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مؤتمر القمة العالمي للابتكار في التعليم

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Youth from across the globe are invited to become education leaders of tomorrow: Nominations and Applications to the WISE 2015 Learners' Voice Program Open until April 30, 2015

The World Innovation Summit for Education (WISE) has begun its global search for outstanding young learners (aged 18 to 25) from diverse backgrounds and disciplines for the 2015-16 Learners' Voice Program. Until April 30, 2015, WISE is accepting nominations and applications for the new cohort that will be joining our global Learners' Voice community.

The WISE Learners' Voice Program brings the voice of young people to the challenge of rethinking education, and equips them to take on leading roles in their fields and in the world of education. The Program is based on the conviction that when learners are co-creators of their learning environments they become active participants, invested collectively as stakeholders in the progress of their communities. The Program focuses on building their knowledge of education and social entrepreneurship, as well as their leadership and communication skills.

"The WISE Learners' Voice Program was a life-transforming experience for me. I had not come across a more holistic platform that allowed for like-minded and passionate youth to engage in intellectual dialogues on pressing global issues. Beyond these discussions, we were provided with a platform to apply the knowledge acquired through the Program's trainings into the development of an innovative educational initiative", said A'qilah Saire, Singaporean, 2013-14 WISE Learner.

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED OR APPLY? Young people aged 18-25 who are active in their communities and can demonstrate a strong passion for, and commitment to, education. Individuals can be nominated by representatives of institutions, organizations, programs and networks from around the world or can apply personally by submitting an application form endorsed by two referees. A full set of eligibility criteria is outlined on the application page.

THE PROCESS: Nominations and applications can be completed online. Create an account and complete the official form available on the WISE online application system: <http://www.wise-qatar.org/learners-voice-6>

WHEN? Entries must be submitted before April 30, 2015, 18:00 GMT

For further information about the WISE Learners' Voice Program please follow our activities on Twitter (#WISELearners), visit the WISE website (<http://www.wise-qatar.org/>), the Learners' Voice [blog](#), or contact the WISE Team at learnersvoice@wise.org.qa

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About the Learners' Voice Program

The Learners' Voice Program was established in 2010 to engage the views and creative energies of young people in addressing pressing global education issues and challenges. The current Learners' Voice community comprises over 100 Learners from many countries, including Qatar. They represent different backgrounds and disciplines but all share a passion for education. Together they represent a unique perspective within the WISE community.

The Learners participate in the annual WISE Summit and in two intensive residential sessions delivered by expert faculty. These are supplemented by practical workshops and various online and on-site activities. In a key component of the Program, the learners form teams to conceive and design grass-roots projects that address critical education challenges. Selected projects, developed throughout the year, are presented at the following WISE Summit.

About the World Innovation Summit for Education:

Qatar Foundation, under the leadership of its Chairperson, Her Highness Sheikha Moza bint Nasser, established the World Innovation Summit for Education in 2009. WISE is an international, multi-sectoral platform for creative thinking, debate and purposeful action. WISE has established itself as a global reference in new approaches to education. Through both the annual Summit and a range of ongoing programs WISE is promoting innovation and building the future of education through collaboration. WISE 2015 will take place 3-5 November in Doha.

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