



Hi y'all!

It's Soha here from Plan International USA's [Youth Advisory Board](#) to introduce the summer edition of your Youth Advisory Buzz newsletter! We are a group of 16 youth advocates ages 14-22 working with Plan to amplify youth voices in the fight for gender equality around the world.

We believe it's important for advocates to have a youth-friendly space to stay connected. That's why we created the Youth Advisory Buzz — a quarterly newsletter with updates, stories and ways to make an impact in the gender equality space.

From our It's Bloody Normal period poverty campaign to policy on the domestic and international scale, we have truly had a “summer of changemaking” and are excited to share updates and invitations. We firmly believe that young people have a crucial role in decision-making.

Remember that when we collectively take up space, change is inevitable. We're here to support you along the way!

With love,

TAKE ACTION



Join our It's Bloody Normal campaign to combat period stigma and period poverty in the U.S. and beyond. Here are some ways you can join the movement and take action in your community:

1. **Host your own period talk!** We've created a [guide to facilitate the conversation](#) and a [slide deck](#) you can use. If you want to see an example of one, we encourage you to watch our webinar [here](#).
2. **Host your own [peer-to-peer fundraiser online](#)** for period products for girls in humanitarian crises. All the money that you raise goes directly toward our Humanitarian Response Fund. We've created this [helpful guide](#) to help you get started.
3. **Host a back-to-school period drive!** Did you know that in the U.S., 1 in 5 girls miss school during their period? We encourage you to take steps to help alleviate period poverty in

your community. We'll be sharing a how-to guide soon, so check back on Plan's website in the coming days!

EVENT RECAP

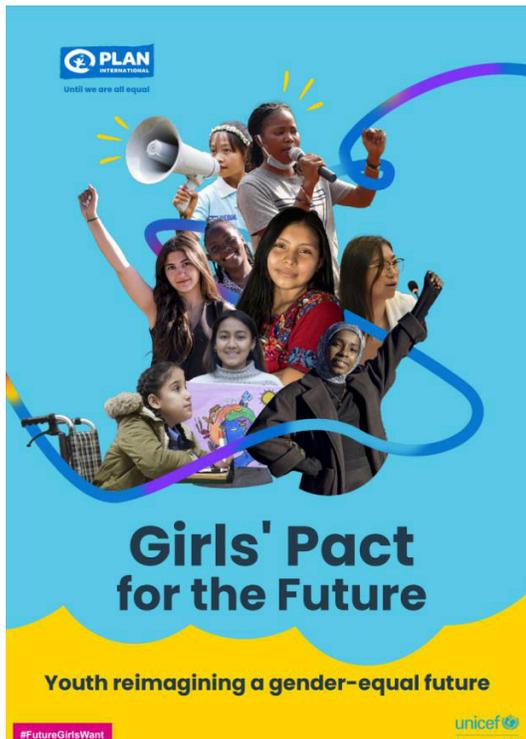


YLA Symposium

On June 17, 10 Youth Leadership Academy participants presented their leadership projects to Plan International staff, board members and partners. Check out the event program [here](#) to learn about the projects. We are so proud of all their advocacy and activism to progress the UN sustainable development goals in their community!

Symposium program

FEATURED RESOURCES



Girls' pact for the future

The [United Nations Summit of the Future](#) is right around the corner and Plan surveyed over 100 youth advocates from over 35 countries and outlined their demands and recommendations for policymakers in the Girls' Pact for the future.

[Check it out here!](#)



Building digital resilience

Check out this CNN As Equals and Plan International report that shares new research on the perspectives of girls and young women toward online safety. The report unveils so many insights, including that 75% of girls surveyed have experienced harm online.

[Read the full report!](#)



Protecting girls online:
**Are we doing
enough?**



Interested in learning more about this topic? Attend our [upcoming webinar](#) on September 12 at 9 a.m. ET where Plan and CNN As Equals will dive deeper into the findings of the report!

Register now!

POLICY UPDATE



Kid's Online Safety Act passed in the U.S. Senate!

For the past two years, Plan and the YAB have been advocating for greater protection online for youth. We're excited to report that the [Kid's Online Safety Act](#) has passed the Senate in a bi-partisan effort.

Read [this blog](#) authored by Youth Leadership Academy alum Mona Cho to learn why it is so important to pass the bill now!

[Learn more](#)

OPPORTUNITIES



Are you looking for youth opportunities? Check out this list of grants, scholarships, events and more!



Are you a young person aged 14-22 wanting to take the next step in your leadership journey? [Applications are now open to join Plan International USA's Youth Advisory Board!](#)

Apply today!

Are you a young BIPOC climate leader looking for project funding? [Apply to the 2025 YCLC Fund People's Climate Innovation Center.](#)

Interested in learning more about international climate policy? [Climate Policy and Advocacy Course – Care About Climate](#)

The UN Youth Office is collecting stories ahead of the UN Summit of the Future. [World Leaders: It's Time to Let #YouthLead \(office.com\)](#)

Interested in participating in the UN Commission on the Status of Women in 2025? [Apply for a position as an NGO CSW/NY Global Youth Fellow!](#)

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU



We want to hear your fundraising stories!

Have you successfully carried out any type of fundraiser for a leadership project? We want to hear from you! We are looking for short quotes to be featured in our upcoming youth fundraising starter-kit.

Please email kristen.sauceda@planusa.org with your project name, a short description of your fundraiser and a quote about your experience by September 6 for a chance to be featured!

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