



YOUTH LEAD
THE CHANGE
We Lead. We Change.



Youth Lead the Change by **Harvard** Mentors Jeddah, KSA **Winter 2026**



WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

Premier Four-Day Leadership Immersion Experience

The Youth Lead the Change is a prestigious and highly selective four-day leadership workshop by experienced Harvard mentors. Students will be asked to tackle complex social issues, create a full fledged CapStone project and learn leadership through numerous experiential modules.

Soft Skill Mastery & Unparalleled Networking

Beyond traditional leadership teachings, our workshop delves deep into comprehensive soft skill development, refining skills like effective communication, critical thinking, and emotional intelligence. Connect with peers, Harvard undergraduates, and industry professionals, laying the groundwork for lifelong success.

Become A Harvard Trained Leader

WORKSHOP DETAILS



Students get a **Completion Certificate** from Youth Lead the Change, signed by a Harvard Mentor.



2nd - 5th January, 2026
9AM - 4PM (AST)



Jeddah, KSA



Ages 13-18



\$950 (excluding VAT)



How does it work?

Application Process

To join the program, high school students will have to fill out an application form & are selected based on the quality of their responses.

4 Days Immersion Experience

The course offers a unique 4-day immersive experience where students participate in various activities and sessions designed to enhance their leadership skills and knowledge.

Harvard Mentor-led sessions

Led by Harvard youth leaders, this workshop offer hands-on leadership guidance through a tailored curriculum covering all aspects of modern leadership and project management.

Project-Based Portfolio Development

Guided by Harvard mentors, you'll transform ideas into action with community projects, elevating your college portfolio and showcasing your commitment to positive change.



It was an honor to be here to make friends with like-minded individuals and also learn a lot in the progress. Every single student here in this cohort has been so talented in every field that you really know that it's an amazing place to learn and grow with others. Meeting with the Harvard mentors, learning about their life on campus with college apps itself was an amazing chance. And I'm super glad to be here...

Jahan Ibrahim
YLC Dubai



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40+
CONFERENCES

12k+
YLC Alums

12+
COUNTRIES

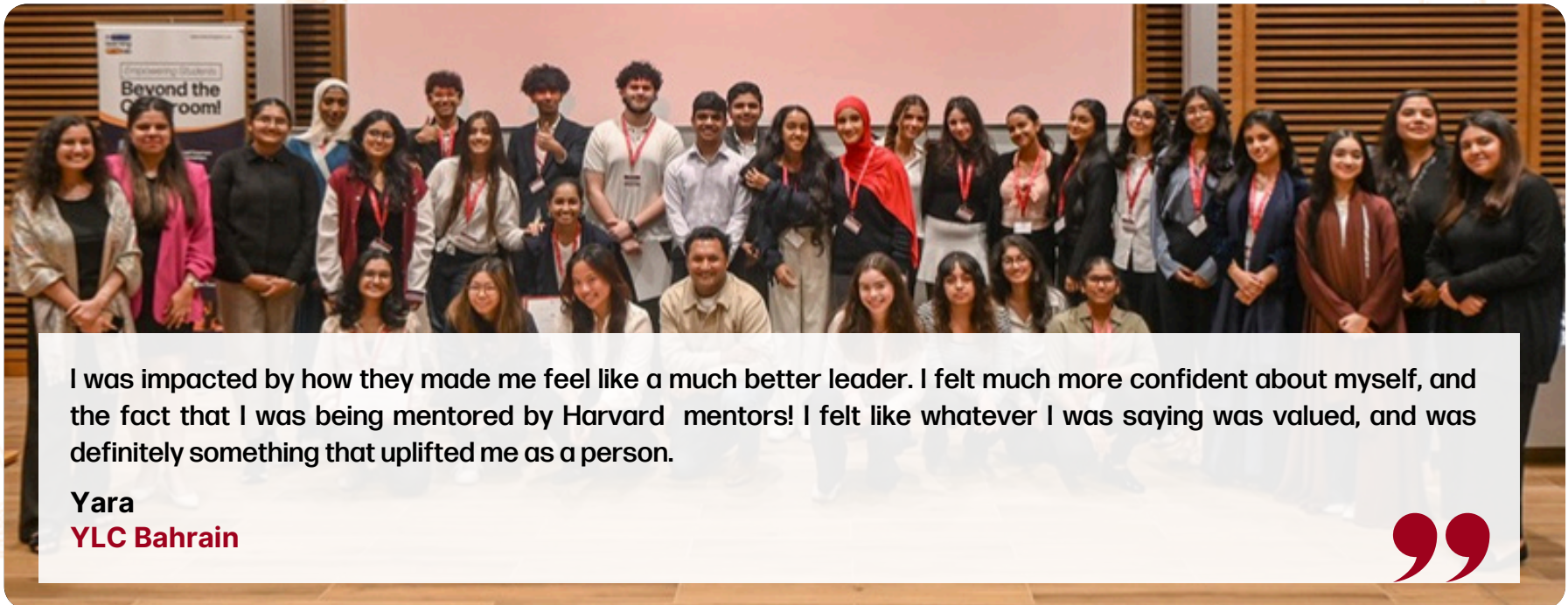
The program has garnered **immense global demand**, having been hosted in various prestigious locations around the world.

Our Approach

Experiential Learning Journey: We prioritize hands-on, interactive activities that transcend traditional rote learning, immersing students in real-world scenarios that challenge and inspire.

Collaborative Project Endeavors: Our curriculum is rooted in team-based projects, fostering a collaborative environment where students harness the power of collective intelligence to address pressing challenges.

Cultivating Critical Thinkers: Through our learner-centric approach, we design activities that not only engage but also stimulate critical thinking, empowering students to analyze, innovate, and lead with confidence and vision.



I was impacted by how they made me feel like a much better leader. I felt much more confident about myself, and the fact that I was being mentored by Harvard mentors! I felt like whatever I was saying was valued, and was definitely something that uplifted me as a person.

Yara
YLC Bahrain



KNOW YOUR Harvard Mentors

Youth Lead the Change is led by current **Harvard students and alumni** who are leaders in their own communities. Differentiating this program are the student teachers and their **youthful perspective on leadership development**.

Reliable and relatable, the teachers serve as advisors and friends to the students, breaking down intimidating age-based authority structures.

With tremendous enthusiasm for both teaching and learning, the teaching team constantly learns from the students, adapts to their interests and needs, and builds lasting relationships that continue after the program through formal and informal mentorship opportunities.

Calvin is a doctoral student at the Harvard Graduate School of Education with 25 years of experience in U.S. public schools. Passionate about equity and leadership, he focuses on improving educational outcomes through research-informed strategies. He has also served as a Superintendent and State Education Department Fellow.



Calvin Reddick Jr.
Doctoral Student

Aditya is a Biomedical Engineering student at Harvard from Brookings, South Dakota. With a strong interest in engineering-driven healthcare innovation and equity, he leads as Co-Editor-in-Chief of The Harvard Undergraduate Research Journal. Beyond academics, he enjoys basketball, cricket, and mentoring young innovators to think creatively and make meaningful impact.



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Learn to Lead - The Harvard Way

MODULE 1: LEADERSHIP IN ACTION

- Defining leadership
- Strategic Leadership: Leadership styles + Case Study+ Jumping Ship Activity
- Leadership Behaviours
- Growing Goals Activity
- Team Pact Exercise & Introduction to Project Work
- Leadership through Service
- Root Cause Analysis + Generating solutions
- Application to Project Work
- Spaghetti Tower with a Twist



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MODULE 2: LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES & PERSONAL GROWTH

- 10 things in common
- Intro to personality test + Activity
- Problem Solving
- Application to Project Work Plan (Stage 2)
- Types of Challenges leaders face+ The Concept of Adaptive Leadership
- Case Study+ Application to the Social Change Project
- Mentor Panel

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MODULE 3: MODERN LEADERSHIP & IMPACTFUL COMMUNICATION

- Leadership in the digital age
- Crowd funding
- Presentation Skills + Elevator Pitch
- Project work
- Applying Presentation Skills to Social Change Projects
- Story Game



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MODULE 4: PITCHING & PERSUASION SKILLS

- 1 minute in defense of
- Persuasion + Negotiation+ Role Plays
- Presentation Skills- Effective delivery
- Shark Tank Curtain Raiser
- Project Presentation Practice
- Shark Tank
- Shark Tank Reflections & Debrief

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MODULE 5: REFLECTION & FINAL PRESENTATIONS

- Problem Speed Dating
- Letter to Self
- Mentor Hotseat
- Mentor Mapping
- Final Presentation Practice
- Farewell Messages



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Engage Actively: Students are not passive learners; they actively engage, solve problems, and make decisions in their education.

Step into Real Scenarios: Case studies bridge theory and real-world application, enabling students to apply classroom knowledge to practical scenarios.

Boost Critical Thinking: Beyond comprehension, case studies involve analysis, solutions, and informed decision-making, honing critical and problem-solving skills.

Collaborate and Conquer: Often a group activity, case studies promote collaboration, effective communication, and teamwork.

Real-World Prep: Through these studies, students step into real-world challenges, prepping them for future leadership positions.

Navigate the Gray Zones: In the real world, not everything is black and white. Case studies, often without clear solutions, teach students to navigate gray areas with poise.

Case Studies Youth Lead the Change

Embark on a journey where learning transcends textbooks and lectures, and immerse yourself in the real-world scenarios through our meticulously curated Case Studies at the Youth Lead the Change.



The Gamechanger: Social Impact at the YLC

Participants are charged with the creation of a social impact project, **tackling significant community challenges**.

This venture is more than a mere assignment; it represents a deep exploration into the realm of **social entrepreneurship**.

In team settings, students meld varied viewpoints to architect solutions with **real-world impact**.

Through the journey from brainstorming to the final showcase, students navigate the complexities of **concept development** and **project orchestration**.

But the adventure extends beyond the program.

Armed with the skills and methodologies learned at the Youth Lead the Change, students can **enhance** their **academic portfolios** and continue to grow their projects, demonstrating not only their acquired expertise but also their dedication to effectuating change.



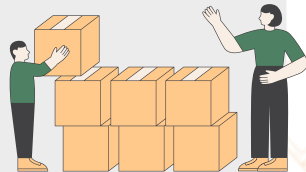
EnableEdu

An innovative app dedicated to assisting and providing opportunities for disabled individuals. Our app will bridge the gap between innovative companies that already offer job opportunities and equipment for talented disabled individuals.

Social Impact
led by
YLC Trainees



Transport & sorting



A revolutionary app that bridges the gap between surplus food and those in need! Excess or perishable food is directly connected to receivers, ensuring no meal goes to waste. With the help of dedicated volunteers, we're not just reducing food wastage—we're filling empty bellies and fighting hunger, one meal at a time!

SOCIAL IMPACT PROJECT

Filling empty bellies - One meal at a time



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FROM EXCESS TO ACCESS

YLC IN NEWS

«زين» تطلق برنامج «هارفارد قيادة التغيير» للشباب



صورة جماعية للمشاركين في البرنامج

منظومتها هو محور للتنمية والتأثير. وأن الاستثمار في العائلة هو استثمار في المجتمع الأوسع. الجدير بالذكر أن هذه المبادرة تأتي ضمن منظومة عمل من البرامج التي أطلقتها المجموعة في مجالات الأشغال والتشغيل والإنصاف، حيث ترى أن برنامج «هارفارد قيادة التغيير» يعد امتداداً طبيعياً لهذه الإستراتيجية، التي ترى في الشباب طاقة يمكن توجيهها نحو مستقبل مزدهر.

صناع القرار في الغد. وأوضحت المجموعة أن رسالتها الرئيسية في مجالات التشغيل والتشغيل والإنصاف لا تقتصر على دعم الموظف ضمن النطاق المهني وبيئة العمل التي يدور فيها، بل يمتد ليشمل البيئة الأوسع مع الأسرة والأبناء، مجسدة بذلك فلسفتها القائمة على تحقيق الرفاهية الشاملة للموظف. ومن خلال هذه التجربة التعليمية للأبناء، تؤكد «زين» أن كل فرد ضمن

بمنح الجيل القادم الأدوات التكنولوجية لصناعة أثر مستدام في مجتمعاتهم، مبينة أنها تركز بشكل متزايد على مجالات التشغيل والتشغيل والإنصاف لتعزيز بيئة عمل شاملة ومبتكرة. وبيّنت «زين» أن هذا البرنامج لم يكن مجرد ورشة عمل، بل كان بمنزلة منصة شاملة لاكتساب أدوات القيادة التشاركية والتكيفية، وتقنيات العرض والإقناع التي نهى الشباب ليكونوا

أطلقت مجموعة زين في مقرها الرئيسي بالشويخ برنامج «هارفارد قيادة التغيير» الصيفي المخصص للمتابعين من أبناء موظفيها، بالتعاون مع UniHawk - وهي مؤسسة استشارية تعليمية عالمية تتخذ من دولة الإمارات مقراً لها - وبمساعدة نخبة من خبراء كلية الدراسات العليا للتربية بجامعة هارفارد، وذلك في إطار رؤيتها لتوفير بيئة شاملة للموظفين.

وإفادت «زين» بأن البرنامج شارك فيه أكثر من 70 طالباً وطالبة تتراوح أعمارهم بين 13 و18 عاماً على مدار 3 أيام، مبينة أن المشاركين خاضوا رحلة تعليمية تحفيزية عبر جلسات تفاعلية مبتكرة جمعت بين التفكير التحليلي، تصميم الحلول، بناء الفرق، وصياغة مشاريع مجتمعية تنمى الواقع. ونكرت المجموعة أن هذه المبادرة تؤكد التزامها

A new empowerment platform to prepare employees' children to become the decision-makers of tomorrow

Zain launches Harvard 'Youth Lead the Change' program

KUWAIT CITY, July 22: Zain Group has launched the summer edition of the Harvard 'Youth Lead the Change' (YLC) program at its headquarters in Shuwaikh, designed specifically for the teenage children of its employees. The program was delivered in collaboration with UniHawk, a UAE-based global education consultancy and featured a team of experts from the Harvard Graduate School of Education, reinforcing the company's vision to provide an inclusive environment for its employees.

Over 70 students aged between 13 and 18 took part in the 3-day program, which offered a motivational educational journey through interactive sessions focused on analytical thinking, solution design, teamwork, and the development of community-centered projects.

As a regional digital innovation leader, Zain affirmed that the initiative reflects its commitment to equipping the next generation with the tools to create a sustainable impact in their communities. The company continues to place increasing focus on inclusion, diversity, and equity (IDE) to foster a more innovative and inclusive workplace culture.

Zain described the program not merely as a workshop, but as a holistic platform for acquiring collaborative and adaptive leadership skills, presentation and persuasion techniques, and critical thinking tools to prepare youth to become the decision-makers of tomorrow.

Zain's core IDE strategy extends beyond the professional support of employees within the workplace. It also embraces the broader family environment, highlighting the company's holistic wellness approach to employee engagement. Through this educational experience for employees' children, Zain reaffirms its belief that every individual within its ecosystem is a center of impact and development, and that investing in families is an investment in society at large.

This initiative is part of a wider framework of IDE programs launched by Zain Group. The Harvard YLC



Group photo of the program participants.



Interactive activities designed to spark creativity.



The program provided a comprehensive platform to gain leadership and entrepreneurship skills.

program represents a natural extension of this strategy, which sees youth as a vital force to be guided toward a prosperous future. Zain continues to embrace numerous initiatives

aligned with its institutional IDE framework. Hosting this international program is a testament to Zain's commitment to implementing global standards across its initiatives. It reaffirms the company's belief that true

empowerment stems from care and support, embedding the values of initiative, responsibility, and positive change within the next generation's identity.

Launching this program for employees' children in collaboration with top international academic institutions mirrors the same empowerment pathway Zain offers to its employees. The company is proud to host such distinguished international learning experiences, merging world-class academic standards with its local vision to empower national youth talent.

Zain continues to build employee capabilities and upskill them in line with its digital transformation strategy. Notably, Zain's Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity University (IDEU) has expanded its partnership with IE University in Spain to broaden learning opportunities, including access to master's degrees.

In parallel with this educational path, the Group continues its efforts under the WEI initiative to empower women, accelerate data-driven cultural transformation, and expand women's leadership in technology. Most recently, Zain launched the NOVA program to upskill over 200 women across its operations in technical fields.

Zain places special priority on youth development, as reflected in its recent ZY Graduate Program titled "Generation Z," which focused on leadership development in strategic innovation and the digital world. Through the creation of stimulating environments for personal and professional growth, Zain is committed to adopting impactful initiatives that help refine young people's skills, especially in leadership, innovation, and social entrepreneurship - preparing them to play pivotal roles in the future.

This initiative also comes under Zain's broader Innovation Nation umbrella, which embodies Zain's long-term strategy to support and empower future generations by offering inspirational educational opportunities to youth and entrepreneurs. It is a reaffirmation of the company's role as a key driver in building a promising digital future for Kuwait.

«زين» تطلق برنامج «هارفارد قيادة التغيير» للشباب

منصة تمكين جديدة لأبناء الموظفين اليافعين لخوض رحلة تعليمية تحفيزية في القيادة والابتكار



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