

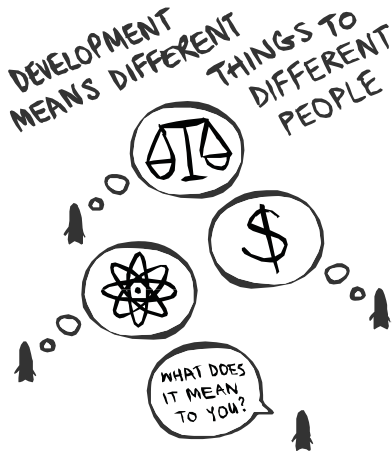


**Global Student
Partnership for
Development**



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A NEW FORM OF STUDENT ACTIVISM



HOW WE IMPACT:

Outcomes from research projects are published on our website as well as in our globally distributed publications. Students with exceptional research can use the U8 as a platform to engage with policymakers in a constructive and critical manner. Examples from previous years where U8 members have made an impact:

- Nobel Peace Prize Winner Al Gore's Climate Project
- UK Government's Department for International Development 2006 White Paper: "Making Governance Work for the Poor"
- Featured in BBC World Service, in The Hindu and the Guardian newspapers and in the New Statesman

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WHO WE ARE

The U8 is a global network of university groups. It links individual local U8 student groups from around the world allowing students to learn and engage with development issues in a free thinking environment.

WE SEEK TO:

- Build local and global student partnerships.
- Engage with media, policymakers and professionals.
- Promote awareness and understanding of development issues.

OUR VISION:

A world of leaders and professionals who understand global issues and recognise the responsibilities that derive from our shared humanity.

WHAT WE DO:

Online/ globally:

- Research projects, however small or large
- Online discussion forums on many hot topics

Regionally:

- Student conferences on international development

Locally:

- Speaker events
- Discussions
- Film showings
- Exhibitions, etc...

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

Visit our website www.u8development.com.

Academics and professionals can also register as supervisors.

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YEAH!

A wonderful thing called the U8...a case study

Anna hears of the U8 from her best friend and decides to check it out. She visits an event on microfinance and then hears about the U8 website. She registers as a user and becomes an active participant in the online discussions. Now she is discussing issues such as the food crisis and international debt with fellow students from around the world.

Anna has always been interested in health issues. She is now working on a U8 research project together with Tom from England, Mugwe from Kenya and Tanja from South Africa. Together they want to compare sanitation programmes in different countries and identify the key features that make a programme successful. Through the U8 network they also receive help from an academic supervisor from Cambridge University in the UK.

Soon she also becomes involved in her local university group committee with organising events. She invites a speaker from the Department of Health who is delighted to come as she has already heard of U8's work from BBC news. After the event, the speaker shows keen interest in Anna's research project and invites her to present her findings to the department.

Anna also attends the annual summit for her region. They discuss many key issues of international development and she also gets to decide on the future direction of the U8. She gets to know lots of students from other universities who are also keen U8ers. In the evening of the summit they go out for dinner and enjoy a cheerful evening together.

The next year already, Anna applies for a position on the U8 global directorate and becomes the director of "Research, Awareness and Learning". She is now officially the director of a global company and coordinates the research and discussion activity in all U8 groups around the world. When she later applies for a job, the company is amazed by her U8 career.

Anna has now achieved things she would never have thought possible. She has communicated with students around the world on development issues, travelled to many U8 conferences and gained leadership experience.

Any questions, please contact your local university group president or u8communications@gmail.com

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