

**Call for Applications**  
**GWP-SAS WATER ACADEMY FOR YOUTH**  
**Riverscapes and Riverine Ecosystems**



**BACKGROUND**

The world is defined by the people who live in it and GWP believes that young people are the present and future leaders that hold the power to build a more sustainable future. South Asia is home to 19% of the world's youth population representing a powerful force to enable positive change in their community, country, and region. Supporting the development of a new generation of water activists and connecting them to other youth across the region can greatly support achieving SDG 6 targets and beyond.

GWP-SAS aims to tap into the existing potential of youth and further empower them to find water solutions for the future. The GWP [Water Academy for Youth \(WAY\)](#) takes strategic steps from learning to leading. The manner of teaching moves away from traditional lecture-based teaching and creates a space of collaborative and immersive learning based on systems thinking and design thinking. Young people are also connected to decision makers, practitioners, and senior water leaders for mentorship, inter-generational dialogues, networking and to act on SDG implementation around riverscapes and riverine ecosystems in South Asia. Furthermore, the youth from South Asia will relate to other like-minded youth within the region and the broader Pan-Asia region for peer-to-peer learning. At the end of the programme, participants will join a network of WAY alumni that will act as a pool of knowledgeable youth and GWP Ambassadors while also gaining valuable skills such as critical thinking and tools to effectively assess and tackle a problem.

**Application deadline: Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 11:59pm India Standard Time.**

## OBJECTIVES

- Provide practical and engaging experiences to empower South Asian youth leadership and skills around water
- Allow youth to identify problems and solutions that lead to accelerated action towards SDG 6
- Develop and establish a network of dedicated youth in SAS while further connecting them to youth and other organizations across the greater GWP network
- Create an opportunity for intergenerational conversations and mentorship as well as peer to peer learning

## CURRICULUM

The WAY programme is generally divided into four distinct components which are as follows:

### C1. Leadership and Skills Curriculum (C1)

This curriculum will focus on specific areas of soft skill development. It will focus on developing skills such as goal setting, decision making, listening, empathy, problem solving and communication.

### C2. Locally Centered Learning and Capacity Building Curriculum (C2)

This curriculum will immerse the participants in local issues and delve into a heightened understanding of the specific challenges that impact countries and regions by utilizing problem identification techniques.

### C3. Scenario Planning and Problem-Solving Curriculum (C3)

This curriculum will focus on the various approaches to problem solving and scenario planning building on the problem identified in C2. It will explore tools for stakeholder/public engagement in community scenario planning and the use of communication, research, models & visualizations to help communities and various stakeholders understand their environmental, social, and economic implications.

### C4. Mentorship, solution transfer and inter-generational knowledge sharing (C4)

Participant groups will be paired with mentors for the duration of the programme and will be in communication with them for feedback on projects, solution identification and solution finding. They will also have regular check-ins for career guidance and networking while they serve as a listening ear on their leadership journey.

## ELIGIBILITY

- Must be a South Asian national from GWP-SAS countries<sup>1</sup>
- Fluency in written and oral communication in English
- Must be a youth with age between 18-35 years old
- Youth from a range of different disciplines are welcome to apply and there is no prior experience in the field of water is required
- Available time to commit to an average of 3-hrs of structured sessions per week excluding additional time as required by project work and tasks

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<sup>1</sup> GWP-SAS Countries include Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, India, Pakistan, and Sri-Lanka

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- Curriculum Vitale (CV)
- Questions listed on the GWP-SAS WAY Programme Application

Please use the following Microsoft Forms to submit applications:

<https://forms.gle/e1Bxsyscq3k39onx6>

18 participants (3 from each SAS country) will be selected to participate in the programme. The course will be hosted fully online with some field components if applicable.

## TIMELINE

**Application deadline:** 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2022

**Application decisions:** 19<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Programme duration:** 25<sup>th</sup> September to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (approx. 9 weeks)

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