

## Global Shapers Meet in Geneva to Champion Community Development in 265 Cities Worldwide

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- From 17 to 20 August 2013, 250 young leaders from around the world will convene in Geneva, Switzerland, for the Global Shapers Community 's Annual Curators Meeting (ACM).
- Global Shapers have established 265 city-based Hubs worldwide that carry out projects to tackle some of the most pressing problems in their communities.
- Global Shapers are 20 to 30 years of age, with great potential for future leadership roles in all sectors of society. For more information: <http://www.globalshapers.org/>

Geneva, Switzerland, 12 August 2013 – Two years after its launch, the World Economic Forum 's Community of Global Shapers has grown to engage more than 2,500 of the world 's most promising leaders under the age of 30 who are undertaking projects to benefit their local communities in 265 cities worldwide.

Recent projects include a mentoring road show with speeches at the top universities in Shanghai, People 's Republic of China; the launch of an initiative that aims to protect underprivileged street children in Mumbai, India, by providing necessary equipment such as raincoats and umbrellas; a project in Novosibirsk, Russia, to help 10,000 future retirees become more financially aware and stable; and a business pitch competition in Charlotte, North Carolina, USA.

The Global Shapers Community is organized as a network of local Hubs based in major cities around the world. The leader of each Hub is called the " Curator " and has a tenure of one year. From 17 to 20 August 2013, about 250 Curators from different cultural and demographic backgrounds will gather in Geneva, Switzerland, for the Annual Curators Meeting. The programme will focus on the vision, values and culture of the community, aiming to ensure the success and sustainability of each Hub and the greater network through shared learning and collaboration.

During the Annual Curators Meeting, the Global Shapers Community will participate in an array of activities with local impact in the host city of Geneva. In groups, Curators will focus their efforts on translating books from around the world, sorting and distributing clothing for people with limited financial resources, looking after and interacting with children from less-privileged families and assisting the city of Geneva with a clean-up drive that includes graffiti removal.

" We are very proud that the Annual Curators Meeting brings the world to Switzerland and to Geneva, the home of humanitarian activity, " said David Aikman, Head of the Global Shapers Community and Managing Director, World Economic Forum. " Young people in the Global Shapers Community are a tremendous source of ideas, inspiration, and innovation. This is a generation that is already empowered; we just want to bring them together and make them even more effective. "

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