic Forum’s Advancing Digital Content Safety project.

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.childhood-usa.org>

Frequently Asked Questions

What are the eligibility requirements?

“A Summer with Childhood” is open to all rising U.S. high school students (grades 10-12) and graduating seniors. Students must be 15 years-old by the first day of the program.

Students are not required to have a technical background (i.e., coding skills) to participate in the program.

What is the student commitment?

Due to the virtual nature of this program all students must be able to participate weekdays from 9am EST – 5pm EST. Each day will follow a different schedule depending on the needs of the day and will consist of a variety of formats (i.e., webinars, conference calls, individual work).

Students must commit to the entire duration of the program from July – August 2020. Students are expected to behave in a professional manner remotely as they would if they were on site.

For 2020, the entire program will be conducted virtually. All future years will be determined based on U.S. guidelines provided by the CDC or as a blended program.

What will ‘A Summer with Childhood’ day look like?

Each week will cover a different theme with schedules posted in advance. Programming starts each day at 9am EST and time will be allotted for lunch and breaks throughout the day. Youth fellows will have time built in for opportunities to connect with other students and mentors/special guests, reviewing material, conducting research and completing any assigned work under the direction of the programming staff.

What are the admissions requirements?

All participants are required to complete an online application and submit supplementary materials. Students may apply for financial aid through a separate application.

What materials do I need to provide for this program?

All students are required to have access to a digital device that allows them to participate fully in all online activities. Please contact the Childhood team if a student will not have access to a digital device and broadband access.

All participants will be required to have access to Zoom and create a Zoom background to ensure privacy.

Will there be required reading in advance of the program start date?

Yes. Childhood will leverage the UN Broadband Commission’s Report on Child Online Safety (launched at the United Nations in October 2019) and The Economist Intelligence Unit’s “*Out of the Shadows: Shining Light on the Response to Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation*” (June 2019) a 60-country global index conceived by Childhood and supported by the Oak Foundation and Carlson Family Foundation mobilizing global action around the topic. Additional resources such as the New York Times series of articles on online child abuse, and other mixed media will be provided prior to the start of the program.

What are the benefits of being a Childhood Summer Institute Youth Fellow?

Due to the size of the program students will receive a world-class experience with access to global leaders, international agencies, private corporations, academic institutions and civil society in the world of combatting child sexual abuse and exploitation. All participants are eligible to be included in the Childhood website, annual report and additional marketing collateral. Parental permission must be provided.