



GLOBAL YOUTH
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
COMPETITION



GYEC

INNOVATION PASSPORT

Your Journey to
Becoming a Global Entrepreneur

Innovation • Entrepreneurship • Leadership • Global Impact

2026 EDITION



WELCOME TO YOUR ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNEY

Welcome to the **2026 Global Youth Entrepreneurship Competition (GYEC)!**

Over the next eleven days, you will become part of a global community of young innovators, creators, and future leaders. Together with students from around the world, you will explore real-world challenges, develop entrepreneurial solutions, and discover how innovation can create meaningful impact.

Throughout this journey, you will:

- Learn from university professors, entrepreneurs, and industry experts.
- Visit some of the world's leading innovative companies.
- Collaborate with teammates from different cultures and backgrounds.
- Apply design thinking and entrepreneurial frameworks to solve real problems.
- Develop and refine a startup project inspired by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).
- Present your ideas to a panel of judges and receive professional feedback.

This Innovation Passport is more than a workbook—it is your personal record of growth.

Use it to capture ideas, reflect on your experiences, document what you observe during company visits, and record the lessons that shape your entrepreneurial mindset.

There are no perfect answers. Stay curious, ask meaningful questions, embrace challenges, and never be afraid to think differently.

By the end of this journey, you will leave with more than a project—you will leave with new perspectives, new friendships, greater confidence, and the mindset to create positive change wherever you go.

Welcome to GYEC.

Let's begin building the future—together.





ABOUT GYEC

More Than a Competition

The **Global Youth Entrepreneurship Competition (GYEC)** is an international entrepreneurship program that empowers young people to become innovators, problem solvers, and future leaders.

At GYEC, we believe entrepreneurship is more than starting a business. It is a mindset—a way of identifying opportunities, thinking creatively, collaborating with others, and creating meaningful solutions for real-world challenges.

Inspired by the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**, GYEC encourages students to design projects that create positive impact for communities, industries, and the world.

Throughout the program, participants gain hands-on experience through academic learning, company visits, mentorship, teamwork, and startup development.

Global Perspective

Innovation &
Entrepreneurship

Academic Learning

Industry Exposure

Leadership &
Teamwork

Future Readiness

OUR MISSION

Think with Empathy.
Create with Value.
Grow with Resilience.



We support the Sustainable Development Goals

YOUR 11-DAY ENTREPRENEURIAL JOURNEY

Every great entrepreneur begins with a single step.

Over the next eleven days, each experience will help you develop the mindset, skills, and confidence to transform ideas into impact. Follow the journey, embrace every challenge, and enjoy every milestone.

DAY 1 – DISCOVER: BUILDING YOUR ENTREPRENEURIAL MINDSET

- Welcome to GYEC
- Meet your teammates
- Begin your entrepreneurship journey
- Explore what it means to think like an entrepreneur

Every great journey begins with curiosity.

DAY 2 – LEARN: LEARNING THROUGH EXPERIENCE

- Entrepreneurship course
- First company visit
- Team discussion
- Daily reflection

Learning creates opportunities.

DAY 3 – OBSERVE: INNOVATION IN ACTION

- Entrepreneurship course
- Company visit
- Observe how innovation solves real-world problems
- Connect ideas to your project

Innovation starts with observation.

DAY 4 – COLLABORATE: TEAMWORK & LEADERSHIP

- Entrepreneurship course
- Company visit
- Strengthen collaboration
- Practice leadership

Great ideas grow through teamwork.

DAY 5 — CREATE: FROM IDEAS TO SOLUTIONS

- Entrepreneurship course
- Company visit
- Develop your startup concept
- Refine your solution

Every solution begins with an idea.

DAY 6 — INNOVATE: TURNING VISION INTO REALITY

- Entrepreneurship course
- Company visit
- Explore emerging technologies
- Improve your project

Innovation transforms possibilities into reality.

DAY 7 — VALIDATE: TESTING YOUR IDEAS

- Entrepreneurship course
- Company visit
- Receive feedback
- Improve your business concept

Every successful startup begins with continuous improvement.

DAY 8 — COMMUNICATE: SHARING YOUR VISION

- Entrepreneurship course
- Company visit
- Pitch practice
- Strengthen storytelling

Great ideas deserve great communication.

DAY 9 — REFINE: PREPARING FOR SUCCESS

- Entrepreneurship course
- Final company visit
- Polish your project
- Prepare for the Final Pitch

Success is built through refinement.

DAY 10 — PITCH: SHOWCASE YOUR INNOVATION

- Final Pitch Competition
- Judge Q&A
- Learn from fellow innovators
- Celebrate your achievements

Confidence grows when preparation meets opportunity.

DAY 11 — INSPIRE: LOOKING AHEAD

- Graduation
- Celebrate your journey
- Reflect on your growth
- Begin your next adventure

The end of GYEC is only the beginning of your entrepreneurial journey.

MY ENTREPRENEUR PROFILE

NAME _____

MY STRENGTHS _____

MY INTERESTS _____

SKILLS I WANT TO IMPROVE _____

THREE WORDS THAT DESCRIBE ME _____

FUTURE MAJOR _____

DREAM UNIVERSITY _____

THE PROBLEM I HOPE TO SOLVE IN THE FUTURE



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MY TEAM

TEAM NAME _____

TEAM MOTTO _____

OUR TEAM GOALS _____

TEAM MEMBERS & ROLES

Name	Role	Strengths

HOW TO USE THIS PASSPORT

Your Companion Throughout the Journey

This Innovation Passport is your personal journal throughout the 2026 Global Youth Entrepreneurship Competition.

It is designed to help you capture ideas, reflect on experiences, and document your growth as an entrepreneur.

There are no right or wrong answers—this passport belongs to you. The more thoughtfully you complete it, the more meaningful it will become.

Throughout the Program, You Will...



Reflect: Complete the daily reflection pages to record what you learned, what challenged you, and how you grew each day.



Observe: Use the Company Visit Journal to capture insights from every company you visit, including innovative ideas, business strategies, and lessons you can apply to your own project.



Create: Write down new ideas whenever inspiration strikes. Great startups often begin with a single observation or question.



Connect: Record advice from professors, mentors, judges, and new friends. Every conversation can inspire your next step.



Grow: At the end of GYEC, look back on your journey and celebrate how much you've learned, created, and accomplished.

ONE FINAL REMINDER

Stay curious.

Think boldly.

Create with purpose.

FIRST REFLECTION

DAY 1

Why did I join GYEC?

What excites me the most?

What challenge do I expect?

What kind of teammate do I want to be?

My goal for these eleven days is...



DAY 2

MORNING REFLECTION

What was today's most valuable lesson?

Which idea challenged my thinking?

How can I apply today's learning to our project?

Today's Key Takeaway

Tomorrow's Goal



COMPANY VISIT

DAY 2

What problem does this company solve?

What innovation impressed me the most?

How does this company create value?

Which SDGs does this company support?

If I could ask the CEO one question...



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Today's Theme

DAY 3

MORNING REFLECTION

What surprised me today?

What feedback did I receive?

What did my team do well? How did I contribute today?

Today's Key Takeaway

Tomorrow's Goal



COMPANY VISIT

DAY 3

Exhibition(s) I Explored

The most exciting technology I discovered

How could this technology improve people's lives?

Which UN SDG(s) could this technology support?

One idea I want to bring back to our project



DAY 4

MORNING REFLECTION

What teamwork skill did I practice today?

What difficult decision did our team make?

What teamwork skill would I like to improve?

Today's Key Takeaway

Tomorrow's Goal



COMPANY VISIT

DAY 4

What is this company's competitive advantage?

How does the company build its culture?

What surprised me most?

Which SDGs does this company support?

One business lesson I learned



DAY 5

MORNING REFLECTION

What feedback did we receive?

What is our biggest challenge now?

What is our next step?

Today's Key Takeaway

Tomorrow's Goal



COMPANY VISIT

DAY 5

Who are this company's customers?

How do they create customer value?

What innovation stood out?

Which SDGs does this company support?

One idea worth borrowing



DAY 6

MORNING REFLECTION

What obstacle did we overcome today?

What new idea did we develop?

How did our teamwork improve?

Today's Key Takeaway

Tomorrow's Goal



COMPANY VISIT

DAY 6

What problem does this company solve?

What innovation impressed me the most?

How does this company create value?

Which SDGs does this company support?

One idea I want to bring back to our project



DAY 7

MORNING REFLECTION

What risk does our project face?

How can we reduce that risk?

What assumption should we validate?

Today's Key Takeaway

Tomorrow's Goal



COMPANY VISIT

DAY 7

What problem does this company solve?

What innovation impressed me the most?

How does this company create value?

Which SDGs does this company support?

One idea I want to bring back to our project



DAY 8

MORNING REFLECTION

What is the biggest difference between a good product and a successful business?

Who is the ideal customer for our project?

What is one strategy that could help our project grow?

Today's Key Takeaway

Tomorrow's Goal



INNOVATION EXPERIENCE

DAY 8

What did you experience today?

What did you learn about the connection between science and culture?

How can innovation help preserve traditional culture?

Which SDGs did you experience?

Which part of today's experience inspired you the most?



DAY 9

MORNING REFLECTION

What presentation skill improved today?

What feedback helped me most?

How confident do I feel about our pitch?

Today's Key Takeaway

Tomorrow's Goal



COMPANY VISIT

DAY 9

What inspired me the most today?

What final lesson will I remember?

How does this company create value?

Which SDGs does this company support?

One idea I want to bring back to our project



DAY 10**FINAL PITCH REFLECTION**

How did our presentation go?

Which judge's question challenged me the most?

What am I most proud of?

What would I improve next time?

One lesson I learned from another team



LOOKING FORWARD

DAY 11

What was my biggest takeaway from GYEC?

What skill improved the most?

How has my perspective changed?

What will I continue doing after GYEC?

What advices will I give to future participants?

STARTUP IDEA CANVAS

Problem

Value Proposition

Key Activities

Revenue Model

STARTUP IDEA CANVAS

Solution

Target Users

Key Resources

Impact



MENTOR NOTES

Advice from Professors

Advice from Entrepreneurs



MENTOR NOTES

Advice from Judges

My Reflection



MY ENTREPRENEURIAL GROWTH

Looking Back. Moving Forward.

Take a moment to reflect on how you've grown throughout your GYEC journey. Entrepreneurship is not only about building a project—it's about developing the mindset, skills, and confidence to create meaningful impact.

	BEFORE GYEC	AFTER GYEC
Leadership	☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆
Innovation	☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆
Communication	☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆
Confidence	☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆
Business	☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆
Knowledge	☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆
Global Perspective	☆☆☆☆☆	☆☆☆☆☆

The most important lesson I learned at GYEC is...



LETTER TO FUTURE ME

DEAR FUTURE ME,

At GYEC, I learned that...

One promise I want to make to myself is...

Five years from now, I hope...

SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

GRADUATION

Congratulations!

You Have Completed the Journey.

Over the past eleven days, you have challenged yourself to think differently, work collaboratively, embrace uncertainty, and transform ideas into meaningful solutions.

You learned not only how entrepreneurs build businesses, but also how leaders create impact, solve problems, and inspire others.

Every conversation, every workshop, every company visit, every challenge, and every reflection has become part of your entrepreneurial journey. Today is not the end.

It is the beginning of everything you will create next.

Stay Connected

The friendships, ideas, and collaborations you built at GYEC don't end here. Keep in touch with your teammates.

Support one another.

Share new ideas.

Continue building solutions that make a difference.

Because innovation grows stronger when people grow together.

"The best way to predict the future is to create it."



THANK YOU

Thank You for Being Part of the 2026 GYEC Journey!

Every great journey is shaped not only by the destination, but by the people you meet, the ideas you explore, and the challenges you overcome along the way.

Thank you for bringing your curiosity, creativity, and courage to the 2026 Global Youth Entrepreneurship Competition.

Remember that entrepreneurship is not only about building companies—it is about creating value, solving problems, and making a positive impact wherever you go.

The future is waiting for people like you.

KEEP EXPLORING.

KEEP LEARNING.

KEEP BUILDING.

A Message from the GYEC Team

Thank you for trusting us to be part of your journey.

It has been our privilege to learn, laugh, and grow alongside each of you.

No matter where life takes you next, you will always be a valued member of the GYEC community.

We can't wait to see what you create in the future.

***Once a GYEC participant,
always a member of the GYEC family.***



STAY CONNECTED

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Follow GYEC for future competitions,
programs, and opportunities.

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