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Young Leaders Programme
Building a generation of 21st century leaders
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About the Franco-British Young Leaders Programme
Le Programme Franco-Britannique Young Leaders

Building a generation of 21st century leaders who will keep the Franco-British relations at heart

Objectives

Each year, 30 to 40 talented individuals from a diverse range of business, cultural, media, academic, social, government and military sectors, are selected in France and Britain. They join a transformational network with access to excellence on both sides of the Channel.

The programme aims to deepen Franco-British understanding and collaboration at the highest level, with a give back/give forward ethos at its core.

This major bilateral initiative was announced at the Amiens Summit in March 2016 by the British Prime Minister and the French President. It is supported by both Governments, funded by generous public and private institutions and individual donors, and delivered by the Franco-British Council in France and the UK.

Fonder une génération de leaders pour le 21ème siècle ayant la relation franco-britannique à coeur

Objectifs

Chaque année, seront sélectionnés 30 à 40 jeunes français et britanniques talentueux issus de tous les secteurs : culture, média, universités, acteurs sociaux, secteur public ou militaire. Ils rejoindront un réseau à haut potentiel, leur donnant accès au meilleur des deux côtés de la Manche.

Le programme a pour objectif d’approfondir la compréhension et la collaboration franco-britannique au plus haut niveau. Il s’articule autour d’une éthique de partage mutuel.

Le lancement de cette initiative bilatérale majeure a été annoncée lors du sommet d’Amiens de mars 2016 par le Premier ministre britannique et le Président de la République française. Sa mise en œuvre est assurée par le Conseil franco-britannique en France et au Royaume-Uni, avec le soutien des gouvernements de nos deux pays ainsi que l’appui de mécènes publics et privés.

TIMELINE

2016
Programme announced at the Franco-British Summit by F.Hollande and D.Cameron.

2017
Call for applications for 2017 intake
Programme launch in Paris with the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge
2017 cohort
May Induction breakfasts
June UK Residency

2018
Call for applications for 2018 intake
A three-part programme

The cornerstone of the programme is the annual residential seminar. It offers a dedicated space for new Young Leaders to meet and build relationships, engage with high profile individuals in the host-country, explore diverse areas of excellence and reflect on their application, share experiences and knowledge, and develop a constructive dialogue. The residential seminar includes presentations from speakers, meetings with personalities, group discussions, workshops, visits and social time. Young Leaders are invited to attend two events in the UK and France successively.

Young Leaders are invited to join a follow-on alumni programme and contribute to the development of the network through projects or events such as breakfasts, seminars, visits and an annual gala dinner. Alumni are actively encouraged to take part in shaping the programme and recommending new generations of Young Leaders.

The programme creates ties with talented young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. The initiative aims to build further relationships locally and support social mobility across both countries.

Young Leaders Selection Jury 2017

The Jury 2017 was composed of Patricia Barbizet, Chief Executive Officer of Christie’s and Executive Director of Artemis. Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP, Conservative MP; HE Sylvie Bermann, French Ambassador to the UK; Lord Ed Llewellyn, British Ambassador to France; Professor Frank Bournois, Dean of the business school ESCP Europe; Paul Miller, Managing Partner and CEO at social impact investor and accelerator programme Bethnal Green Ventures; Olivier Morel, Partner at Cripps LLP Lawyers; Jean-Pascal Sibiet, Chairman of the Franco-British Connections.

About the Franco-British Council

Founded in 1972, the Franco-British Council brings together leading representatives from the world of culture, politics, defence, science, education and business. It provides a unique platform for the exchange of ideas and information. The Council has a bilateral governance. It receives funding from the British and French governments and generous donors and corporate sponsors.

Programme

La pierre angulaire du programme est le séminaire résidentiel annuel. C’est un moment spécial permettant aux Young Leaders de se rencontrer et de nouer des liens avec leurs pairs, d’échanger avec des personnalités du pays hôte, de découvrir des domaines d’excellence, de réfléchir à des applications pratiques, de partager leurs expériences et leurs connaissances, et de développer un dialogue constructif. Le programme s’articule autour de conférences, de réunions avec des personnalités, de discussions de groupe, d’ateliers, de visites et des temps d’échanges. Les Young Leaders sont invités à participer à deux séminaires successifs, l’un au Royaume-Uni, l’autre en France.

À l’issue, les Young Leaders sont invités à rejoindre le réseau des alumni et à contribuer au développement de projets ou d’événements, tels que petits déjeuners, séminaires, visites et un dîner de gala annuel. Les alumni sont vivement encouragés à prendre part au développement du programme et à recommander de nouvelles générations de Young Leaders.

Jury de sélection des Young Leaders 2017

Le jury 2017 était composé de Patricia Barbizet PDG de Christie’s et directrice exécutive d’Artémis; Rt Hon Dominic Grieve, député conservateur à la Chambre des communes; son Excellence Sylvie Bermann Ambassadrice française auprès du Royaume-Uni; Lord Ed Llewellyn, Ambassadeur britannique en France; Professeur Frank Bournois Doyen de l’école de commerce ESCP Europe; Paul Miller Partenaire dirigeant et PDG du programme d’accélération et d’investissement en impact social Bethnal Green Ventures; Olivier Morel, Partenaire chez Cripps LLP Lawyers; et de Jean-Pascal Sibiet, France, Président de Franco-British Connections.

À propos du Conseil Franco-Britannique

Introduction to Young Leaders

Britain and France live in extraordinary times and now more than ever the two countries need extraordinary leaders to rise in all parts of society.

Today, the French and British dedication to core issues of trade, defence and security at home remains strong. After a year of preparation, formidable willpower from a number of forward-thinking individuals and partner institutions, we present a Young Leaders and Local Leaders programme dedicated to further strengthening these historic ties, and to building a generation of rising stars that will keep the Franco-British relationship at heart.

The Franco-British Council is proud to serve as a platform to deliver this important mission and to welcome our first promotion of Franco-British Young Leaders.

Marine Shah
Director, Franco-British Council

“Caesar resolved to proceed into Britain, because he knew they had furnished succours to the Gauls in almost all his wars against them,”Cesar, Gallic Wars.

밀년의 역사가 가르쳐주듯이, 어떤 도전이든 앞날에 있는 프랑스와 영국은 밀접한 관계를 유지할 것입니다. 이 관계가 더 강하고 건강할수록 그 관계가 더욱 번영할 것입니다. 이는 프랑스-브리튼 채용체와 프랑스-british Connections에 의해 제창된 Young Leaders 프로그램의 창조를 위한 목표입니다.

To the first cohort, I hope you will join us in shaping the future of this endeavor. It has been exciting to lead the first stages of its inception, but I am certain this will pale in comparison to what we can achieve in the future.

David Wahl - President Steering Committee
Trustee FBC, Trésorier CFB

"We must always strive to get to know each other and achieve mutual understanding to ensure that a relationship which enriches and espouses continues to bear fruit. That is why our two governments wanted to establish a high-level exchange program, which will help build a backbone of bilateral exchanges for the long term."
— Sylvie Bermann, Ambassador of France to the United Kingdom

"There can be no time in the last 50 years where these relations are more important than they are today. I hope that, in 40 years time, those young people will still be meeting each other, talking about the issues that are of common interest to our two countries, and learning from each other."
— Baroness Blackstone, Chair Franco-British Council

"The objective is to promote dialogue, networking and build contacts which will outlast the programme itself. There will to be a lot to talk about, and the point is to look towards the future. How do we, in this new environment, build Franco-British relations? How do we make sure that these are carried through into further generations, and in fact maintain and develop a closeness that is indispensable to both countries?"
— Rt Hon. Dominic Grieve, MP, Chair of Franco-British Young Leaders Jury - UK

"It is a time where solutions to the world’s problems, to problems across the continent, need people to be able to talk. Some of the best ideas can come from learning what happens in other countries. There are key political challenges that require conversations with our friends in neighbouring nations. Obviously, Britain and France have fated to have their destinies intertwined.”
— Faisal Islam, Political Editor, Sky News, Young Leader

"Amidst the current geopolitical context, both sides of the Channel must connect and confidence must be restored. By pooling their expertise and sharing their experiences, the Young Leaders will be able to do great things together to enhance initiatives that improve cooperation between France and Britain."
— Gilles Vanderpooten, Director, Reporters d’Espoirs, Young Leader
Franco-British Young Leaders 2017

Alexandre Perra
Executive Coordinator to the Chairman & CEO
Alexandre Perra is Executive Coordinator to the Chairman & CEO of EDF, Jean-Bernard Lévy, and Secretary of the Executive Committee, where he is responsible for working with the CEO on operational and advisory matters. Perra’s work at EDF has led to significant involvement in both the French and British energy sector, as EDF looks to grow its presence in both the French and UK energy markets. Before joining EDF, Perra worked in communications at Thales.

Amélie Verdier
Director for the budget, Ministry of Finances
Amélie Verdier started her career as an auditor at the general audit office of the Ministry of Finances, after which she spent five years in the budget directorate. She was chief of staff for the Budget Minister (vice to the Minister of Economy). She then joined Greater Paris University Hospitals (AP-HP) as General Secretary (vice to the CEO). She has been Director of the Budget Directorate since January 2017. Education: Ecole Nationale d’Administration (ENA), Sciences Po.

Anne Claire Howard
Executive Director, Bettercoal
Anne Claire Howard is French and has lived in the UK for 4 years, as well as spending several years there as a child. Anne Claire is an extractive industries senior professional with over 13 years’ experience in the commercially sustainable development of oil, gas and mining projects and extractive sector governance. In addition to running a non-profit organisation focusing on responsible coal mining, she is also a local Councillor.

Anushka Asthana
Political editor, The Guardian
Anushka Asthana is the co-political editor at the Guardian, working alongside Heather Stewart to lead the political coverage for the website and newspaper. Previously she was senior political correspondent at Sky News and before that chief political correspondent and a columnist at the Times.

Boris Saragaglia
Founder and CEO, Spartoo
Boris Saragaglia is an internet entrepreneur with 11 years of experience. He is a regular speaker in international conferences and high-level meetings on the theme of entrepreneurship and building trust in online communities (Digital France, French Tech, G20 Young Entrepreneurs’ Alliance Meeting, Founders Forum Paris). Education: Ecole des Mines, HEC

Calvin Bailey
Pilot - Wing Commander, Royal Air Force
Calvin Bailey’s 16 year career as a C-130 transport aircraft pilot has seen him on global operations making his name on Humanitarian Aid and Disaster relief missions most notably in Haiti and the Philippines, for which he was awarded an MBE. He is a passionate advocate for gender equality, and is presently writing a thesis on Gender and its role in creating a lasting Peace. Education: University of Exeter, King’s College London

Camille Bonenfant-Jeanneney
Director of NewCorp - Administration, ENGIE
After six years at the Permanent Representation of France to the European Union, Camille Bonenfant-Jeanneney joined the cabinet of the Deputy Minister for European Affairs in 2012. She then worked at RATP, working on the Grand Paris project in roles including head of cabinet for the CEO and Chairman. She joined ENGIE in October 2015, where she is both executive assistant to the General Secretary and responsible for the performance of the Corporate. Education: Ecole Polytechnique, Ecole Nationale des Ponts et Chaussées, Sciences Po Paris

Catherine Boullay
Journalist, Radio France
Catherine Boullay is on air on France Inter from 5 till 7 every morning and in charge of “Et si demain”, a daily chronicle about innovation and economics. Before that she used to be a reporter for the foreign desk of Europe1 radio. Education: Sciences Po, Celsa Sorbonne

Clément Beaune
Conseiller Europe à la Présidence de la République
After 3 years as a civil servant at the French Treasury, Clément Beaune joined the Prime Minister’s Office in 2012 as a budget advisor. In 2014, he joined the Economy Minister’s team as an advisor on the budget and European affairs. Since November 2016, he is deputy manager to the General Secretary and responsible for the performance of the Corporate. Education: Sciences Po, Collège d’Europe, ENA.

David Mackintosh
former Member of Parliament, House of Commons
David Mackintosh is a former Member of Parliament and previously served as Leader of Northampton Borough Council and a member of Northamptonshire County Council. Education: University of Durham

Faisal Islam
Political Editor, Sky News
Journalist, Broadcaster, Author, and football supporter, Faisal Islam spent a decade covering the UK financial and eurozone crises for Channel 4 News. Since 2014, he has brought that rollercoaster to the world of politics, as Sky News’ youngest ever political editor. He has written for the Observer, the Guardian, the Spectator, the New Statesman, the Ecologist and his own book, The Default Line. Education: Cambridge University

Gemma Arterton
Actor
Gemma Arterton has worked extensively in theatre in London and film internationally. She learnt French in 2013 for a film and has since been working and living between France and the UK. She has now started her own production company, focusing on giving more opportunity to women in film and television. Education: Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts
Cambridge University
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Raphaël joined the CNRS as a group leader in 2012 and was promoted Director of Research at Institut Curie in 2017. His recent achievements include the development of the anti-aging small molecule remodelin, the first chemical synthesis of the complex natural product marmycin and the iron metabolism targeting drug ironomycin. His group has recently elucidated the mechanism of action of salinomycin against cancer stem cells and identified a role of iron in the maintenance of these cells. The group has also provided evidence for a role of chromatin in regulating genome targeting with cisplatin.

Education: Marseille University, Oxford University, Cambridge University
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Richard Parks
Extreme Environment Athlete

Richard is a world record holding extreme environment athlete, having previously been an international rugby player for clubs in Britain and France. His pioneering expeditions and projects have pushed the boundaries of human performance whilst accomplishing ground-breaking research and benefiting education or charitable programmes. Richard has recently been focusing on translating the leadership lessons he has learnt into educational programmes for senior business leaders and organisations. He is also an award winning author, government appointed Sport Wales board member and TV presenter.

Robin Rivaton
CEO, Paris Region Invest

Robin Rivaton is a former advisor to business and political leaders, currently the CEO of the Paris Region promotional agency. He is a 4-books essayist, speaker and columnist founder of Real Estech, the first community fostering innovation in the real estate sector. Education: ESCP Europe, Sciences Po

Stephen Parkinson
Political Secretary to the Prime Minister, 10 Downing Street

Stephen Parkinson is Political Secretary to the UK Prime Minister, Theresa May. He previously worked for her at the Home Office, and was National Organiser for both winning campaigns in the UK referendums on the Alternative Vote and the European Union. He read history at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, and stood for Parliament in his native city of Newcastle-upon-Tyne in 2010. Education: Emmanuel College, Cambridge

Thomas Kitching
Reader in Astrophysics, University College London

Thomas Kitching is a reader in Astrophysics at UCL, and a Royal Society University Research Fellow, researching dark energy and dark matter. He is also one of the Science Leads for the European Space Agency’s Euclid mission: a billion Euro satellite that will map three quarters of the entire sky, back in time over three quarters the age of the Universe. His research interests are in cosmology, statistics and big data analysis. Education: Royal Society University, Royal Astronomical Society

Virginie Duby-Muller
Member of Parliament for Haute-Savoie, Assemblée nationale

Elected as one of the youngest members of the Assemblée nationale in 2012, Virginie Dubby-Muller is passionate about international cooperation and diplomacy. As the Vice-President of the Conseil départemental de Haute-Savoie, she is also responsible for cross-border cooperation and European affairs for this constituency. As Delegate General of Les Républicains for digital matters for many years, she has also been working on the digital challenges facing our society. Education: Sciences Po Grenoble, Institut de relations internationales et stratégiques (IRIS)

Zvi Wohlgemuth
Managing Director, Société Generale

Starting in 1999, Zvi Wohlgemuth has worked for four international organisations, three of them in the banking sector: HSBC, RBS and currently Société Generale. In his present role, he is in charge of loan syndication teams covering structured finance and emerging markets in EMEA. Education: University College London

David Wahl
International Development Manager, Numelec SA

David oversees fundraising for hospital building in Africa and is also the director of Scientia Education. Previously, he could be found performing quantitative analysis in equities and currencies in a large hedge fund. His first career was as a researcher in astro-particle physics in Peru. He co-founded the FB-Connections and the Franco-British Young Leaders programme, and is a Trustee of the FB-Council (both sections). Education: Oxford, Padua, Imperial College.

Jean-Pascal Sibiet
Chairman, Franco British Connections / Consultant, Sia Partners

In 2008, he founded the Franco-British Comparative Project. He has organised about 20 events for more than 1,000 guests and incubated the Franco British Young Leaders Programme. Before becoming a Management Consultant (Insurance), Jean-Pascal was a public policy researcher at Sciences Po, and previously at Maastricht, Brussels and Prague. Jean-Pascal was appointed Development Advisor to the CEO and Board of Trustees of the University of London Institute in Paris.

Olivier-Remy Bel
French Ministry of Defence

Olivier has been active in Franco-British circles since his time at Cambridge. Upon returning to Paris in 2009, he became Vice-President of the Franco-British Connections where he helped incubate the Young Leaders programme before joining the conseil franco-britannique. When not looking across the Channel, he is busy peering across the Atlantic on behalf of the Ministry of Defence. Education: Cambridge University, Sciences Po, E.N.A

Simon Day
Co-founder, Apptivism

Apptivism is a technology start up focusing on increasing citizen engagement. Before this, Simon worked for the UK government’s Behavioural Insights Team and as a diplomat with postings to the United Nations in New York, in Europe and Africa. Simon is also a trustee of the Franco-British Council.
Programme UK Residency, 21 – 24 June 2017

All events will be held under the Chatham House rule.

Day 1: Welcome to the UK – 21 June

Welcome addresses
10.30am, location Foreign and Commonwealth Office

France and Britain: Post-Election and Brexit
11am, location Foreign and Commonwealth Office

With SE Sylvie Bermann (French Ambassador to the UK), Lord Llewellyn (British ambassador to France), Vernon Bogdanor (Professor of Government, King’s College London) and Sarah Sands (Editor of the BBC Radio 4 Today programme).

After introductory addresses from Ambassador Bermann and Lord Llewellyn, Prof. Bogdanor will provide an overview of relations between the UK and France over the past two centuries, placing the current Franco-British friendship into its historical context. Ms Sands will then discuss the influence of the British media on UK politics and compare this to the equivalent set-up in France.

Trends in Digital Democracy and New Forms of Citizen Engagement
3pm, Gide, 125 Old Broad Street

With Geoff Mulgan (CEO of Nesta), Mark Cridge (CEO of MySociety), Ari Brodach (head of Participatory Budget, Ville de Paris) and Simon Day (founder of Apptivism).

Following an introduction to the topic from Mr Mulgan, Mr Cridge will reflect on evolutions in the field over the past decade and projections for the future, focussing on several web apps of particular importance. Mr Brodach will provide an insight into Paris’ participatory budget, looking at its past, impact and future development. Finally, Mr Day will present his citizen engagement platform Apptivism and explain its early impact as well as behavioural sciences more generally.

Opportunities and challenges in the film industry
4.30pm, Gide, 125 Old Broad Street

With keynote address by Danny Perkins (CEO of StudioCanal UK).

StudioCanal UK is the British arm of French-owned film company StudioCanal, of the Vivendi-owned Canal+ Group. Responsible for such commercial hits as Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (2011), Paddington (2014) and The Imitation Game (2015), StudioCanal UK is now the UK’s biggest indie producer-distributor. Off the back of huge successes at the box-office, it now finds itself entrusted with delivering the key building blocks of Vivendi’s content strategy. Mr Perkins will discuss his business strategy and offer his thoughts on the organisation’s success at promoting independent cinema, with artistic independence and creative flair.

Networking dinner in the evening

Day 2: Field Day in Cambridge – 22 June

The Challenges for Global Cooperation: Artificial Intelligence and Climate Change
10am, Lightfoot Room, St John’s College

With Seán Ó hÉigeartaigh (Executive Director of the Centre for the Study of Existential Risk, University of Cambridge) and Simon Beard (Research Associate on the “Evaluation of Extreme Technological Risks” project).

Although Earth has existed for 45 million centuries, ours is the first in which a single species holds the future of the biosphere in its hands. The Centre for Study of Existential Risks (or CSER, commonly referred to as “Caesar”) was founded to research X-risks, those risks that threaten humanity. We will explore some of those and how researchers, policy makers and civil society come together to tackle them at a global level.

Getting to grips with our history
11.45am, Lightfoot Room, St John’s College

With Prof. Robert Tombs (Professor of Modern European History, St John’s College, Cambridge), Dr Renaud Morieux (Senior Lecturer in British History, Jesus College, Cambridge) and Prof. Brendan Simms (Professor of the History of International Relations in the Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge).

The American writer James Baldwin said that we carry history within us and are unconsciously controlled by it, because ‘it is present in all we do’. Understanding our past helps us to take control of our present, and when necessary to exorcise the traumas of the past. The Franco-British relationship is fraught with history; we have to try to get to grips with it. Three historians will discuss and debate the meanings of our past relationships, and guide us towards a deeper sense of our present ties.

Sciences and Technology, the Drivers of Economic Growth: the Cambridge Case
2.30pm, Lightfoot Room, St John’s College

Chaired by Dr Tony Raven (CEO of Cambridge Enterprise) in discussion with Quintus Liu (CEO of Healthera) and Karl Gardiner (Executive Director of the Greater Cambridge Local Enterprise Partnership).

Cambridge is one of the most important technology centres in Europe, and Cambridge University has made technology transfer and research commercialisation an internationally recognised recipe for success. We look at the Cambridge case, and its impact on economic growth.

Franco-British Young Leaders Gala Dinner
7pm, Guildhall, Livery Hall

Speech by Mark Boleat (Deputy Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, City of London) and other keynote speeches
Day 3: London – 23 June

The Strategic Influence of English Law
8.45am, Middle Temple

With Lord Sumption (Supreme Court Judge), the Rt Hon
Dominic Grieve MP (former Attorney General for England and
Wales and current Chair of the UK Parliament’s Intelligence and
Security Committee) and Claire Legras (First Councillor to the
French Ambassador and member of the French Conseil d’État).

The panel will draw on their considerable experience in the
legal profession to explore why and how English Common Law
has become the most widespread and influential legal system
in the world.

Masterclass: Cultural Intelligence as a Critical
Management Skill
10.30am, Royal Society of Arts

With Peter Alfandary (cross-cultural management expert).

Educated in both the French and British systems, Mr Alfandary
will reflect on his experience in the fields of law and business
development and offer his thoughts on the importance of
cross-cultural awareness in the professional world.

Followed by networking lunch with Young Leaders and local
leaders.

Pitch Challenge: Local and Young Leaders
1.00pm, Royal Society of Arts

With Lisa Barclay (COO of Social Finance), Reuben Saxon, CEO
The Social Innovation Partnership and Jessica Stacey (Partner
in Bethnal Green Ventures).

This interactive session will give the opportunity to Young
Leaders and Local Leaders to work collaboratively to
produce solutions to the complex question of how to benefit
disadvantaged areas in both France and the UK. Participants
will be divided into teams that will each present a short pitch
on a project that could be implemented in the future.

The V&A: the Impact of a Leading Cultural Institution
5pm, Victoria and Albert Museum

Address by Tristram Hunt (CEO of the Victoria and Albert
Museum).

Dr Hunt will discuss the role of the V&A museum, its activities
in recent years and its future trajectory. This talk will also
provide an opportunity to hear about Dr Hunt’s varied career
and experience working in sectors as varied as academia,
Parliament and museums.

Visit Pink Floyd exhibition at 6pm

Day 4: Ce n’est qu’un au revoir – 24 June

Pathways to Radicalisation and Preventing Violent
Extremism: Views from France and the UK
10am, French Residence

With Haras Rafiq (Chief Executive of the Quilliam Foundation),
Tahar Akermi (Youth Worker in Lunel France), Saeida Rouass
(Quilliam Foundation) and Julia Ebner (Quilliam Foundation).

Mr Rafiq will chair this discussion on the daily struggle against
radicalisation and extremism, highlighting its origins at the core
of society in the concept of civil intolerance. This fundamental
issue will be brought to life by personal testimonies: Mr
Akermi, who works in Lunel, a place regarded as a hotbed of
radicalisation, will reveal how the commune’s population have
come together to fight extremism, and Ms Rouass will tell
stories from a former Islamic terrorist.

The Future of the Franco-British Young Leaders
11.30am, French Residence

With Simon Day and David Wahl (members of the Steering
Committee).

The moderators will offer a reflection on the residential as
a whole and discuss how to maximise its impact on Franco-
British relations in the future by means of networking and
engagement between the Young Leaders. They will also look
ahead to the next residential in June 2018, as well as other
events in the coming 12 months.

Buffet lunch at 12.30pm and closing remarks from Sylvie
Bermann (French Ambassador to the UK), Christian de Boissieu
(Chair of the Franco-British Council, French Section) and
Baroness Blackstone (Chair of the Franco-British Council, British
Section).
Local Leaders Initiative

The Franco-British Council launched the Young Leaders Programme with the goal of bringing together future leaders from the United Kingdom and France to create a transformational societal impact on both sides of the Channel.

The Local Leaders initiative builds on this objective, seeking to make use of the local leaders’ experience to expand the impact of the programme across society, ensuring leadership and networking opportunities are available to people from all backgrounds.

All Local Leaders have a background in turning adversity into success: launching start-ups and charities, running for public office and working directly with young people to help improve their lives. The participants, aged from 20-30, have come from disadvantaged background themselves, or have extensive experience in the field of social impact projects.

The initiative looks to provide already exceedingly successful young people with a network of established leaders from France and Britain, alongside increased knowledge of both problems and opportunities in both countries. It is hoped that with these resources, Local Leaders will be able to develop new visions, contacts, and opportunities to make a real difference in their communities.

Local Leaders and Young Leaders will engage in an intensive and in-depth discussion. The session aims to foster a creative reflection about society in both countries. Together they will work on and pitch their ideas to developing leadership opportunities in disadvantaged communities in France and Britain. This session will equip Local Leaders with new skills and relationships to take forward their leadership journey in their area of interest and beyond.

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 22 June – Guildhall

7:00 pm
Gala Dinner

Friday, 23 June – Royal Society of Arts House

9:00 am
Welcome breakfast

9:30 am
Introduction

10:30 am
Cultural intelligence as a critical management skill
Peter Alfandary, cross-cultural management expert

11:30 am
Networking Lunch

1:00 pm
Pitch Challenge with the Franco-British Young Leaders
Lisa Barclay, COO Social Finance
Reuben Saxon, CEO The Social Innovation Partnership
Jessica Stacey, Partner Bethnal Green Ventures

4:00 pm
Wrap-up and drinks
Angela Awuah
A combined passion for improving mental health resources - informed by her experience as a young carer for a person suffering from mental illness - and the arts drives Angela Awuah's work. As the founder of Mental Health: TheArts, Angela helps those suffering from mental illness by providing them with a platform for creative expression. The organization has received funding from groups including O2 and vInspired, and has expanded in recent months to include a new Ambassador programme.

Ayoola Bakare
Since founding salon Rare Look, Ayoola Bakare has sought to both grow her business and help young people pursue business opportunities. As an Ambassador with the Prince's Trust, Ayoola tries to give back to the local community that helped her as a foster child in West London. Ayoola has had considerable experience in creative and financial industries outside of launching Rare Look, serving as both an Assistant Creative Director and Finance Administrator.

David Crone
After attending one of the worst performing schools in the United Kingdom, David Crone established a youth centre in his hometown of Sunderland, chaired the Sunderland Youth Parliament, and is currently ranked second in his year at Oxford University. David now chairs the British Youth Council, which reached over 1,200 young people through events last year, to advocate for and empower young people in Britain.

Hannah Graham
A former parliamentary candidate for the Green Party in Middlesborough, Hannah Graham has sought to increase young people's political engagement. Inspired by her upbringing in North Lincolnshire, with only a 50 percent electoral turnout and the lowest rate of university attendance in the country, Hannah seeks to engage young people from her position on the Green Party National Executive and as Youth Engagements Coordinator for UK Youth, the UK's largest national youth charity.

Ivan Beckley
Inspired by his own upbringing in a disadvantaged area of Southwark, London, Ivan Beckley founded Limitless, a social mobility company that encourages Year 9 students to feel confident about being ambitious. The program, which has received £3,000 in funding and has been named the O2 Think Big project of the month, has worked with over 250 Year 9 students. Ivan is also studying Medicine at University College London, while also pursuing passions in business, technology and research.

James Gardiner
Growing up on a council estate in Northern Ireland in the last years of The Troubles and the first years of the peace process, James Gardiner has witnessed first hand both conflict and reconciliation. Since completing his studies, Gardiner has worked for the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, the National Health Service, and the private sector, and assists in running several social ventures in Belfast. Gardiner is also currently working to launch a startup in behavioural economics and technology.

Kheron Kenardo
After being exposed to gang culture, youth violence, and drugs during his teenage years, Kheron Kenardo decided to pursue his dream of being an actor and attend university. Now, Kheron has delivered his message of the importance of developing a growth mindset to 20,000 young people, leads a local government program to decrease knife crime, and has starred in national television shows, including Channel 4 series ‘Youngers’.

Mete Coban
Mete Coban is the CEO and co-founder of MLMS, a youth led non-partisan movement that is campaigning to get a better Brexit for young people in the UK, which he has led for the last three years. He is known for running collaborative national campaigns, pioneering digital democracy, and promoting an ethos of inclusive community engagement. Coban was London’s youngest ever councillor, having been elected to represent Stoke-Newington, Hackney at the age of 21.

Patrick Kelly
Patrick Kelly founded Adapt Digital, an award-winning digital transformation agency, after deciding not to attend university and focus on his passion in technology. Patrick looks to pursue both his interest in technology and aid young people through his work, by hiring apprentices to expand the firm. Patrick also now helps young people at the Prince’s Trust - where he first sought to establish a network when launching his firm - in an effort to give back to the community.

Sarah Lusack
Sarah Lusack, a politics graduate from Cambridge, looks to help those from disadvantaged backgrounds by connecting them with leading universities and companies. Through her work at Rare Recruitment, Sarah seeks to increase social mobility by ensuring disadvantaged young people have the same opportunities as others. Sarah is also running Morsel, a social action campaign that addresses loneliness by organizing community events, through her position in the UpRising Leadership Programme.

Shwetal Shah
Learning and working in both Mumbai and the United Kingdom, Shwetal Shah used her background in business and technology to found morsel, an app that seeks to unite communities with meals created from surplus food. Shwetal is also the founder of Explore Science, which tries to increase youth engagement in science, and was named as one of 25 under 25 ‘Ones to Watch’ by Code First: Girls.

Sunil Suri
Following a career in international affairs in the United States and the United Kingdom, Sunil Suri is now a Fellow at the Year Here organization, where he is working to address social problems in the UK. Sunil has founded two social impact start-ups as part of these efforts, including an app which connects elderly people with one another to combat loneliness and an app promoting investment of young people in social care.

Tamanna Miah
Tamanna Miah has used her childhood experiences of physical and mental abuse, discrimination, and bullying as motivation to help young people both nationally and around the world. Tamanna has worked with 50 organizations, has written for national publications and has appeared on the BBC and ITV to promote the need for increased mental health resources and awareness of the impact of bullying.
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