

17th SCHOOL FOR YOUNG LEADERS of President Ivanov

"NEW WORLD. NEW LEADERSHIP. NEW PRAGMATISM"

2/2 September - 1/2 November 2026

INVITATION FOR MENTORS: Join the Legacy Leaders Training

Are you ready to spark change, inspire growth, and build your legacy?

We're thrilled to invite you to the Legacy Leaders Training, a transformative mentorship program designed by the School for Young Leaders Alumni. This immersive experience empowers mentors to guide, uplift, and inspire the next generation of changemakers while advancing their own personal and professional growth.

Why Become a Legacy Leader

- Make a Meaningful Impact - Share your knowledge and journey to help others shape theirs
- Grow Through Giving - Refine leadership, communication, and critical thinking skills
- Join Purposeful Network - Connect with a commitment to growth, service, and community
- Be Recognized - Gain formal certification and enhance your mentoring portfolio
- Explore Potential - Engage in a reflective and hands-on learning, and stretch your impact

What to Expect

The training is grounded in:

- Personalized learning pathways
- Integration of real-world experience and cross-sector insights
- Learner-driven objectives aligned with personal and professional goals
- Collaborative problem-solving and inclusive learning environments

You'll experience:

- Engaging sessions on mentorship dynamics and self-development
- Real-life simulations and mentoring practice
- Strategic planning and reflection tools to empower both you and your mentees
- Peer exchange and community-driven impact activities

Who Are We Looking For

We welcome SYL alumni who:

- Build careers rooted in leadership and service
- Are passionate about mentoring and community development
- Embrace continuous learning and exchange
- Are eager to give back and grow forward

What We Expect from You

- **Resources:** Stable internet, quiet space, and full presence
- **Mindset:** Open, respectful, and empathetic approach to all voices
- **Ownership:** Proactive participation with authenticity and responsibility

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TRAINING OVERVIEW

Training Objective

The Legacy Leaders Training develops mentors who can guide, support, and inspire future generations of School for Young Leaders participants. Through practice and reflection, participants strengthen their communication, leadership, mentoring, and community-building skills.

Training Modules (TM)

1. Intro to the Mentorship Program – Program overview and the role of the mentor
2. Building Effective Mentorship Relationships – Understand motivations and expectations
3. Mentees' Development – Defining goals and developing mentorship plans
4. Impact & Community Engagement – Equipping mentees to lead change
5. Key Mentorship Skills – Master communication, decision-making, and inclusivity
6. Continuous Improvement – Embrace feedback and foster growth
7. Project Assignment – Design individual mentorship plans for your mentees
8. Practicum – Mentor future leaders from the 17th SYL cohort
9. Wrap-Up & Future Directions – Sustain your mentorship legacy

Training Details

- Duration: July – November 2026
- Commitment: ~ 4 hours per week (live sessions + self-paced activities)
- Format & Schedule:
 1. TM 1-6 Online sessions (Tuesday or Thursday, 30 June - 15 August, 18-20h CET)
 2. TM 7 Self-paced in-pair work (17 August - 11 September)
 3. TM 8 Online or in-person, mentoring (14 September - 30 October)
 4. SYL Closing Ceremony, in-person in Ohrid (7 November)
 5. TM 9 Online (10 November)

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SELECTION PROCESS

Application Criteria

The Legacy Leaders Training is open to all alumni of President Ivanov's School for Young Leaders who wish to contribute to the development of future generations of leaders. Submit your application by completing the online application form available at the [link](#).

The application deadline is 14 June 2026.

For the 2026 edition, up to 20 participants will be selected and distributed across two training groups (Tuesday and Thursday cohorts). Participants will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Potential to foster intergenerational learning within the community;
- Current or previous executive role within the ISLAA;
- Involvement in the organization of SYL and ISLAA activities;
- People-development experience;
- Motivation for joining the Legacy Leaders Training.
- Learning goals, expectations, and commitment to completing the full mentoring journey.

In addition to the individual criteria above, we will seek to create a diverse learning cohort that brings together participants with different levels of experience, professional backgrounds, sectors, and areas of expertise. This diversity is considered an important component of the training experience, enabling participants to learn from one another and helping ensure that future mentees can be matched with mentors from a wide range of fields and perspectives.

Information Session

Join an online Information Session on 9 June 2026 at 18:00 CET to learn more about the Legacy Leaders Training, mentorship journey, expectations, and application process. To help us plan the session, please register your interest and submit any questions you would like addressed during the session using the [link](#).

Submitted questions will be addressed during the session or through follow-up email.

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VOICES OF THE FIRST GEN LEGACY LEADERS

As Legacy becomes a defining value alongside Community and Sustainability as a pillar of the School for Young Leaders culture and future, here is what the mentors took away from the experience:

"This training reaffirmed my belief that empowering one leader can ripple into wider communities, and it has inspired me to continue supporting across generations, cultures, and ideas."

"As my mentee embraced a unique leadership style reminded me of why mentorship matters so deeply: it's about creating spaces where authenticity and purpose can thrive."

"The Legacy Leaders Training is a transformative journey that every aspiring leader deserves to experience."

"The entire experience was a stellar example of how structured training can empower individuals to make a tangible, positive difference in the lives of others."

"This transformative journey, filled with meaningful reflections, shared learning, and mutual respect helped me realize that leadership is not about volume, but about vision."

"Legacy can only be created through investment in people by people, and I am very proud that I was part of this process."

JOIN THE SECOND GENERATION OF LEGACY LEADERS!

This is more than a training; it's a chance to shape the future of mentorship at the School for Young Leaders and carry forward a culture of purpose, impact, and connection.

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Let's build a legacy—together!

