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ANDILE (ANDY) MNGUNI

SOUTH AFRICA, 22, SHE/HER

Languages: English, Zulu, Xhosa, French, Sotho

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ANDY IS A CHANGEMAKER, YOUTH ACTIVIST, SPEAKER AND SERIAL SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR. SHE FOUNDED ROAR SA – A SOCIAL ENTERPRISE AND MOVEMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO FIND THEIR VOICES AND THE TOOLS TO UTILIZE THEM FOR MEANINGFUL CHANGE IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES.

After graduating cum-laude from the University of Pretoria’s GIBS Social Entrepreneurship Programme, Andy began consulting on how to merge impact and profit for corporations, non-profit organizations and budding youth-owned social enterprises. Andy’s passion for both impact storytelling and food sparked her work towards building a global sustainable food system. She has developed programs that support young people in food systems and agriculture and is the host of FEED Fridays — a platform that promotes the intersectionality of various food system stakeholders through conversations. To honor her advocacy, Andy was named a 2021/22 Thought For Food Ambassador and a 2022 Africa’s Brightest Young Mind. Andy is currently developing a startup to address climate change challenges that disproportionately affect the vulnerable and marginalized communities she works within.

**EXPERTISE: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT,
COMMUNITY ORGANIZING,
EDUCATION, HUMAN RIGHTS, SOCIAL
ENTERPRISE, PUBLIC SPEAKING**



“ Rooted in my African context, I'm on a journey to bridge the gap between top-down approaches and grassroots interventions to redefine impact at UNGA78. As an advocate for sustainable development, I'm driven to dismantle silos and merge diverse perspectives towards a unified force for meaningful change. ”

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ANGELA BUSHESKA

NORTH MACEDONIA, 21, SHE/HER

Languages: English, Macedonian, Turkish, Serbian, French

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ANGELA IS A MACEDONIAN CLIMATE ACTIVIST AND THE FOUNDER & PRESIDENT OF ENROUTE – AN APP THAT HELPS PEOPLE SHOP MORE SUSTAINABLY. SHE IS A 2023 GREENTECH FINALIST, A 2022 FORBES 30 UNDER 30 HONOREE AND A 2022 DELOITTE EDUCATION ONE YOUNG WORLD SCHOLAR.

For the past two years, Angela was a delegate at the Youth 4 Climate Conference, where she took part in writing the Youth 4 Climate Manifesto presented to UN Secretary-General António Guterres. Angela also worked with UNICEF to push climate education in North Macedonia, which awarded her the first-ever Youth Talent Award from the President of North Macedonia. Angela has published two scientific papers on the application of machine learning for social good and has spoken at venues including The Conversationist, COP, SAP, Deloitte and Google Community Conference. She has been recognized as a fellow of the Y Combinator program, interned at Google twice and served on the youth board of the Social Enterprise World Forum.

**EXPERTISE: AI/MACHINE LEARNING,
ENGINEERING, ENTREPRENEURSHIP,
PUBLIC SPEAKING, RESEARCH,
TECHNOLOGY**



“ EnRoute has spent a lot of time trying to understand the supply chains behind fast fashion, and we're currently pioneering a whole new way of approaching fashion. I intend to embrace my role as a climate innovator, addressing the urgent need for sustainable practices in the fashion industry by both legislation and corporations and communicate the climate catastrophes happening in Eastern Europe, especially my home country, North Macedonia. ”



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CIARA JUDGE

IRELAND, 25, SHE/HER

Languages: English, French, Irish

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CIARA IS A PHD CANDIDATE IN GENOMICS AND EPIDEMIOLOGY, CURRENTLY DEVELOPING NEW METHODS OF MODELLING THE SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES THAT INTEGRATE GENETIC DATA FROM THE DISEASE.

She hopes this research will allow us to model outbreaks far more accurately, thus informing improved policy and resource allocation in lower and middle-income countries. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Ciara worked with the European Bioinformatics Institute and Cambridge Department of Chemistry to build a pipeline for modeling SARS-CoV-2 evolution that helped design variant-robust antibody treatments. She has an extensive background in scientific research, for which she has won the Google Global Science Fair, the European Union Contest for Young Scientists and the BT Young Scientist of the Year, and has been named one of TIME Magazine's '25 Most Influential Teens' in 2014. As a teen, two teammates and Ciara discovered a natural mechanism of a soil bacteria that could increase crop productivity by 50-75%. Her research focuses on the intersection of biology, computation and human health, as she believes that current advances in genomics can spur significant developments that will benefit the world at large.

**EXPERTISE: HEALTH/HEALTHCARE, STEM
EQUALITY & ADVOCACY, RESEARCH, SCIENCE**



“ This particular session of the UNGA will probably be one of the only times my field will be a big topic of discussion due to the pandemic we all just lived through. In the field of public health at large, the relationship between policy and research is very symbiotic, making communication at the interface between them really important. UNGA is a great place for this type of communication to occur, and I would love to be involved in pushing for that. ”



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ERIN SMITH

USA, 23, SHE/HER

Languages: English, German

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ERIN IS A TECHNOLOGIST FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE OF BRAIN AND MENTAL HEALTH. SHE IS THE INVENTOR OF FACEPRINT – AN AI TOOL TO DETECT AND MONITOR PARKINSON’S DISEASE – AND CO-PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR ON TWO STUDIES AT STANFORD MEDICINE APPLYING AI TO NEURODEGENERATIVE DISEASES.

Erin has collaborated with Harvard Medical School, Weizmann Institute of Science, the Michael J. Fox Foundation and the Alzheimer’s Association. Her 40+ academic publications have been featured in leading journals including Neuron, Molecular Psychiatry, Brookings and Oxford University Press. Erin is a Senior Atlantic Fellow for Equity in Brain Health at the Global Brain Health Institute at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and Trinity College Dublin, where she leverages technology to improve brain health and reduce dementia worldwide. She is also a Fellow for Transdisciplinary Innovation at Meadows Mental Health Policy Institute, where she develops solutions to the current mental health crisis that span technology, policy and investment approaches. Erin is an OECD Neuroscience-Inspired Policy Initiative Steering Committee Member, a Thiel Fellow, a Y Combinator Alumni and an AAAS IF/THEN Ambassador. Erin’s work has been recognized by the European Patent Office Young Inventor Award, Wired Health Startup of the Year, Seventeen Magazine Voice of the Year and Forbes 30 under 30.

**EXPERTISE: HEALTH/HEALTHCARE,
AI/MACHINE LEARNING,
ENTREPRENEURSHIP, RESEARCH,
STEM EQUALITY & ADVOCACY,
MENTAL HEALTH/WELLBEING**



“ I am interested in developing cross-sector, intergenerational collaborations around brain and mental health across lifespans — from youth mental health to later-life neurodegenerative diseases. The factors that shape brain and mental health are increasingly multidisciplinary, ranging from climate change to social media to social inequities to education. Policies resulting from UNGA are an important lever of change to improve health; however, youth are increasingly left out of the conversations. ”



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KHOULOU AYUTI

ISRAEL/PALESTINE, 33, SHE/HER

Languages: Arabic, Hebrew, English, French

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KHOULOU IS A SOCIAL ACTIVIST WHO GREW UP IN JAFFA. GROWING UP IN AN UNDERPRIVILEGED AND MARGINALIZED ARAB COMMUNITY, SHE HAS DEDICATED HER LIFE TO WORKING WITH DIVERSE COMMUNITIES AND YOUTH.

KhouLOUD studied Social and Political Science and managed peacebuilding and education programs at the Peres Center for Peace and Innovation. In an effort to promote her own community in Jaffa, she arrived at Presentense as the coordinator for the Made in Jaffa program in 2017 and was later promoted to the role of Co-CEO of the organization. KhouLOUD now serves as the Director of the Boustan Foundation, which invests in shared society and peacebuilding initiatives in Palestine and Israel. KhouLOUD has been given awards and recognitions throughout her career, such as We Are Family Foundation's Three Dot Dash Global Teen Leader, Mepi's Leadership Fellow and TheMarker Magazine's Most Promising 40 Under 40.

EXPERTISE:

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP,
LEADERSHIP TRAINING**



“ I have a track record of creating impact by managing significant social investments and building strategic partnerships to promote gap reduction, specifically for the Palestinian population. I plan to use my voice and platform to engage with my network, including tech companies, government bodies, philanthropies, NGOs and academia to mobilize resources and action on important issues in Israel and Palestine. ”



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NEHA SHUKLA

USA, 18, SHE/HER

Languages: English, Hindi, Spanish

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NEHA IS AN INVENTOR, SOCIAL ENTREPRENEUR, ACTIVIST, BESTSELLING AUTHOR AND AI ETHICIST AT THE WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM. SHE WORKS TO CREATE TECH SOLUTIONS FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, CLIMATE CHANGE AND HOMELESSNESS, WORKING IN COLLABORATION WITH MICROSOFT, NASA, APPLE AND NVIDIA.

As an AI ethicist, Neha is the Chair of the World Economic Forum’s Generation AI Youth Council, advocating for ethical and child-safe artificial intelligence. She is also the author of “A Kids Book About AI,” which champions youth awareness of ethical AI. As a climate activist, Neha is the Founder of Climate Interactive, an interactive climate data dashboard to bring climate awareness to frontline communities, and the Climate Ambassador for Greenpeace USA leading over 3 million young climate activists. Neha’s innovations and activism are recognized by the New York Times, Forbes, and Harper’s Bazaar, and commended by President Biden and the British Royal Family. She was selected by the White House National Space Council to advocate for girls in technology and is the Youth Advisor to the Harvard Graduate School of Education.

**EXPERTISE: AI / MACHINE LEARNING,
SOCIAL ENTERPRISE, ENVIRONMENT
AND SUSTAINABILITY, ETHICAL
TECHNOLOGY, POLICY, GENDER EQUITY**



“ I’m excited to lead the revolution of youth pushing for systemic change and building tech fueled by empathy, whether through building climate tech solutions with United Nations’ data, pushing for ethical AI leading the World Economic Forum’s Generation AI Youth Council, or advocating for girls in tech with the White House. The UN General Assembly is an incredible place to foster intergenerational collaboration, and I’m excited to see coalitions of diverse voices working to build a more innovative and inclusive future. ”



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PAIGE BROCIDIACONO

USA, 24, SHE/HER
Language: English
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PAIGE SEEKS TO UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEX INTERPLAYS BETWEEN ECOLOGICAL AND SOCIOPOLITICAL SYSTEMS TO HELP COORDINATE AND ADVANCE THE HUMAN RESPONSE TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

At Spark Climate Solutions, Paige coordinates the methane removal field, a neglected but high-leverage climate intervention. Paige is the founder of WindBorne — a startup developing innovative improvements to weather forecasting based on low-cost controllable sensing balloons, funded by Khosla Ventures and The Thiel Fellowship. As CEO, she scaled the company and coordinated multi-million dollar contracts with The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the US Air Force and the US Navy. Paige also founded a Mars team at the Stanford Student Space Initiative that went on to send experiments to the International Space Station. While in high school, Paige invented a biodegradable material to clean up nutrient pollution and prevent harmful algal blooms. Her research won first place in Global Good at the Intel (now Regeneron) Science Talent Search, among top awards at other science fairs. Paige has been excited to share what she's learned through mentorship with dozens of high school scientists and aspiring entrepreneurs over the years.

**EXPERTISE: ENGINEERING, ENVIRONMENT AND
SUSTAINABILITY, NONPROFIT, RESEARCH, SCIENCE**



“ Current climate solutions are not enough to prevent the risks of severe climate impacts. I hope to share my perspective as a young person who sees climate change as the most important issue collectively facing humanity. I work with a network of nonprofits seeking to accelerate complementary parts of a broader, comprehensive climate portfolio. I plan to create linkages between these changemakers and those with the power to intervene in the international political process. ”



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PRIYANKA SHRESTHA

NEPAL, 23, SHE/HER

Languages: Nepali, English, Hindi

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PRIYANKA IS A YOUTH CHANGEMAKER, CONTENT CREATOR, STORYTELLER AND THE FOUNDER OF DIGNITY FOR ALL – AN INITIATIVE ADDRESSING THE LACK OF MENSTRUAL HYGIENE TO RESTORE DIGNITY TO WOMEN IN WESTERN NEPAL.

Since age 16, she has been an advocate for new-generation leadership and social justice on a national and global scale. She is currently an Aspire Leaders Program Fellow at Aspire Institute, a Student Ambassador of Paragon One and works with youth networks including Nepalese Students Coalition for SDGs, Global Young Greens, Global Youth Biodiversity Network, YOUNGO, Youth for Road Safety, Three Sixty Plus and Sustainable Ocean Alliance. Priyanka has represented Nepal at international events such as Our Ocean Conference and Youth Leadership Summit 2023 in Panama, Festival University 2022 in Austria, the 2019 Three Dot Dash Just Peace Summit in NYC and as the recipient of the 2022 Youth Leadership Award from College Readers Magazine.

**EXPERTISE: COMMUNITY ORGANIZING,
ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY,
GENDER EQUITY, SOCIAL WORK, YOUTH
LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT**



“ In a highly prestigious space like UNGA, where there has always been under-representation of global south youth, I represent the indigenous and historically marginalized Newar community of Nepal. As a youth changemaker, content creator and storyteller, I advance climate actions. From advocacy to campaigning, policy intervention to coordination with different stakeholders, I stand for new-generation leadership and social justice. ”



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SIDDHI PAL

INDIA, 25, SHE/HER
Languages: English, Hindi
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SIDDHI IS A DEVELOPMENT SECTOR CONSULTANT WITH EXTENSIVE INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE IN DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION, WITH A TRACK RECORD OF DESIGNING AND IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS THAT EMPOWER MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES.

Siddhi is currently working with the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology in the UK Government, where she is using her academic background in Psychology (LSE) and Public Policy (Oxford) to provide policy recommendations grounded in behavioral insights. Siddhi co-founded India's first gay-straight alliance at the school level and has since made significant contributions to organizations such as the Queen's Commonwealth Trust and the UN Foundation. As a Co-Founder of a podcast on civic leadership, Siddhi strives to bring important conversations to the forefront. Her advocacy and mentorship work across the Commonwealth further demonstrate her dedication to empowering others. Siddhi is driven by a passion for international policy and leveraging diverse experiences for greater impact.

EXPERTISE: STEM EQUALITY & ADVOCACY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION, PUBLIC POLICY, CONSULTING, CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, GOVERNMENT



“ Inspired by stories from grassroots to global platforms, I bring a fresh lens — merging Oxford academics with hands-on activism. Transforming policy into promise, I champion the dreams of adolescent girls at UNGA78. My goal? Elevate their voices, ensuring every SDG commitment translates into tangible, empowering realities on the ground. ”



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