

Dear Colleague,

Future Foundations and the Wellington Leadership Institute are excited to invite your school to express interest in taking part in **Global Social Leaders (GSL) Society**. We are pleased to share for our 2016-17 programme we have received funding from the **Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA)**. We have outlined below key information about the programme and next steps.

A GSL Society is a school club established to enable sustainable high quality social action projects led by students, supported by teachers and the wider school community. Our aim is to enable young people and their teachers to realise they can generate and have valuable ideas for positive change in communities, and can make them happen. Participating schools will be supported by a framework which ensures the projects continue beyond any one student leader. Your students and teachers will receive a unique transformational leadership training programme and ongoing support which develops leadership skills, nurtures confidence and empowers the participants and their teachers to go on to lead successful projects in their own school and local community.

- **When?** The programme will consist of the following elements:
 - **GSL LaunchPad***: Training day - Monday 21st November 2016
 - **Social Action Project**: Carried out in students own time in their local community
 - **FF coach to visit to your school**: A time and date will be arranged at your convenience
 - **Social Action Project**: Carried out in students own time in their local community
 - **GSL Annual Conference and Awards***: Training day and celebration event - Saturday 25th March 2017
- **Where?** The two events* will take place at **Wellington College, Duke's Ride, Crowthorne RG45 7PU**.
- **Who will attend the events?** The programme is targeted at students aged 10-17. Your school will select up to 10 students to attend our events. They will involve other students within your school in their social action projects maximizing the impact of the training and their projects. GSL Society is not restricted to those who attend training.
- **Do teachers attend the events?** Yes, we ask each school to appoint one to two teachers to attend who will also act as mentors to the students between our training day and the awards event. There will be separate sessions designed to equip teachers with the skills and knowledge to support their students after the launch event.
- **Who will run the programme?** Future Foundations (<http://future-foundations.co.uk/>) design and deliver the programme in partnership with the Wellington Leadership Institute and our strategic partners. GSL Society is supported by organisations at the forefront of social change, including: The RSA, The Diana Award, UnLtd, Enactus UK, Ashoka UK, The Aldridge Foundation, United Learning Trust and Generation Change.
- **What will the programme include?** There will be a mixture of interactive workshops to develop the confidence, leadership and global understanding of the students. Following GSL LaunchPad, participating students will create a 'school club' and one to two social action project(s) to put the theory they learn into practice. At our GSL Annual Conference, each school group will present the outcomes of their projects and their learning.
- **What are the costs involved?** For state funded schools, colleges and academies the programme is fully funded by the RSA. For fee paying schools, we ask for a contribution to the costs of the programme. Travel to our GSL LaunchPad and Annual Conference is the responsibility of schools. Food and refreshments are provided.

For further details and to express interest in your school or college taking part, please visit:
<http://www.future-foundations.co.uk/rsaglsociety>.

Please note there are limited places and we will be selecting schools to take part.

The deadline for expressing interest is 21st October 2017. Following receiving your expression of interest we will contact your school to discuss the programme in more detail and to confirm next steps. If you have any questions about the programme, please email our project manager, Steph Burns: social.leaders@future-foundations.co.uk.

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