

OYWJ ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR "WE HAVE A DREAM"

One Young World Japan is delighted to announce its support for "WE HAVE A DREAM," a collection of 202 dreams from around the world, as well as high school students living in Japan, leveraging our extensive experience and network with young leaders and their SDG-related projects.

One Young World (OYW) is the world's largest international forum for young leaders with more than 2,000 delegates from over 190 countries around the world. The annual summit has been traveling the globe since 2009 and will be held in Manchester, U.K. this September.

More than 70% of the 202 people who contributed their dreams to the book "WE HAVE A DREAM" are OYW ambassadors, including the editors of the book (Mr. Taichi Ichikawa and Ms. Ibun Hirahara). OYW, one of the world's largest next-generation leadership development platforms, has helped to create numerous SDG-related projects, many of which are featured in "WE HAVE A DREAM."



High school students living in Japan are also showcased and will transcend borders and cultures to participate in various projects, working together to realize dreams. One Young World Japan will be supporting the "WE HAVE A DREAM" program from April 2022 with the following 2 schools:

FUKUOKA FUTABA HIGH SCHOOL

Fukuoka Futaba High School's philosophy is to nurture "people who are grateful for their blessings and to act as a responsible member of our global society." To develop these global citizens, Fukuoka Futaba sets "high academic standards," "high aspiration," "high communication skills," and "rich character" as its foundation. The school has also been focusing on English education for many years in order to cultivate international perspectives and encourage students to pursue their dreams. As a partner school of the World Wide Learning (WWL) Consortium, the school is promoting comprehensive global education in order to nurture future leaders for Japan and the world.

In the "WE HAVE A DREAM" program, students will connect with Caritta Seppä, the founder of a Finnish startup that develops and markets the solar backpack "Tespac." They will learn about the vision that Tespac aims to materialize and the story behind the product development, and then propose PR and marketing ideas for Tespac in Japan.



FINLAND

More Diversity, More Diverse Ideas

Electricity is a key enabler for having access to clean water, sanitation, education, and healthcare. However, it is estimated that more than one billion people worldwide currently lack access to electricity. When I learned that innovative technology solutions could change this situation, I dived into the world of technology and entrepreneurship seven years ago.

Mario Aguilera, who gave me the push I needed in my new career, had a vision of creating a world where everyone had access to energy. Although I strongly identified with his vision from the beginning, I felt that perhaps my background in international relations might not provide me the right skills needed, as I had worked at an embassy, not a technology firm. But Mario taught me that what mattered the most is a can-do attitude. All I needed was to believe in myself.

I joined Mario to start a new business. Our company, Tespac, focuses on developing energy solutions for off-grid regions by combining solar, IoT, and power electronics. With smart solar bags, you can power electronic devices such as laptops and projectors to get access to education in rural areas where textbooks and materials are scarce.

I had a lot to learn about technology, but my non-tech background also helped me to explain our technology in a way that is easy to understand. I might not be an engineer, but my experience helped me to understand diversity.

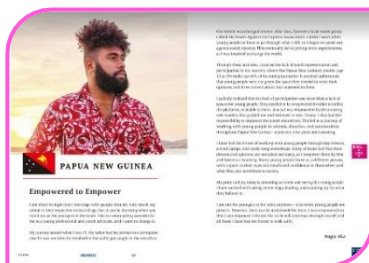
At our company, we value personality and potential over degrees and work experience. The more diversity, the more diverse ideas we can come up with. Differences allow us to come up with innovative solutions to global challenges. The important thing is to be willing to learn new things and not be afraid to fail. Passion and the ability to execute will take you far. It is my dream to make a world where we have diversity at all levels.

Caritta Seppä

AOBA JAPAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

A sense of community is what shapes the Aoba experience. The school is dedicated to developing global-minded, compassionate, collaborative students inspired to learn, take risks, and lead change in the world. They believe that students should reach their full potential as international citizens who are dedicated to learning and who are inspired to succeed in an ever-changing environment.

In the "WE HAVE A DREAM" program, students will connect with three social entrepreneurs / activists from Papua New Guinea, Tonga, and Palau to learn about the challenges facing their respective societies and the solutions they propose. They will also work together to develop measures to expand those social entrepreneurs' activities in their regions and have a greater impact on society, leading to concrete actions.



The DREAM Team

- **Producer:**
Yuka Imanishi / Director, OYW Japan

Yuka Imanishi is a graduate of the English Department of Sophia University. Currently enrolled in a master's program at Tsukuba University. After working as an overseas liaison and director at a record company, she worked in marketing/communications at several international corporations. In 2016, she founded CURIO Japan Inc. which specializes in global talent development and recruiting services, and serves as its president.

- **Director:**
Masayuki Sorata / Director, OYW Japan

Born in Handa City, Aichi Prefecture and a graduate of Hosei University. He became interested in history after watching the historical drama "Nobunaga" at the age of six. He majored in Roman history and traveled around the world as a backpacker in search of world heritage sites. He worked in sales at Keyence, and in human resource development at Recruit Co. Later, he took over a real estate company founded by his grandfather and launched the education-related business "Learning in Context", which designs learning environments and develops educational facilities and organizations. He also operates a private after-school program called "Common" that connects children and the local community.

- **Program Lead:**
Taichi Ichikawa / OYW Ambassador
Editor of the book "WE HAVE A DREAM"

He attended his first OYW Summit when he was in college. After graduating from Aoyama Gakuin University, he joined Amuse Co. where he oversaw an inbound team in the department directly under the chairman in charge of new business. After working in business planning at a start-up company, he established World Road Inc. His vision in life is to make the world one school. In 2021, he published the book "WE HAVE A DREAM", a collection of dreams from around the world related to SDGs.

About One Young World:

One Young World is a UK based not-for-profit which identifies, promotes, and connects the world's most impactful young leaders to create a better world, with more responsible, more effective leadership. Its annual Summit brings together more than 2,000 of the most talented young leaders from over 190 countries to tackle the globe's most pressing issues, from climate change to conflict resolution.

One Young World is actively supported by a distinguished line-up of Counsellors including the late Kofi Annan, President Mary Robinson, President Juan Manuel Santos, Sir Bob Geldof,

Sir Richard Branson, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, James Chau, Emma Watson, Meghan Markle, and Professor Muhammad Yunus. One Young World Counsellors work alongside delegates at the global summits, sharing their collective experience in creating positive social change.

Since launching in 2009, One Young World has built a network of over 10,000 Ambassadors, whose projects have gone on to benefit more than 30.4 million people worldwide. Notable Ambassadors include FGM abolitionist Jaha Dukureh, North Korean defector Yeonmi Park, Federal Deputy of Sao Paulo Tabata Amaral de Pontes, mental health activist Hussain Manawer, Naomi Iwazawa, Founder of Culmony, social media star Jérôme Jarre and Founder of Wheeling Happiness, Devika Malik.

Aptly nicknamed “Junior Davos” by CNN, the award-winning annual Summit has been named International Conference of the Year on three occasions by C&IT. One Young World also has the largest corporate footprint of any NGO and is partnered with more than 500 of the world's leading organizations, many of which are listed by Fortune 500 or FTSE 100.

To date, Summits have taken place in London (2010), Zurich (2011), Pittsburgh (2012), Johannesburg (2013), Dublin (2014), Bangkok (2015), Ottawa (2016), Bogota (2017), The Hague (2018), London (2019), and Munich (2021) with the upcoming Summit taking place in Manchester, U.K. in September 2022.