

4th ASEF SUSTAINABLE YOUNG LEADERS DEVELOPMENT SUMMIT POST-COVID-19

A multi-part youth programme in 2021 | Virtual, Cambodia & Across ASEM Countries
Official youth event in support of the 13th ASEM Summit (ASEM13)

Overview



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Project 4th ASEF Young Leaders Summit (ASEFYLS4)
Official youth event in support of the 13th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit (ASEM13)

Theme Sustainable Development in a Post-COVID-19 World

Timings 10-month long youth leadership programme
Monday, 22 February 2021 until the end of November 2021

Background on the ASEFYLS Series The ASEF Young Leaders Summit (ASEFYLS) is a platform that connects young people with the Heads of States and Governments of 51 Asian & European countries and the political Leaders of the EU & the ASEAN Secretariat. Held biennially as the official youth event in support of [Asia-Europe Meeting \(ASEM\)](#) Summits, the ASEFYLS is a thought & action arena for young people with a 360° approach on leadership development and community engagement: from a self, team and societal perspective.

See what the ASEFYLS is all about in this [trailer!](#)

5 Pillars of ASEFYLS				
1 Building Knowledge	2 Reciprocity	3 Diversity of Network	4 Leadership Dialogue	5 Collaboration
Knowledge foundation and toolkit for action to gain rewarding insights and to inspire both recognised and unsung young leaders	Peer-to-peer learning and sharing of time, talent & resources for personal growth in a team environment	Space to create partnerships across sectors: youth, community leaders, responsible business leaders, thought-provoking academics and political leaders across 51 countries	Personal dialogues and exchanges with Heads of States and political leaders on leadership principles & ethical decision-making towards the Agenda2030	Commitment to collaborate on “Leadership in Action” activities on sustainable development in local communities

Upcoming Edition: ASEFYLS4

The 4th ASEF Young Leaders Summit (ASEFYLS4) is a 10-month long youth leadership programme connected with the 13th ASEM Summit (ASEM13) in Cambodia. The ASEFYLS4 focuses on ‘Sustainable Development in a post-COVID-19 World’ and incorporates 3 spheres for youth leadership:

1) self-leadership ([you](#)), 2) team leadership ([we](#)) and 3) societal leadership ([all](#)).

The 4th edition will be a hybrid project with collaborative programme elements taking place virtually, in Cambodia & Singapore, as well as across ASEM countries. The project addresses 4 thematic areas:

1. **SDG3: Good Health & Wellbeing:** Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages
2. **SDG4: Quality Education:** Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
3. **SDG8: Decent Work & Economic Growth:** Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all
4. **SDG13: Climate Action:** Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts

These goals are selected based on significant areas of impact the COVID-19 crisis have had on young people, the learnings from the current crisis they can bring to the discussion table, and areas in which they can contribute to, with an aim to build a more resilient society.

The ASEFYLS4 consists of 3 Programme Phases:

1. **Knowledge Building:** Mon, 22 February 2021 - Fri, 28 May 2021, Virtual
2. **Youth Summit** at the [13th ASEM Summit](#): Sat, 29 May 2021 - Wed, 2 June 2021, On-site in Cambodia/Virtual*
3. **Leadership in Action:** June - November 2021, Virtual & On-site in local ASEM communities

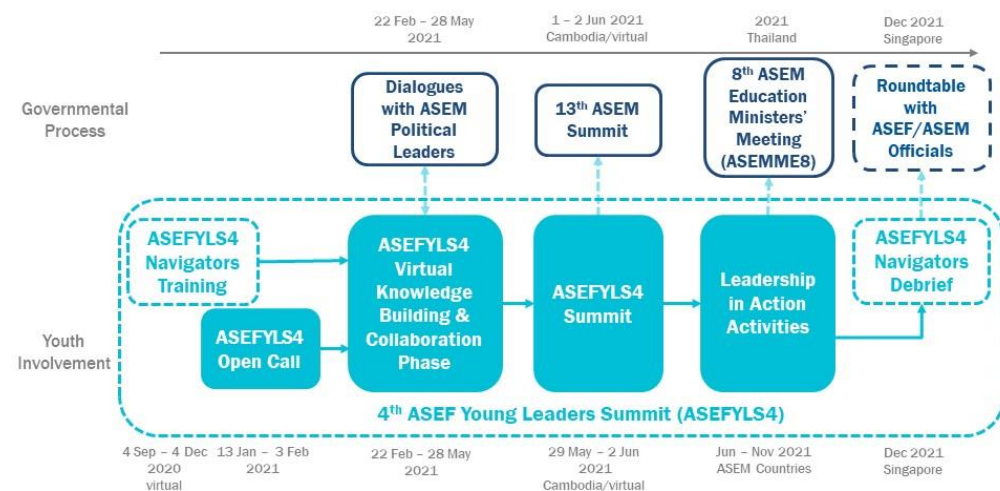
The ASEFYLS4 welcomes up to 150 youth leaders from diverse academic disciplines and professional backgrounds, who are selected through an Open Call for Application process. ASEF’s programmes are inclusive and ensure a gender and geographical balance. We do not discriminate against any applicant or participant based on gender, sexual orientation, disability, age, colour, ethnicity/race, national origin (ancestry), religion (creed), or marital status.

The ASEFYLS4 is organised by the Asia-Europe Foundation, [the Ministry of Foreign and International Cooperation](#) of the Kingdom of Cambodia (MFAIC), the [Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport](#) of the Kingdom of Cambodia (MOEYS), the [Ministry of Commerce](#) of the Kingdom of Cambodia, and the [APSARA National Authority](#) of the Kingdom of Cambodia. Our project partners are: the [Union Youth Federations of Cambodia](#) (UYFC), [College of Europe in Natolin](#), and the [Center for Creative Leadership](#). Our project supporters are: [Global Changemakers](#), [Erasmus Student Network](#) (ESN), [European Students Union](#) (ESU), [International Association For Political Science Students](#) (IAPSS).

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*Pending local and international public health & safety guidelines, as well as travel recommendations.

Project Cycle



Details on Programme Phases

About 150 youth representatives – at least 1 representative of each 51 ASEM Partner country – are selected through an Asia-Europe wide Open Call to join the ASEFYLS4, which is built on 3 Programme Phases.

1) Knowledge Building (22 February – 28 May 2021)

Through e-learning and virtual collaboration platforms, the ASEFYLS4 Knowledge Building phase fuses theory, training and policy and integrates 4 elements:

1. **Thematic Course with a certificate of participation**, focusing on Asia-Europe and international relations in the context of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG3, 4, 8 & 13), led by [College of Europe in Natolin](#) in partnership with ASEF
2. **A Leadership Training with a certificate of participation**, exploring Self, Team & Societal leadership, led by the [Center for Creative Leadership](#) in partnership with ASEF
3. **Youth Dialogues with ASEM Leaders** (Heads of States and Governments) on the SDGs, moderated by ASEFYLS4 participants
4. **Focus Group Discussions & Collaboration** on leadership, the SDGs & the Leadership in Action projects, led by ASEFYLS4 Navigators.

Find out more about the Knowledge Building programme [here](#).

2) ASEFYLS4 Youth Summit (29 May – 2 June 2021)

The Youth Summit will either take place fully virtually, or should local and international health, safety and travel guidelines allow – as a hybrid event with both virtual as well as on-site programme elements in Cambodia alongside the 13th ASEM Summit.

In both cases, the Youth Summit will include Expert sessions, discussion forums and workshops on the SDGs, including local case studies from Cambodia. One-to-one meetings between ASEFYLS4 participants and political leaders are planned. Four ASEFYLS4 participants will present an ASEM Youth Declaration on “Sustainable Development in a post-COVID-19 world” at the Opening Ceremony of the 13th ASEM Summit (Declaration examples from [ASEFYLS1](#), [ASEFYLS2](#) and [ASEFYLS3](#)).

3) Leadership in Action (June – November 2021)

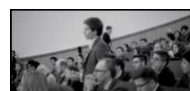
The ASEFYLS4 encourages participants to demonstrate the youth’s role in driving Sustainable Development and collaborate on meaningful community projects with an Asia-Europe twist. Based on the four ASEFYLS4 focus areas (SDG3, SDG4, SDG8 and SDG13), participants will be allocated to specific working groups and contribute to “Leadership in Action” activities, taking place from June to November 2021.

In total, the ASEFYLS4 supports 15 local community projects, each led by 1 ASEFYLS4 Navigator. Read more about them [here](#).

Prior to the ASEFYLS4 programme, ASEF conducted a capacity building training, the [ASEFYLS4 Navigators Programme](#). The “Navigators” are alumni from ASEFEdu and partner organisations who will join the 3 ASEFYLS4 phases as resource persons and design & guide the phase 3 activities with likeminded Asian & European youth in local communities.

Upon completion all 3 phases of the 4th ASEF Young Leaders Summit, each participant will receive a **Certificate jointly issued by ASEF and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MFAIC)** of Cambodia, for their participation in the 4th ASEF Young Leaders Summit and contribution to the 13th ASEM Summit (ASEM13).

Impact and References



[ASEFYLS1 Video](#)



[ASEFYLS2 Video](#)



[ASEFYLS3 Video](#)

Tangible outcomes:

- An 'ASEM Youth Report' showcasing perceptions by young people on leadership opportunities and practices, based on a survey with youth across the 51 ASEM Partner countries
- 150 participants equipped with certificates of participation, upon completion of a Thematic Course on Asia-Europe relations in the context of the SDGs, conducted by College of Europe in Natolin; and a Leadership Training on Self, Team and Societal Leadership by the Centre of Creative Leadership
- A series of ASEM Youth Dialogues and individual meetings between youth representatives and ASEM Leaders (Heads of States and Governments), to facilitate junior-senior leadership conversations and an exchange of perspectives on the SDGs
- ASEFYLS4 e-learning platform with multi-media materials to learn about ASEM, youth leadership and Sustainable Development post-COVID19
- ASEM Youth Declaration on "ASEM Youth Leadership driving Sustainable Development in a Post-COVID-19 world" delivered at the ASEM13 Summit
- 15 Leadership in Action community activities led by youth volunteers, to promote and drive sustainable development across ASEM's local communities

Intangible outcomes:

- Increased understanding and knowledge on the Sustainable Development and Youth Leadership through formal, non-formal and informal education and training opportunities
- Skills development and capacity building for young people, both on a technical and soft skill level
- Creation of an Asia-Europe youth network for joint volunteering and collaboration on the SDGs
- Engagement of civil society stakeholders in the official ASEM Process through participation of at 4 Youth Representatives in ASEM13
- Enhanced knowledge among the participants and increase visibility on Asia-Europe relations and ASEM

These results feed into:

- [13th ASEM Summit \(ASEM13\)](#), 1-2 June 2021, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
- [8th ASEM Education Ministers' Meeting \(ASEMME8\)](#), tbc 2021, Thailand
- [15th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting \(ASEMFMM15\)](#), tbc 2022, tbc Asia

In the long-term, the impact of ASEFYLS4 is two-fold:

- An enhanced Structured Dialogue between young people and political leaders to engage youth in the ASEM Process
- Enhanced connectivity among Asian and European youth through peer-to-peer exchange and joint volunteering & collaborations

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Details



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