

A Call for Ideas for the International issue of the Manifesto for Change

a project by

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Dear friends at Youth for Change,

I just wanted to start by sending you all a big, heartfelt thank you for your time and love put into the Youth and Future project.

I'm really sorry for the wait! We've received thousands of texts in lots of languages and spent the last few months reading them all with the greatest attention. It has been such a joy to delve into your stories, your shining testimonies and your inspiring visions of a brighter future. Your words continue to give me hope and remind me of the challenges this world is striving to overcome.

I'd love to share with you the process we followed for reading, selecting and revising the texts. All the texts we received, in any language, were initially translated into Italian. This made it much easier for us to read them and choose the 100 texts that made it to the final round. We then shared these 100 texts with the book's lovely editor, Joy Terekiev. Joy and I then had a good look through them together and made some more choices. At last, we picked the final texts to be included in the book based on the themes, where they came from and how they made us feel. We then passed these texts on to the talented Paolo Maria Noseda, who is translating them into English. During the editing process, as usual, we made a number of helpful changes (cuts, summaries and minor additions) while trying our best to keep the essence of your writing. As we had to stick to a maximum number of pages, we were unfortunately forced to exclude many texts. I'm sure you'll agree that your words are part of this unstoppable, positive change.

We're so excited to share with you the list of the young people we've selected for publication! You'll find it below, in alphabetical order. We'll be sending each of you an email in the next few days with the release form and the final revised version of your text in English. The "Manifesto for Change" will be published at the end of March, by Treccani.

I'm so excited to tell you all about the founding of the new Association, 'Youth And Future'! We're on a mission to support and help as many young people as we can from all over the globe. You can find us on Instagram and our website is coming soon!

Thank you all so much for your support, I really appreciate it and I hope to see you on one of our next adventures!

With love,

Giovanni Caccamo

SELECTED TEXTS

- 1. Aelia Sahnoun
- 2. Akari
- 3. Ali Topuzkanamis
- 4. Amelie Effe
- 5. Ana Diaz Morris
- 6. Andrea Parasiliti
- 7. Anna Beatriz Vieira
- 8. Anna Musci
- 9. Annique Ndonho
- 10. Benítez Ramírez Jocelyn
- 11. Chris Mansa LaPorte
- 12. Cody Spears Huckabee
- 13. Deifilia Pavón
- 14. Edwin Namakanga
- 15. Elias Theocharidisi
- 16. Eline Le Menestrel
- 17. Engla-Li Jonary
- 18. Fady Bottros
- 19. Fedouà El Attari
- 20. Giulia Pellegrini
- 21. Haruka
- 22. Hasan Hirji
- 23. Linea Aleksandra
- 24. Marhe Idarii
- 25. Marouan El Mansoub
- 26. Mervina Kufaci Nyampulu
- 27. Nejla Arslan
- 28. Olena Voitovyc
- 29. Oluwanifemi Tamilore Adewumi
- 30. Paulina López
- 31. Peter Chen
- 32. Renem Essam
- 33. Ritu Panna
- 34. Ruben Garcia Cruz
- 35. Seán Binder
- 36. Valeria Agujar
- 37. Valeriia
- 38. Verónica Martínez
- 39. Yuri Bezrukavij Rustamovich
- 40. Yuzuki

