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Do you know the next Young Champion for change?



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This project was never about one book - it's about creating a culture where girls know they have the right to speak and be heard. I illustrated and co-authored *Safiya Speaks Up* to give young people tools to recognise and respond to violence, something I grew up seeing silenced. Through workshops, educator training, and integration into classrooms, we've reached over 16,000 girls across Penang, Manila, and Nairobi. My vision is for this to become an open-source resource that youth activists and educators worldwide can adapt for their own communities - creating a future where child-friendly resources are embedded into school curricula everywhere.

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Allison Choong

Canon Young Champion of the Year 2025
(Under 21s)

Are you a social or environmental change champion?

We are looking for the next young person who has campaigned for a good cause around a social or environmental issue. If you're passionate about supporting a local or global issue and are between 9-21 years old (at the point of the entry deadline: 15th May 2026), then you can submit an entry to this free-to-enter category (with the support of an adult if under 18), sponsored by Canon EMEA. Judges will award winners from two different age groups (9-16 and 17-21 years old) and will consider applications from more than one person per entry, e.g. where siblings, friends or groups have worked together to champion change.

To enter, you will need to submit up to 1,250 words, up to six images and a video of yourself to tell your story with a stronger emphasis on the story and video over the images. Images must be actual photos (not of slides, diagrams, screenshots of video calls, etc.) and will be either taken by or of the Young Champion.

Take a look at these icons below – you're probably supporting one of these Global Goals without even realising it – these are the United Nations Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs).



Whether it be mental health, cyber-bullying, well-being, environmental sustainability, education, charity activism, animal welfare, diversity and inclusion or any subject linked to the above SDGs, we want to hear how you are making people aware of the issue you are championing.

If you are under 18, an adult will need to submit the entry on your behalf, however, we want the story to be told as best as possible from the Young Champion themselves. So, if you are too young to write the entry, feel free to use as innovative ways to achieve this as possible (such as Q&As, short video and voice recordings, drawings etc). Submissions can be made by a parent, guardian, company or the charity/organisation in which they are championing/aligning to.

The judges will be looking for a heart-felt story, with supporting photos, showing how you have drawn attention to the issue you are championing. You may submit weblinks to published work or images, social media, or a video to demonstrate the reach you have gained so far.



To qualify, you must still be actively championing the work associated with your submission and you must be 21 or less at the time of the entry deadline of 15th May 2026.

All finalist entries will be invited to join a virtual gathering with all other finalists and Canon representatives in June – this is not part of the application process – just an opportunity to meet the other finalists.

The two age group winners will each win a Canon R50 Content Creator Kit (worth nearly £1,000!). Eight further finalists will receive a certificate and a sustainably made medal.

For some ideas and inspiration, see some examples of previous Canon Young Champion winners [here](#) and [here](#).

* Any video submitted should not exceed three minutes long (unless it supplied with a note to guide the judges on what section to watch). A supporting video is not a requirement, and you will not be judged on the quality of the video, however, if a third party has submitted your application, a video of yourself will help the judges with their evaluation.

** Judges reserve the right to change the age categories based on the number of entries received across the age groups.

**Entries
close
15th May
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Rules and additional information

You must be under 21 at the point of the entry deadline: 15th May 2026. Anyone over 21 will be withdrawn.

Your submitted photos must support your 1,250 words. Judges will be scoring higher for the strength of your initiative or campaign; with less emphasis on the photos themselves. (The main application questions and how your answers are scored is below.)

Photos can either be taken by you, recording visuals of your chosen subject, or taken of you, as the subject being involved within it. They must be photos, not screenshots, PowerPoint slides or diagrams etc.

Any video submitted should not exceed three minutes long (unless it supplied with a note to guide the judges on what section to watch). You will not be judged on the quality of the video.

If you submit any social media posts, please ensure you adhere to social media age restrictions.

Your photos do not need to have been taken on a Canon camera.

Any young person enrolled on the Canon Young People Programme in any country is eligible. No relatives of Canon employees are eligible to enter.

Applications must be in English (if you wish to send an application in any other language, please email us prior to submission).

You are not being judged on the quality of photos or videos submitted – you will be judged on their ability to help tell your story.

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Criteria

The following questions form part of the online application form (available when you register to enter [here](#) after 2nd February 2026) and are shown with the percentage value of the overall score available to you. So, please ensure you put more effort into the ones with the higher available scores. This is not the full application; just the questions that carry a scoring opportunity.

Tell us more about the work you do and why (20%)

Include the following information: what you do, with who (other people or a charity), why is it different (or are you being influenced by another campaigner doing something similar), where did you get your ideas from, WHY are you doing it, how much time per month do you spend doing it.

Tell us more about the positive impact your activities have had (35%)

Include the following information: social media reach/hits, have you sold any products, delivered talks or workshops (and how many), been recognised by an organisations or charities, received awards, who and how many have been influenced, what countries have you reached.

Tell us about the future for your activities and ideas (15%)

Include the following information: What is your vision for the future? How do you think your work will make an impact in the future? Do you allow others to copy your ideas, and do you support them to do so? Has anyone already copied what you're doing and how do you work together?

Provide a video of you telling your story to camera (15%)

This is to be no more than three minutes long, giving a short overview of your activity so the judges can see and hear your passion coming through. This section is particularly important if written English is a challenge for you and/or your entry is being submitted by an adult.

Provide no more than six photos (not screenshots or graphics/slides) of you in action or photos you have taken of your work (15%)

Please ensure you include a caption for each one to explain what the photo is about.

We request a total word count of 1,250 words +/-10% excluding supporting documents.

Instagram



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Read about our 2025 winners here <https://buff.ly/4alCN47>

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LET'S FIND THE NEXT YOUNG CHAMPION FOR CHANGE!
Do you know someone who is championing change within a social or environmental issue such as #mentalhealth, #cyberbullying, #well-being, #environmental #sustainability, #fastfashion, #education, #charityactivism, #animalwelfare, #diversity and #inclusion or something else?
Are they a #Youth #Ambassador for your charity or organisation?

Are they a student at your school, college or university?
Are they your own children?

Then enter them for FREE in the [Global Good Awards](#) and give them a chance at becoming the 2026 #CanonYoungChampion of the Year and winning a #Canon R50 Content Creator Kit!

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Being part of the Canon Young Champions programme has been one of the most encouraging experiences of my journey. It strengthened my belief that young people can create meaningful change when given the right platform and guidance.

I'll continue developing the project I submitted, and this acknowledgement motivates me to think bigger about the impact I can create in my community. I'm grateful to Canon for supporting young voices and for giving us the confidence to pursue ideas that matter.

Thank you once again for the honour and for your commitment to empowering young changemakers.

Ryan Wazz
2025 Finalist

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Canon Young People Programme

Canon EMEA are empowering the next generation through social initiatives and storytelling programmes giving thousands of young people the opportunity to share their stories and drive sustainable change. We help to prepare people from a wide range of backgrounds across EMEA for the future, by sharing our storytelling expertise, partnerships and products to inspire, educate and empower, helping them grow.

We are working together with charities and through our collaboration with United Nations, and our direct partnership with UN SDG Action Campaign Team, elevate diversity in storytelling and create life-changing educational and employment opportunities for young people through our social impact programmes. We work with organisations including UN SDG, UN LDC, UN Women, as well as NGOs large and small – Red Cross and Lens on Life.

[Find out more here.](#)



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How to enter

Register your interest or intention to enter by emailing karen@globalgoodawards.co.uk so you can be kept informed of the entry updates.

Go to globalgoodawards.awardstage.com and register on the system (after 2nd February).

Our entry platform is very user-friendly, but if you need some extra help, download our step-by-step guide [here](#).

Charities and businesses – register as per your company size.

Individuals – register by selecting ‘Canon Young Champion of the Year, entering ‘Young Champion only’.

Once you’ve confirmed your registration via the authorisation email, click on the create entry (green button) on the dashboard. You can then download the PDF of questions to compile your submission answers offline before returning to submit. All applications must be completed within the entry system.



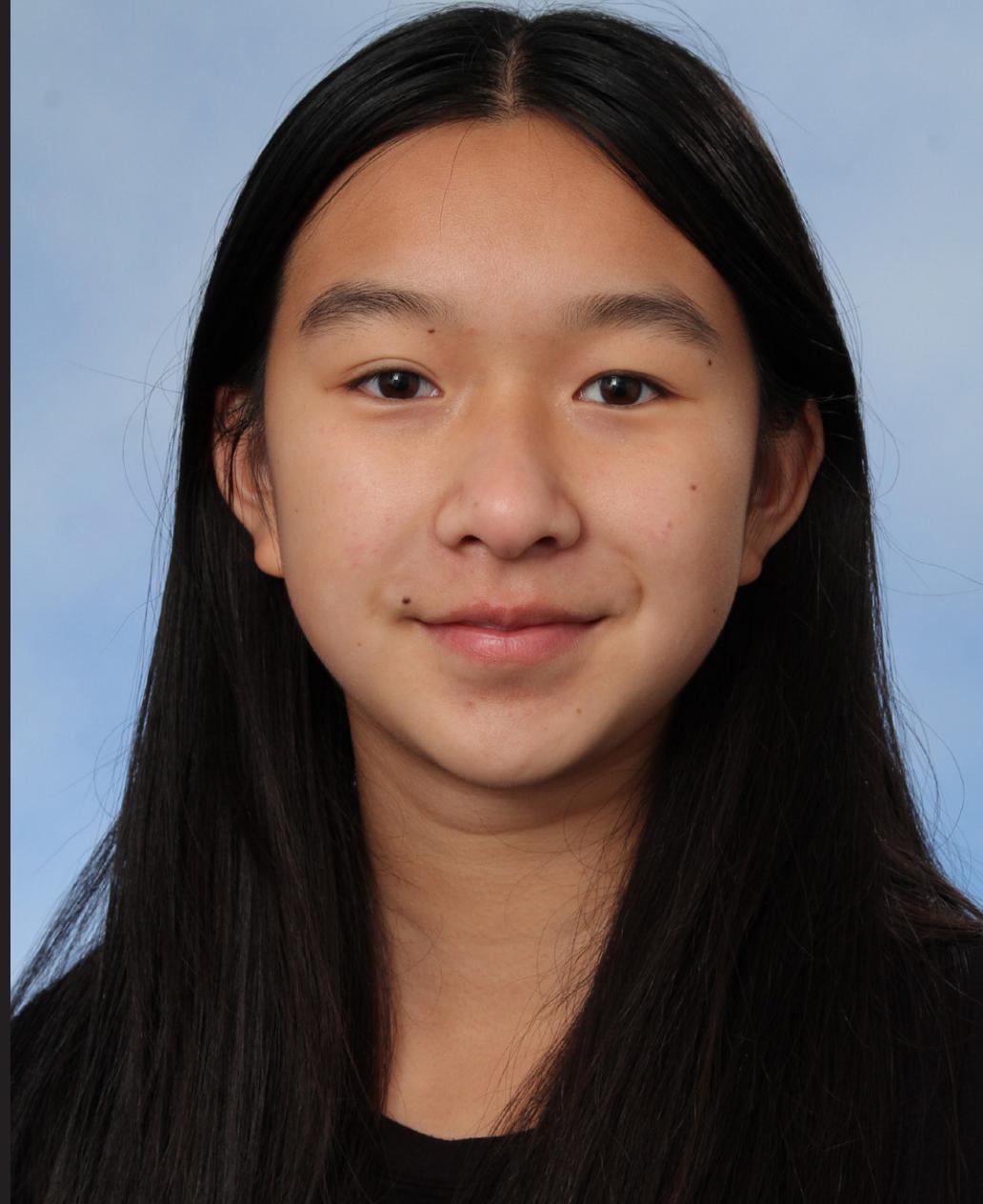
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Struggling with social isolation during the pandemic, I realised communication was one of the biggest challenges in youth education. As a lifelong musician, I discovered that music could be the solution. I founded Music For Every Child to bring music therapy into classrooms. We now run over 1,000 sessions per year across 30 schools, benefitting over 500 children with developmental disabilities. My team has fundraised over \$150,000, and I'm building partnerships in Kenya, Uganda, Liberia, and Chad. My vision is to create a more interconnected world through music, ensuring every child can experience its transformative power.

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Samantha Fung

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