



GLOBAL SOLVERS ACCELERATOR

Accelerating Transformative Change



- Connecting grassroots experiences • Empowering community leaders •
- Unleashing transformative change •

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AN IMPACT JOURNEY THAT CONNECTS, EMPOWERS AND TRANSFORMS EMERGENT AGENTS OF SOCIAL CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE.

The program engages participants through an eight-month project-based collaborative learning journey to refine social impact initiatives they are spearheading, build collective leadership competencies, and ignite transformative change that cut across barriers of place and identity, furthering the Sustainable Development Goals (<https://sdgs.un.org/goals>).

Eight monthly modules | Interconnected module themes | Substantial Peer Exchange | Applicable Methods & Tools | Tailored support & collaboration



At the Global Solvers Accelerator, community practitioners from around the world learn, work, and grow together to generate impact beyond business as usual. During a guided, experiential learning journey with peer exchange, tailored subject matter advisory, and leading-edge thematic impulses, participants build competencies, capacity, and networks to unleash the fullest transformative potential of the social impact projects they are spearhead.

Collectively, we strive towards becoming the catalyst for transformative change, who can leverage global citizenship skills to connect and collaborate across boundaries of place, identity, and paradigms.

The Global Solvers Accelerator is deeply intertwined with our unique community of global citizenship practice and, for successful participants, is a gateway to joining the life-long Melton Foundation Fellowship! In addition, the program may include a weeklong retreat - fully funded for actively engaged participants.

The Global Solvers Accelerator can be your ticket to a transformative and impactful ride that goes way beyond the duration of the program!



Melton Foundation

Deep collaborations. Powerful actions.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROGRAM - AT A GLANCE



FLOW OF A GLOBAL SOLVERS ACCELERATOR MONTHLY MODULE



THE 8 MONTH JOURNEY OF A GLOBAL SOLVER

MAY

CONVERGING IN PURPOSE

As the batch of Global Solvers is growing together, participants acquire practical knowledge about team goals, roles, and norms collectively. Through a series of team activities, they develop a notion of "sharing mindset", cohesiveness, and value for diversity.



MAKING SENSE TOGETHER

Global Solvers present the social impact projects they are spearheading and assess relevant project elements that might require further thinking, working & refining.

JUN

COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP

Participants take a reflective look at their own leadership style in context. The revisit relevant theoretical concepts of social capital and leadership, in order to identify opportunity for their role in pivoting projects for systemic impact.



JUL*

ENCOMPASSING TRANSFORMATION

Participants unpack meanings and correlations of resilience, social innovation, and transformation. Through backcasting workshops, they develop novel perspective for their projects, enabling them to tap the transformative potential of their work in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.



AUG

ECOSYSTEM GARDENING

Participants get acquainted with systemic approaches and learn to apply them at project level. Through a series of workshops, they learn about different cultural contexts worldwide and learn to identify strategic stakeholder relevance to amplify transformative social impact work.



SEP

MODELING IMPACT

Participants get acquainted with different dimensions of impact and work together with peers and project stakeholders to operationalise the previously identified change potential.



OCT

SUSTAINING IMPACT

Participants understand the importance or diligent monitoring & evaluation for social impact projects and explore data-driven approaches to track of project impact, engage stakeholders around meaningful data, and take data-driven decisions.



NOV

UNLEASHING CHANGE

Participants harness the learnings from previous Modules and learn about compelling and strategic ways for getting the word out about their work to further engagement of ecosystem stakeholders in the project, the bigger cause, and the transformative vision.



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* The GSA program may also include a weeklong in-person retreat in July for active and engaged Global Solvers, fondly termed the 'Global Solvers Co-Lab'!



WHO IS THE IDEAL GLOBAL SOLVER?



Emerging community development practitioners (aged between 20 - 35 years)



Eager to learn, un-learn and relearn as part of a collaborative impact journey



Curious, responsible, open-minded, forwardthinking, committed team player



Familiar with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)



Proven track record of social impact



Desire to connect & work with global peers (as in looking for a platform to meaningfully engage with change agents from different backgrounds, places, and fields)



Actively engaged in or leading a local impact project with the capacity or leverage to affect change in the project as a result of the program.



Aspires to transform society and generate positive impact at the grassroots level.

BENEFITS OF BECOMING A GLOBAL SOLVER



CAPACITY BUILDING

The program is a springboard for participants to pivot their capacity in areas like collective leadership, transformative impact, and systemic design. Through leading-edge thematic contributions, peer exchange, subject matter advisory, and project assignments, participants boost their social impact as well as their global citizenship skills.



FURTHERING IMPACT

The 8-month learning journey connects emerging change agents worldwide to refine social impact initiatives they are spearheading, building collective leadership competencies, and together igniting transformative change that cut across barriers of place and identity, furthering the SDGs.



MELTON FELLOWSHIP

Upon successful completion of the program, participants are eligible to join the Melton Foundation's lifelong supported community as Senior Melton Fellow, and gain access to a global community of over 600 change catalysts across the globe, project funding through our Action Grants, travel opportunities to global impact events, and more.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT FROM PARTICIPANTS?



Contribute an average of approx.
4 hours per week in order to actively participate in our peer-driven, collaboration-based 8-month leadership program



Pay program fee of **750 USD** within 3 weeks of selection into the program; Need-based Scholarships available (covering up to 80% of the participation fees)





What are the Sustainable Development Goals that the Global Solvers Accelerator revolves around? Can my community project focus on any of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals?

According to the United Nations, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice. In 2015, the United Nations created 17 Sustainable Development Goals and aimed to achieve them by 2030 with the Agenda 2030. At the Global Solvers Accelerator, our aim is to help participants refine and scale their projects so that they can contribute more effectively to the SDGs. Since the 17 SDGs are interlined, your project can focus on (a minimum of) one, or more of the SDGs.



How much does a Global Solver have to pay for the program? Why charge a program fee?

At the Global Solvers Accelerator, everyone contributes - also financially. While the program comes with significant financial aid for deserving participants, we charge a participation fee to attract serious candidates and to build accountability for participation. The program fee is 750 USD and the deadline to pay the same is within three weeks of being accepted into the program. Scholarships are available to participants with proven needs. The fee has two primary purposes: (a) it helps to subsidize some of the program activities, which may include a week-long in-person retreat, and (b) it allows the set up of a collective fund that will be available to deserving projects towards the end of the program.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS





Can participants receive a full scholarship to participate in the Global Solvers Accelerator?

Scholarships covering up to 80% of the program fee are available to participants with proven needs, and you will be asked to indicate whether or not you would require a scholarship with the application to the program. Full scholarships are not available, but we encourage participants to raise the funds to participate in the program. Here are 10½ crowdfunding tips to help you organize the campaign and reach your crowdfunding goal.



What kind of learning materials and contents will participants have access to during the Global Solvers Accelerator?

The Global Solvers Accelerator combines the finest of blended and peer-learning. Throughout the program, we will tackle 8 thematic areas to unleash the fullest transformative of your project, including project effectiveness, team efficiency, collective leadership, (social) innovation and transformative change, systemic analysis and stakeholder mapping, impact modeling, audience engagement, and Monitoring & Evaluation. With each thematic module, you will have access to curated reading and viewing, bi-weekly online workshops, subject matter advisory and mentoring, and - most importantly - a practitioner's window into the world of social impact elsewhere through your peers.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The world does not face a shortage of solutions to global issues. What it needs is collaborative action that addresses multiple domains and defies boundaries.

JOIN THE JOURNEY - BECOME A GLOBAL SOLVER!

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