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FutureGenerations China

This team from China was selected by Future Generations China, an NGO that promotes community-led development in partnership with government as a proven, alternative path to improving people's lives and places. The core of Future Generations work is a system that communities and governments can use to shape their futures. This system can create large nature preserves (as in Tibet, China), rapid social change (as in India), extend health services (as in Peru), or help countries rebound from conflict (as in Afghanistan). The global reach of Future Generations extends to more than 7,000 communities in 22 countries.

Future Generations China has been committed to environmental protection in China since our founder Dr. Daniel Taylor helped establish a protected area around Mt. Everest in 1989. Much of our work involving communities that border national nature preserves is endorsed by Chinese president, Hu Jintao. Our programs not only address conservation in Tibet, but now include environmental education through the youth programs and sustainable development projects in rural China through the Model Eco-Community Project. To learn more about us please find us online at:

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你好!
Ni hao!

The China Team hails from 8 different provinces across China representing Anhui, Shandong, Shanghai, Zhejiang, Henan, Jiangsu, Ningxia, and Hebei. They bring with them a wide array of experiences and educational backgrounds. All team members are excited for a chance to collaborate across borders at this year's Youth in Development Forum!

Fact Sheet

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Hometown

Dongying, Shandong Province

Favorite Food

Fish, all kinds of vegetables and chocolate

College

Peking University Law School

Favorite Subject / Major

Western Art History

Social Issue of Interest

In Shengli Oil Field in Shandong, where my parents live, so many people have cancer that it seems abnormal. I think it must be related to the oil speculation and petrochemical factories.

Fun Fact

I'm good at cooking strange dishes.



Zhou Yuelin 周悦霖

I'm Zhou Yuelin, a junior at Peking University law school. This major gives me professional training in law and pushes me to explore the real meaning of justice. Law is about the rule and order of human society. If you want to really understand law, you must seek knowledge from a wide range. When that kind of thinking is too hard for me, I like to do many beautiful things such as painting, cooking, reading, watching movies, taking photographs, and playing guitar (which I am learning now) to relax myself.

My hometown is Shandong, the native place of Confucius, a province with rich farm land, developed industry, abundant natural resources and splendid civilization. Dongying, the young city where my family lives, was developed around the petroleum speculation in the Shengli Oil Fields. I'm proud of my hometown, but also can't stop worrying about the pollution from the petrochemical industry and the global crisis of energy.

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Development Goal

End Poverty and Hunger

Community Commitment

In the summer of 2010, I went to Qinghai province as a volunteer of Xinxin Educational Foundation, which donates to primary schools in poor areas. Our team went to investigate resource allocation and school needs. I interviewed the headmasters, teachers, and students in the schools, wrote reports about conditions there and contacted local officials in the education system. This was my first time to visit poor and distant areas. It showed me the enormous disparity of living standards and educational service between rich and poor in China. It strengthened my resolution to do something to help people and make a difference.



Melinda Xu 徐鑫

A year and a half ago, after my undergraduate studies at Wuhan University, I became a postgraduate student majoring in international law. In September 2009 at the beginning of the new semester I decided to suspended my schooling and participate in a national youth volunteer program. I served as a rural teacher in the Dabie Mountains located between Anhui and Hubei province for a whole year.

I enjoy exploration and anything new excites me. That's one reason why I decided to take a break from school for one year, running away from normal life. Some people break away from established and traditional tracks and it's part of the diversity of the world. I want to follow the track leading to something which is more than myself, and I see it as my style of diversification.

Community Commitment

I taught high school freshmen and it was during this year that I began to pay attention to left behind children whose parents go to urban centers in search of jobs. My students were at the point between childhood and adulthood. They were more independent, sensitive and rebellious; therefore, it was harder to open their hearts and help them.

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Hometown

Shijiazhuang, Hebei Province

Favorite Food

Ice cream

College

Wuhan University

Favorite Subject / Major

International Law

Social Issue of Interest

I am concerned with 'left behind children' in China's rural areas. These children's parents are migrant workers who travel very far to find better paying jobs. The children are often left to fend for themselves and are subjected to many disadvantages that limit their potential.

Fun Fact

I eat six walnuts each day.

Millennium

Development Goal

Universal Education

Fact Sheet

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Hometown

Puyang, Henan Province

Favorite Food

Fried rice with seafood, Turkish BBQ, Henan style noodles

College

Renmin University

Favorite Subject /

Major

Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Social Issue of Interest

I am interested in ways to increase the efficiency of governments in managing and promoting social development.

Fun Fact

I collect stamps. I have every Chinese stamp since 1985. Come to Henan and I'll show you my collection!



Alex Wong 王则开

I was born in Henan Province located in the middle of China. This province has the largest population of any province in China and is famous for its agriculture and Shaolin Temple. I am now a senior at Renmin University of China in Beijing where I study labor and social security. In the past 4 years, I've been actively engaged in global youth campaigns related to sustainability and climate change.

I think that every citizen has social responsibility and different people play different roles to create a synergy to live in a way that maximizes efficient and just resource use for positive social impact. International cooperation will be more and more important in the information age since people will inspire each other. Engaging youth in all these processes will be a trend as more people realize young people are not only leaders of tomorrow but also partners for today.

Millennium
Development Goal
Gender Equality

Community Commitment

I was a co-founder of the Global Sustainable Leaders Forum, and also elected as the National Director of AIESEC (Association Internationale des Etudiants en Sciences Economiques et Commerciales) China the year before. I traveled to more than 30 countries to promote youth projects, youth cooperation and represent Chinese youth in various global plenaries including UN COP15 in Copenhagen, the AIESEC Global Leaders Summit in Brazil, and the 4th World Urban Forum. I was one of the five youth global sustainability champions to speak at the 2010 GRI Global Conference on Sustainability.



Marvin Nala 那拉荣泰

I'm a senior at Renmin University of China majoring in diplomacy. I am 21 years old and was brought up in Hangzhou, the "Paradise of China".

As a typical Chinese, I was educated about environmental protection and at a young age I started to organize environmental action projects in my community. These days I am quite interested in climate politics, especially regarding to international negotiation. I believe climate change is the most challenging crisis humanity has ever faced and will trigger a fundamental shift of international power and economics.

I like to spend my free time with friends and family whenever possible.

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Hometown

Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province

Favorite Food

Xiao Long Bao (Little Steamer Buns)

College

Renmin University

Favorite Subject / Major

Political Science

Social Issue of Interest

I am worried about the rapid commercialization and rising air pollution in my hometown.

Fun Fact

I suffer from hypersomnia. I can hardly be woken by regular alarm clocks of any kind!

Community Commitment

In 2010, I joined COP16 China Youth Delegation and later the China Youth Climate Action Network. Now I am tracking the UN climate talk with the "Adopt a Negotiator" project funded by Global Campaign for Climate Change. I founded the national AIDS advocacy project, which brought urgent education to 4,000 migrant children from 5 cities with the help of 27 international and 30 Chinese volunteers.

Millennium

Development Goal

Child Health

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Hometown

Shanghai

Favorite Food

Spicy foods with meat (sorry vegetarians!)

College

Tsinghua University

Favorite Subject /

Major

Political Philosophy

Social Issue of Interest

The once lovely Suzhou River has been polluted to a disgusting extent. The problem is from unsustainable economic development fueled by the ignorance of some locals. Authorities have begun cleaning but the effect is far from satisfactory.

Fun Fact

I'm good at cooking strange dishes.



Eric Zhang 章雳珺

I am Lijun Zhang, senior student from Tsinghua University, Beijing, China. I am studying in the School of Economics and Management, majoring in economics and finance.

I have always kept my focus on non-profit organizations and social entrepreneurship, both of which, especially the latter, I feel are critical in addressing the Millennium Development Goals and making the world a better place. I have always believed that youth have a sacred responsibility for the future of mankind. We must make a commitment in youth and continue to serve throughout our lives. For my small part, as the vice-president of Technology and Education (TECC), Beijing Chapter, I along with my partners, initiated the Non-profit Leadership Training Program targeting at youth leadership cultivation.

Millennium Development Goal

Maternal Health

Community Commitment

In 2008, I served as an investigator on the 5.12 Earthquake Investigation team organized by the National Development and Reform Commission. I interviewed dozens of families of refugees, shared their feelings and uncover the story behind their struggles. I have volunteered as an accreditation assistant in Good Luck Beijing Olympic Test Games and Beijing Paralympics, where I enjoyed serving our international guests. I have volunteered as biology teacher for middle school children in migrant worker schools in Beijing, not only to lecture on course material but also try my best to spread the ideas of dreaming big, working hard and never losing hope.



Wu Malei 吴玛蕾

I was brought up in Chuzhou, a small city in Anhui Province, in the middle of China. Chuzhou is mentioned in a distinctive ancient style prose in *The Story of Old Tippler's Pavilion*. The city is now a famous tourist spot, attracting thousands of visitors each year.

I grew up in a family that emphasized liberal values. I moved to Beijing, the capital of China, for college when I was 17 and have been here ever since. I am frequently involved in various activities related to sustainable development. The world as a whole has never been so interconnected and it is time that the international community works together toward a common cause advocated by the United Nations Millennium Development Goals: Ensure Environment Sustainability. As a youth representative from China, I endeavor to contribute my strength, intelligence, and passion to see how youth can make the world a better place.

Community Commitment

In November of 2010, I organized an international forum with a focus on sustainable development called the Global Leaders Sustainability Forum, calling on youth in China to act for positive changes towards our environment. I feel that young people, who will be the leaders of tomorrow's world, should take on the challenge of climate change and embrace the opportunity of the fifth economic wave.

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Hometown

Chuzhou, Anhui Province

Favorite Food

Spicy food

College

Beijing Language and Culture University

Favorite Subject /

Major

Political Philosophy

Social Issue of Interest

The annual temple fair creates so much non-degradable waste that cannot be absorbed by environment. This is kind of a conflict between tradition and sustainable development.

Fun Fact

I once traveled to 5 European countries in 20 days by myself and since that time I've developed a love for travel!

Millennium

Development Goal

Combat HIV/AIDS

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Hometown

Ningxia Province

Favorite Food

Anything that looks and tastes good!

Favorite Subject / Major

History

Social Issue of Interest

"Xi Haigu" is located in Ningxia south on the west which includes eight of the poorest areas in China. It is also cited by UNESCO as one of the world's most unlivable places because of the harsh weather and barren soil.

Fun Fact

I went to Shangri-La, Yunnan alone at age 15 for a dream-seeking adventure. Since then, I became a hiker...haha!



Zhao Chucaixi 赵楚采希

I'm Caixi, from Xiamen, Fujian. My family is from Ningxia, an underdeveloped province named by the UN as one of the world's most unlivable places because of the harsh weather and barren soil. My parents were lucky enough to receive good education, after living in Ningxia nearly 40 years, they finally found an opportunity to work in developed cities. Since that time I have had the chance to study in many places cross the country. Growing up with these experiences has taught me a lot and seeing the gap between different living standards was the early wake up call that spurred me to action to participate in social activities from the age of 13.

Margaret Meade said, "Never doubt a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world, indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." With youth on an international platform, we will surely bring bigger positive change at a greater scale this time.

Millennium Development Goal

Environmental
Sustainability

Community Commitment

I'm taking one year off before pursuing further study to work on my project, the *Get Education Use Education* initiative which aims to mobilize urban youth to use their abilities to help underprivileged kids receive better educational opportunities. Being a "life-schooler" I've got a special kind of education through experience. I hope to convince society to judge future generation not only by academic merit, but also how well we address problems affecting our world.



Zhao Xiang 赵翔

My hometown is Yangzhou, Jiangsu province. It's a very beautiful city with a lot of famous places of historical interest. Every year many people travel to Yangzhou to for vacation. Yangzhou is also famous for many delicious foods including Yangzhou Style Fried rice, a dish that is popular throughout China.

My family lives in the countryside in a village called Jiang Nan. I have a father, a mother, and an older brother. My parents are farmers who have always taught me diligence, kindness, and goodness. I credit my rural upbringing with fostering my sense of duty to the environment.

Now in China, I think the most important environment challenge is building public awareness of environmental problems along with motivating citizens to take an active role in fixing them. Only a more open, more transparent environmental regulatory process will help to alleviate China's most serious environmental problems. Good natured farmers who lack sophisticated education often become victims in a developing China.

Community Commitment

I am studying environmental engineering at Sichuan Normal University. I am also a volunteer with a student environmental organization called GreenSOS, which is an NGO focused on youth-led environmental protection.

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Hometown

Yangzhou, Jiangsu Province

Favorite Food

Yangzhou Style Fried Rice

College

Sichuan Normal University

Favorite Subject / Major

Chinese Classical Literature

Social Issue of Interest

I am interested in ways our society can balance development and nature conservation.

Fun Fact

I love traveling and I am realizing one of my life dreams, which is to travel and explore Sichuan Province. I have done a lot of work with my NGO, GreenSOS, in Sichuan Province.

Millennium

Development Goal

Global Partnership