

The Pandemic: Tackling Poverty and the Growing Educational Digital Divide



So much has been affected by the world wide COVID-19 pandemic, but probably one interconnected and long-lasting ramifications will be seen **in the area of education and digital literacy.**

For the already poor and vulnerable, because of their lack of access to technology and online learning, their education has been further hindered, which will only increase the wealth gap and exacerbate poverty. This dismal picture has been highlighted in the **2020 Sustainable Development Goals Report.**

How can young people take action, particularly in this developed city of Hong Kong? What efforts can they undertake to make a change?

Join this 7-day intensive leadership summer school that equips young future leaders with a perspective, mindset, desire and commitment to bring about positive changes.

Key Learning Outcomes

1

Recognise your role as a **potential future global leader** for social good and sustainable development

2

Understand the **social and economic problems** resulting from the global COVID-19 pandemic, especially in the areas of education and digital literacy creating an even wider wealth gap

3

Analyse the issues and **recommend innovative solutions** that support education and digital technology to improve and equalise the standard of living for everyone

Programme Highlights



Leadership Skills Practice



Inspirational Sharing and Roundtable Discussions with Distinguished Global and Local Guests



Community Engagement Activities

Dates (7 days in total)

- 16–18 July (Friday–Sunday)
- 24–26 July (Saturday–Monday)
- 31 July (Saturday)

(Accommodation WILL NOT be provided)

Venues

Online (Zoom);
The HKFYG Leadership Institute (Fanling);
The Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups
Building (Quarry Bay)

Medium of Instruction

English

Eligibility

- S.4–S.6 (Grade 10–Grade 12) students in the 2020/2021 academic year
- Demonstrated leadership potential
- Demonstrated commitment to society
- Ability to communicate in English

Fees

Application Fee (Non-refundable) HK\$100

* Eligible candidates will be invited to submit applications for screening

Participation Fee

HK\$5,600 (Hybrid mode: a mix of online classes and offline training)

Depending on the pandemic situation, should the Summer School be conducted totally online in a Virtual Mode, the Participation Fee would be adjusted to HK\$3,500.

	Hybrid Mode	Virtual Mode [#]
Learning Materials	✓	✓
Training Programme	✓	✓
Lunch Box Arrangement (For whole-day offline training only)	✓	✗

* Under both Hybrid and Virtual Modes, participants are responsible for their own personal expenses, including transportation fee.

Apply Now!

Application Deadline

7 June 2021 (Monday)

To apply, please visit:
<http://bit.ly/SSGL21>



Application Procedures

- 1** Pay the Application Fee online on or before **7 June 2021 (Monday)**
Fill in the details online and pay the HK\$100 non-refundable Application Fee by credit card
- 2** **Submission of further application and nomination documents** upon email notification
- 3** **Shortlist of applicants**
Only shortlisted applicants will be notified
- 4** **Result announcement** and payment details will be sent by **27 June 2021 (Sunday)**

Sponsorship

Sponsorships are available for outstanding applicants **on the basis of academic merits and financial needs**. Successful applicants will receive either a full or half waiver of the Participation Fee.

School Offer

A 20% discount of Participation Fee will be given to school group applications with over or equal to five participants if applied by **20 May 2021 (Thursday)**.

Certificate

Upon an attendance rate of 80% or more, participants will be awarded a **Digital Certificate of Completion**.

HKFYG reserves the rights for amending details without prior notice.

Quick Facts about the Summer School



1 Over **1,300** participants from over **40 countries/regions** since 2008

2 Over **95%** of participants said they understand more about their own leadership potential

3 Over **90%** of participants said they would **recommend others to join**

Alumni Testimonials



Har Jisum
(America)

The Summer School helped me develop my communication skills. I particularly enjoyed learning about the environment and sustainability through site visits.



Nicholas Chan
(Hong Kong)

The Summer School was eye-opening. It gave me the opportunity to communicate with people around the world, as well as a direction on how to build a better world as an individual.



Vidhaan Chand
(Sri Lanka)

*I really enjoyed the in-depth explanation and activities about the circular economy. I also appreciated the stress on leaders **putting learning into practice to achieve a sustainable future**. It was really exciting and insightful.*

FAQs

Q1: Will the Summer School be cancelled if the outbreak of pandemic gets worse or remains unstable?

A: Participants' health is always our top priority. We will keep updating participants on our latest decisions. If the situation becomes unstable, the Summer School will be conducted fully online (Virtual Mode). Confirmation on the learning mode will be announced no later than 27 June 2021 (Sunday).

Q2: Since there are two Modes of learning, how much should I pay?

A: A non-refundable Application Fee of HK\$100 is required. Successful applicants will be further required to pay the Hybrid Mode fee of HK\$5,600. Should the programme be entirely virtual, which costs HK\$3,500, the difference of HK\$2,100 will be refunded by cheque.

Q3: How do you ensure the online training quality?

A: The Summer School offers a whole range of educational activities that

encourage experimentation and practice. Participants will be motivated to learn in an online learning environment by interacting with different digital platforms and tasks. Each group leader will provide support and give guidance to the small groups. Feedback from the participants will also be collected daily for advancing training effectiveness.

Q4: What precautions will you take to ensure a safe and clean environment if the Summer School happens physically?

A: We will continue to closely monitor developments of COVID-19 and follow the latest guidelines issued by the Government and health authorities. The Institute premises and facilities will be disinfected at least twice daily.

If the Summer School is conducted offline, participants will have to submit a health declaration form every day. Participants who have fever or respiratory symptoms will not be allowed to attend the training. Health ambassadors will be assigned to raise participants' awareness on personal hygiene. Please note that if a participant is

notified by the government or medical authorities to undergo a COVID-19 test, he or she must comply and should not attend the training on-site until receiving a negative result.

Meanwhile, class size will be reduced during the Summer School. Participants will be required to maintain social distancing in classes and wherever else appropriate. Desks and common seating spaces will be rearranged to maximise the space between participants.

Q5: Will surgical masks be provided?

A: Hygiene materials such as hand sanitiser gel will be available on site. Participants are advised to wear their own surgical masks which will also be available upon request.

By following the latest regulations and guidelines of the Government and health authorities and registering visitors' details (last updated on 28 April 2021), The HKFYG Leadership Institute ensures the prioritisation of participants' health and safety.