



YOUNG LEADERS



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UK-ITALY YOUNG LEADERS PROGRAMME

Young Leaders Charter

All Young Leaders are asked to accept the UK-Italy Young Leaders' Charter as part of membership on the Programme

PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAMME: The UK-Italy Young Leaders programme, founded in 2023, aims to create lasting dialogue at the highest level to shape the future of UK-Italy relations. Every year, a jury selects Young Leaders for their leadership skills and desire to make a positive contribution to society. Young Leaders hold senior positions in the civil service, the military, leading companies, politics, charitable organisations, the start-up ecosystem or the arts. They are dedicated to encouraging closer relations between the UK and Italy by promoting an innovative vision of the future bilateral relationship. The UK-Italy Young Leaders programme is an initiative supported by both governments.

VALUES: The programme is a non-partisan initiative committed to pluralism and diversity, and its activities are conducted in the public interest. Our mission is to perpetuate the long history of shared ideals and friendship between the UK and Italy through the promotion of constructive dialogue, mutual understanding and initiatives on topical issues. The seminars enable ideas and projects to emerge, with the shared ambition of increasing cross-border knowledge-sharing and cooperation.

ENGAGEMENT WITH SPEAKERS: When the seminars organised for the UK-Italy Young Leaders are held under the Chatham House Rule, Young Leaders are asked to abide by it. The rule states that participants are free to use the information received but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speakers or any other participants may be revealed. In cases where the Chatham House Rule is not considered sufficiently strict, an event may be held 'off the record'. The strict implementation of the rule is crucial to its effectiveness. It ensures that the Young Leaders' programme is able to invite senior public figures who are confident they can engage in an open and free discussion with the Young Leaders. We ask Young Leaders to be respectful of guests and speakers, and mindful that our speakers dedicate time in their busy schedules to participating and engaging with them.

ENGAGEMENT WITH OTHER YOUNG LEADERS: Young Leaders will ensure a culture of respect, collaboration and professionalism. The framework of the programme, with its regular gatherings, will help Young Leaders establish mutual relations of trust through a spirit of friendship. Young Leaders may include their affiliation with the programme on their CVs and online platforms.

ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION: Presence and active participation are expected during the year. They will be asked to engage actively with speakers and other participants. Arranging events and seminars requires time and cost. The organising team understands that unexpected events can prevent Young Leaders from attending. However, Young Leaders are asked to inform the organisers in good time of any cancellations in order to avoid unnecessary costs and to allow someone else to attend. The organising team would be grateful to Young Leaders if they

could facilitate their work by replying quickly to emails regarding seminars and by regularly updating their biographies and contact details.

ALUMNI PROGRAMME: Once Young Leaders have completed their visits to the UK/Italy, they will join the Young Leaders Alumni Programme. We hope that they will continue to participate in events in order to promote the UK-Italy relationship and that they will remain active within the Young Leaders network. Alumni accept, however, that some events may be limited in numbers and that priority will be given to the current cohort of Young Leaders.

ONLINE PRESENCE: Young Leaders are encouraged to promote their affiliation with the programme on online platforms and social media. Occasionally, Young Leaders may be asked to refrain from taking photographs or sharing information, but such cases will always be made clear ahead of the event.

