

During October 2020, SCU staff have been contacting the Young Leaders to get to know their work aspirations and career ambitions. With this information, they are initiating the Mentorship phase of the programme and identifying the best mentors from the SCU Network in the industries that their Young Leaders are interested in to follow up individually and design a future career plan. The SCU staff will provide continuing support during the entire process.

SCU will then provide relevant and rewarding work experience to the Young Leaders, virtually or in their own country.

The Change 10 Young Leaders will be also be involved in the **ISP Virtual School Visits** and in the events SCU will be delivering for example the **Street Child World Cup Global Summit in Doha in 2022**.

Who are the Change 10 Participants?

Find out more about the individual Young Leaders participating in the year-long Change 10 Programme.



Drika (Brazil) was born and raised by her grandmother in Northern Brazil. She was one of ten children, and the family had no electric lights, no TV, or stove. When she was 14, her grandmother died, and she went to live with her mother and stepfather in Rio de Janeiro but was thrown out and ended up 'couch-surfing'. She was eventually taken in by her aunt. Things began to change when she started training with Favela Street and later represented Brazil at the Street Child World Cup Rio 2014, as team captain. Since then, Street Child United have built a football pitch in Complexo da Penha, with the support of GM Chevrolet, where Drika is one of the community coaches, acting as an inspirational role model and leader for the children of the community. She helps up to 300 children a year play sports and learn, reducing their risk of exploitation and abuse, developing their life skills and improving their education, training and employment opportunities. In 2017 Drika was named by the BBC in their top 100 most inspiring women in the world.

"Of the children living and working on the streets of Rio de Janeiro, the vast majority come from areas like Complexo. Every day the children and young people are at risk of exploitation and violence from the drug gangs and the police, where gunfights on the streets often break out.

"I like challenges, spending two months away from home with different people, different food and also different language, it's not easy. But knowledge is not bought. And my English will improve a lot, I can't miss the great opportunities that appear in life."



Sadock (Tanzania) was involved with gangs and spent time on the streets fighting and stealing. After being offered support and guidance by a local NGO, he was selected to play for Tanzania at the first Street Child World Cup in South Africa in 2010. Four years later in Rio 2014, Sadock was a coach for Team Tanzania before attending Street Child World Cup's in 2018 and 2019 as a Young Leader. Sadock is now a community support social worker and has taken part in three Street Child World Cups as a Young Leader, presenting public-facing events in front of the world's media.

"On the streets, children face physical, psychological and sexual violence. We are children, and we want the government to protect children and to give them social services including education, better

healthcare and all the rights that other children have so that we can grow and develop. I believe I have what it takes to be role model for others though personally I am not where I want to be in life yet but I want to make a change into people's lives by telling my story, inspiring them and showing them that it is possible to lift other people up with nothing in your hand but with something in your head which is positive mindset."



Jessica (Brazil) is from Rio and lives with her foster parents. After winning the Street Child World Cup Moscow 2018 she says she "had a lot of recognition, a lot of respect for my history, and it made my family very proud."

"I want to be a professional soccer player, so I always look for my goals, I want to achieve dreams and climb mountains for that dream to come true, I'm always trying to be a humble person who always helps others, who doesn't judge anyone. My concern is that I will be afraid of the injustices of this world and end up discouraged from my dream. I would like to be living somewhere else, not in the community, it is not that it is bad, because it is not, it is that there is a lot of violence, drug tragedy and constant shooting, I want to give my family a better future,

because with things that we learn here is difficult to grow in life, I want to give them a life without worrying about gunshots, constant deaths, I just want peace."



Ibra (Pakistan) Since representing Pakistan in the Street Child World Cup Moscow 2018, Ibra has been selected to play for the Pakistan National Team. Ibra wants to play for an international football club and represent his country in the biggest leagues and competitions in the world. He wants to be an example for children, through his journey he hopes to impact people's lives and give them hope.

"Participation in the Street Child World Cup Moscow 2018 and our victory was a turning point in my life.

Subsequently, witnessing so many people turn up to receive us upon our arrival in Pakistan at the airport and being paraded in my local hometown as a hero was a moment that changed my life for ever. It was the single biggest moment in my life as the affection of the people towards me was something I had never experienced before.

"I want to be part of the programme because I already consider myself a Young Leader. I really feel that I can help the young people with their experiences on the street because I can relate to them on a personal level. I want them to tell me about their difficulties on the street so I can share with them my journey from Street to State. We are very much alike and using my experience, I would like to give them courage and hope that things will not always remain as they are if you are willing to work hard for it."



Husnain (Pakistan) joined to support Mohammed Ibrar with the language and because he took part at the Street Child Cricket World Cup London 2019 as a "learner" within the Pakistani delegation, he has decided to continue his training. Husnain is 25 years old and works as a Social Mobilizer for Muslim Hands and has been engaged with Street Children (project launched by Muslim Hands) since 2015. He would like to impact other people's life through projects that give street-connected children a strong platform.

"I want to enhance my leadership skills so I can maximize the benefit to the society in general. Similarly, I want to create a strong platform for the street children so they can launch themselves in the world at a bigger stage. Like any individual, I aspire to see myself at the pinnacle of my profession and hope that my life would be such that has directly or indirectly helped change many lives."



Nakalakshmi (India) has been living in the girls shelter at Karunalaya in Chennai for as long as she can remember. After being part of the team that won the first ever Street Child Cricket World Cup, London 2019 she hopes to continue playing sport.

“I am living very happily at Karunalaya and have nothing to worry about. I would like to be a social worker so I can help poor people like me. First, I must finish my college course.”



Eswari (India) lives and studies at Karunalaya – a shelter providing care, protection and rehabilitation for street children in Chennai India. As a young child, Eswari’s was raised by her single mother who worked selling flowers on the street to be able to fund Eswari’s school. Eswari took part in the Street Child World Cup Moscow 2018 and featured in Street Kids United 3 which was featured at film premieres around the world.

“When my dad left us in the middle of the road, we had a hard time for food. It was the deadliest moment in my life.”