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Welcome to Youth for Action!

Your voice. Your ideas. Your future.

Welcome to Global Solidarity Hub – Youth for Action! We're delighted to bring together young people from across Ireland for a day of conversation, creativity, connection and action.

From climate justice and human rights to disability inclusion, equality and global solidarity, the challenges facing our world are complex. But young people have an important role to play in shaping solutions and building a fairer, more inclusive and sustainable future.



Today is an opportunity to share your perspectives, learn from others, challenge ideas and explore how we can turn conversations into meaningful action.

Through inspiring speakers, interactive discussions, workshops and live performances, we hope you'll make new connections, discover fresh perspectives and leave feeling empowered to make a difference.

Whether you're already involved in activism or simply curious about global issues, we're glad you're here.

This is your space to learn, connect and take action.

Global Solidarity Hub – Youth for Action is part of the Associated EU Presidency Events programme and is delivered with Sightsavers Ireland, GOAL, Trócaire and Black and Irish.

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Your day at a glance

Activity	Time	Location
Registration	10:30-11am	Foyer
Keynote address - Aisling Maloney	11-11.15am	Main Space
Performance - Abood	11:15-11.30pm	
World Cafe	11:30-1pm	Main Space
Lunch	1-2pm	Main Space
Performance - Hewan	1:45-2:15pm	
Workshops	2:15-3pm	Break out rooms
Open Space and Collective Reflections	3-4:25pm	Main Space
Closing words	4.25-4.30pm	
Performance - Farrah Elle	4:30 -5pm	

What to expect

A day of conversation, creativity, and collective action.

Youth for Action is all about bringing people together to share ideas, learn from different perspectives, and explore how we can create positive change. Throughout the day, you'll have opportunities to listen, contribute, connect, and get involved in different ways.

Welcome and Keynote

11:00am–11:15pm

Setting the scene. Inspiring action.

We'll kick off Youth for Action with a warm welcome from Niamh Flynn and the National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI) team, followed by a keynote address from youth advocate and policy leader Aisling Maloney.

Drawing on her experience in youth advocacy and policy, Aisling will set the tone for the day, highlighting the importance of young people's voices in shaping a fairer, more inclusive, and sustainable future.

You'll have the opportunity to explore global issues, hear different perspectives, and share your own experiences and ideas in a welcoming, collaborative setting.

World Café

11:30am–1:00pm

Big conversations. Fresh perspectives. Shared ideas.

The World Café brings people together for informal, small-group discussions with speakers, youth advocates, and fellow participants.

You'll have the opportunity to explore global issues, hear different perspectives, and share your own experiences and ideas in a welcoming, collaborative setting.

Interactive Workshops

2:15pm–3:00pm

Explore. Learn. Take action.

Choose from a range of interactive workshops led by our event partners, exploring themes including disability inclusion, climate justice, campaigning, and digital resilience.

Each workshop offers an opportunity to explore a particular issue in more depth, develop new perspectives, and consider practical ways to contribute to positive change.

Find out more about each workshop on page 15.

Open Space

3:00pm–4:00pm

Your ideas. Your conversations. Your space.

Open Space is an opportunity for participants to shape the conversation and explore the issues that matter most to them.

Building on the day's discussions, this interactive session facilitated by Leon Diop from Black and Irish creates space to share ideas, ask questions, exchange perspectives, and explore opportunities for collective action.

The ideas shared will help inform our collective reflections and recommendations at the end of the day.

Collective Reflections

4:00pm–4:45pm

Turning conversations into action.

As the day draws to a close, we'll come together to reflect on the ideas, experiences, and perspectives shared throughout Youth for Action.

This session is an opportunity to identify key messages, highlight shared priorities, and consider how young people's voices and ideas can help shape future conversations and action.

Meet the speakers

Meet the voices shaping the conversation.

Throughout the day, you'll hear from young leaders, advocates, and changemakers bringing different perspectives and experiences to the conversation.

From grassroots activism and community leadership to human rights and global justice, our speakers will share their insights, experiences, and ideas for creating positive change.



Aisling Maloney

Youth Advocate and Policy Leader

Aisling is a law graduate, youth advocate and policy leader with experience at local, national and international levels. Having worked with the European Youth Forum and National Youth Council of Ireland, she is passionate about meaningful youth participation, gender equality, education and sustainable development, ensuring underrepresented voices are included in decision-making.



Isabelle Blum

Autism Advocate and Public Speaker

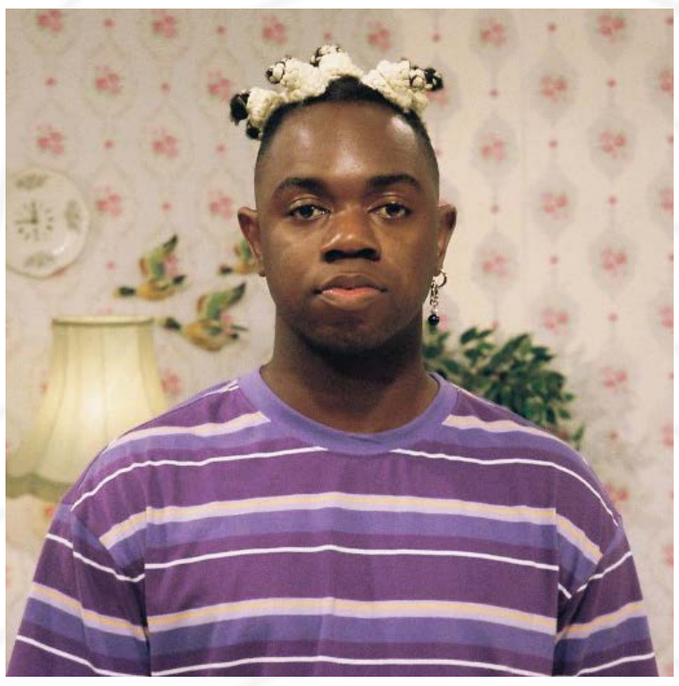
Isabelle is an autistic university student, advocate, and public speaker. A Young Adult Ambassador with AsIAm and member of the Bodywhys Youth Panel, she draws on her lived experience to champion accessible education, inclusive healthcare and greater understanding of autistic people's experiences.



James Casserly

Equal World Youth Champion, Sightsavers Ireland and Accessible Travel Advocate

James is an Equal World Youth Champion with Sightsavers Ireland and an accessible travel advocate. Through his platform, Jimbo's Accessible Adventures, he raises awareness of accessibility barriers. He has represented Sightsavers Ireland at international events, advocating for disability inclusion and meaningful youth participation.



Dafe Pessu Orugbo

Artist, Playwright and Musician

Dafe is an award-winning artist, playwright and member of hip-hop duo Tebi Rex. A board member of the Performing Arts Forum, his work includes the sold-out Dublin Fringe Festival production Am I The A**hole? and Fin. – The Harbinger of Death. His creative practice focuses on engaging audiences through performance and storytelling.



Mikey Cullen

Poet, Actor and Filmmaker

Mikey is an award-winning Dublin poet, actor, teacher and filmmaker whose spoken-word performances explore personal experiences and social issues. He has performed at major festivals across Ireland and internationally, and his poetry film The Heart in the Black won Best Irish Poetry Short at the 2026 Bloomsday Film Festival.



Jack O’Donovan Trá

Environmental and Social Justice Campaigner

Jack is a campaigner working across environmental and social justice issues, including ocean protection, climate action and air quality. Through grassroots organising, public engagement and policy advocacy, he works to build collective action and strengthen communities.



Hope Omoregie

EU Youth Delegate, Youth Advocate and Creative Activist

Hope is one of Ireland’s EU Youth Delegates, a social worker and creative activist working across youth participation, human rights and social inclusion. She is the founder of Hope’s Home, a creative platform using storytelling and community engagement to encourage meaningful conversations and empower young people.



Abdulai Mansaray

Founder and CEO, Compass Pathways CLG | Legal Consultant and Refugee Rights Advocate

Originally from Sierra Leone, Abdulai is a Dublin-based legal consultant and advocate with lived experience of Ireland's asylum system. He founded Compass Pathways CLG to improve fairness and access to justice for people seeking international protection. A GOAL NextGen alumnus, he was named Ireland's Law Student of the Year in 2025 and Black and Irish Activist of the Year in 2023.



Alex Duffy

Global Youth Work Project Officer, National Youth Council of Ireland

Alex works with the Youth 2030 programme at the National Youth Council of Ireland. With a background in community and youth work, she is passionate about amplifying young people's voices and empowering them to take action, particularly around climate justice, youth mental health and community engagement.



Niamh Flynn

Global Youth Work Trainer, National Youth Council of Ireland

Niamh is a Global Youth Work trainer with the National Youth Council of Ireland. She supports young people and youth organisations to strengthen meaningful youth participation through creative and interactive approaches. Her work focuses on social and global justice, peacebuilding, community empowerment and promoting youth and female leadership.



Leon Diop

Founder and CEO, Black and Irish

Leon is a Dublin-born author, storyteller and equity advocate, and founder of Black and Irish, an organisation championing the stories and experiences of Black people in Ireland. An award-winning author and former Head of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion at the Arts Council, he is passionate about representation, belonging and social change.

Explore the workshops

Big ideas. Practical skills. Meaningful action.

This afternoon, you'll have the opportunity to take part in interactive workshops exploring some of today's most pressing global challenges.

Led by our event partners, these sessions offer space to share ideas, build skills, hear different perspectives, and explore ways to make a difference.

Here's a taste of what's on offer:

Equal World? Film Screening and Discussion

Sightsavers Ireland

A screening of Equal World?, a 20-minute documentary exploring disability inclusion, youth participation, and global justice through the stories of young people with disabilities from around the world. The screening will be followed by facilitated small-group discussions on inclusion and the role young people can play in driving positive change.

Cards for Humanity
GOAL

Bring courageous conversations to the table with Cards for Humanity, GOAL NextGen's storytelling game designed to spark meaningful connections and thought-provoking discussions. Facilitated by co-creator Dafe Pessu Orugbo, this interactive workshop explores identity, lived experiences, and global justice through play.

Campaigning in 2026
Trócaire

Got an issue that really gets under your skin? Learn how to turn your passion into action through creative protests, social media activism, lobbying decision-makers and planning campaigns that make an impact.

Digital Resilience Black and Irish

Take part in a lively walking debate exploring digital resilience, online narratives and the challenges of navigating a polarised world. Share perspectives and discuss practical ways to respond to harmful or divisive content.



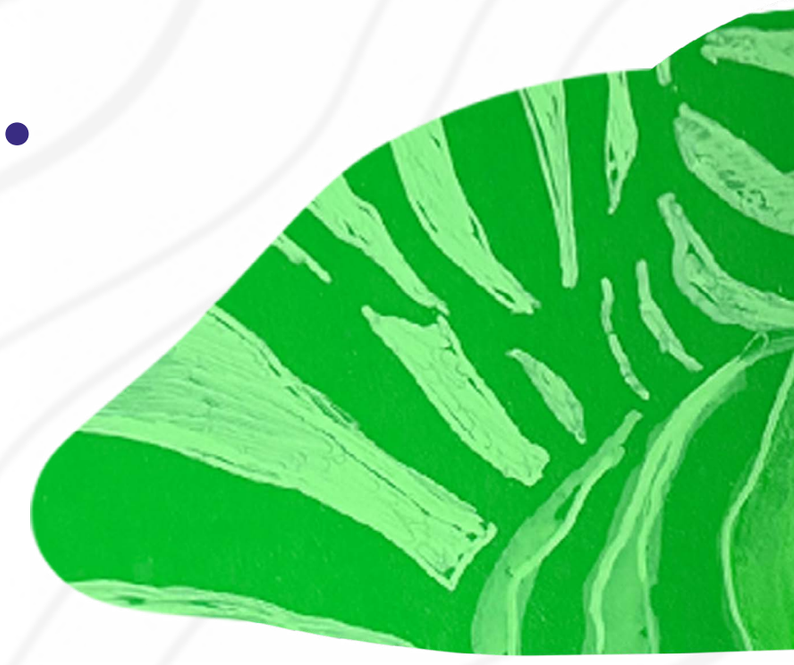
NYCI Youth 2030 - Ideas to Action
National Youth Council of Ireland

How do ideas become real change?
In this interactive workshop, participants will explore their strengths, discover how they contribute to a team and connect with others who share their interests. Through creative activities and discussion, participants will identify issues they care about and begin turning ideas into meaningful action.



Creativity and performances

More than conversations. More ways to connect.



Throughout Youth for Action, music and creative performances will bring new energy and perspectives to the day.

The Global Solidarity Hub believes creativity has the power to connect people, challenge assumptions, and inspire conversations across cultures and communities.

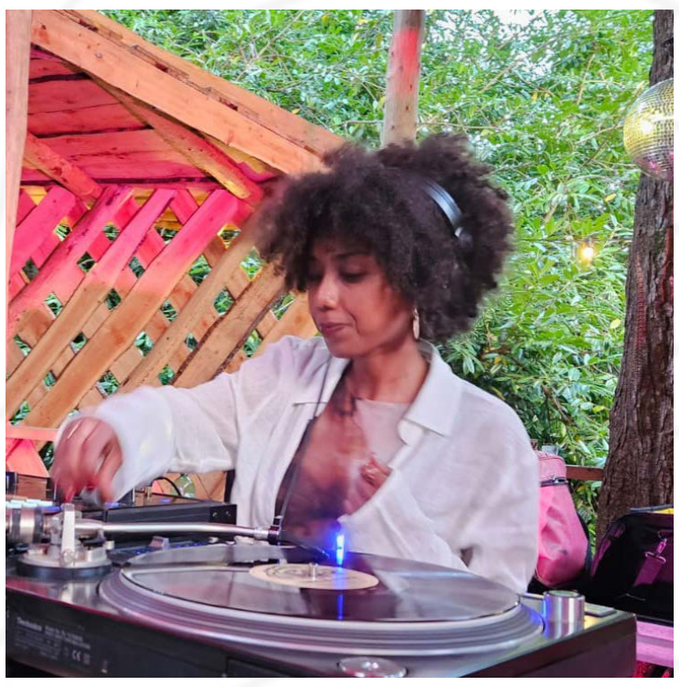
We’re delighted to welcome a range of performers who will help make Youth for Action a celebration of expression, diversity, and solidarity.

Meet the performers



Abood Aladham

Abood is a Palestinian-Jordanian beatbox artist based in Ireland. Founder of the Jordanian Beatbox Championship and host of the Wallah Miaow podcast, he combines hip-hop influences with global rhythms, using voice and sound to connect culture, storytelling and identity.



Hewan (Ethiogrooves)

Originally from Ethiopia and based in Dublin, Hewan is a vinyl DJ whose sets celebrate African music and global sounds. Blending Ethiojazz, Afrobeat, highlife, reggae and rare grooves, she has performed at festivals including Electric Picnic, All Together Now and Cork Jazz Festival.



Farah Elle

Libyan-born and raised in Ireland, Farah Elle is a musician and songwriter whose work blends traditional Arabic melodies with her North African and Irish heritage. Through music and storytelling, she explores identity, culture and healing. Her work includes her debut album FATIMA and acclaimed one-woman show LIBYA!

Accessibility and event information

Making Youth for Action accessible to everyone.

We want Youth for Action to be a welcoming and inclusive space where everyone can participate as fully and comfortably as possible.

Accessibility supports available today include:

- An accessible venue
- Irish Sign Language (ISL) interpretation
- A dedicated sensory/quiet room for anyone who would benefit from a break from the main event spaces
- Earplugs available on request

If you need assistance or have an access requirement during the day, please speak to a member of the event team. We're here to help.

Food and refreshments

Lunch and refreshments will be provided during the day.

We're delighted to have lunch provided by Bethlehem Restaurant, serving delicious Palestinian food with options to suit a range of dietary requirements.

Photography and filming

Photography and filming will take place throughout the event for communications and reporting purposes.

If you would prefer not to be photographed or filmed, please speak to a member of the event team so we can explain the arrangements in place.

Need assistance?

Please speak to one of our event team members or contact:

Róisín McAtamney: **rmcatamney@sightsavers.ie**

The conversation doesn’t end here

Your voice matters. Your actions can make a difference.

Today has been about sharing ideas, challenging perspectives, making connections, and exploring how we can work together towards a fairer, more inclusive, and sustainable world.

But meaningful change doesn’t happen in a single day.

Take what you’ve learned, build on the connections you’ve made, and keep asking questions. Whether it’s getting involved in a campaign, starting a conversation in your community, or taking action on an issue you care about, every contribution matters.

Thank you for being part of Youth for Action!

We’d love to hear from you

What inspired you today? What would you like to see happen next? Share your feedback and help shape future opportunities for young people to connect, collaborate, and take action.

Scan the QR code or click here to complete the survey: **Global Solidarity Hub: Youth For Action Feedback – Fill in form**

Stay connected

Follow the Global Solidarity Hub and our event partners to discover more opportunities to get involved.

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Keep taking action.

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