

Leadership-in-Action experiences for Summer 2021

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About Parliamentarians for the Global Goals

PfGG stands at the crossroads of the Climate, Social, and Economic crises, and of the Democracy crisis. Its main purpose and mission is to **accelerate action by Members of Parliaments for SDG implementation**. We therefore work with Parliamentarians from around the world, to support their work and create a concrete positive impact.



Our activities are organised in three purposes:

1. To Convene and Connect Members of Parliament from around the world in the PfGG network, to foster the exchange of **Best Practices**.
2. To Foster **Leadership** for the SDGs.
3. To Coordinate **multi-stakeholders engagement** to foster broader ownership and informed policy-making.

The PfGG network already comprises 100 Members of Parliament coming from 47 countries.

Leadership-in-Action: scholar projects

We are looking for ambitious scholars, who want to manage a project from start to completion in an international, political environment. We don't need you to have any previous knowledge or experience in a political organisation, we only ask that you are able to work in an organised way and have an interest for the SDGs - we fully trust that Laidlaw scholars will do just fine learning on the job!

There are 2 projects on which we will onboard scholars. Depending on either your background or your interest, you are welcome to join one or the other.

Project 1: Political Network Development and Management

Scholars will take **ownership of a national or regional development project** for the PfGG network, working on the first of our three channels. In practice, this means managing a geographic part of the network:

- mapping Parliamentarians who already take action on the SDGs (SDG champions)
- mapping Parliamentarians who are more passive, but could with the right help become SDG champions
- mapping caucuses and APPGs focusing on a area within the SDGs
- designing and implementing a mobilisation strategy consisting of outreach campaigns

- being the first point of contact for interested Parliamentarians
- taking ownership of their smooth integration in the network, from the first demonstration of interest, through registration, and onto harnessing the potential of knowledge and best-practices of the network.

Depending on the regional knowledge and sensitivities of the Scholars, you may be working on developing the network in a small team or on your own. Either way, the mentor will be available to support you and back you up.

The objective set for each project will vary depending on the number of scholars working on the project. As a reference, the objective could for instance be, for one Scholar working on one country/region:

1. Develop a culturally-sensitive mobilisation strategy to raise awareness on both the SDGs, and the support that PfGG can provide in implementing them
2. Produce a report on the status of SDG legislation and procedures in the country/region you worked on
3. Onboard at least 10 Members of Parliament from the region you focus on, within the 6 weeks you will be working with us

Through this project scholars will develop and apply communicative skills, advocacy skills, social/cultural awareness and intelligence, and project management skills.

Project 2: Knowledge Management and Capacity-Building

Scholars will take **ownership of the design and development of our knowledge dissemination platform.**

The PfGG network aims to be a resource for MPs, both as an expertise/knowledge-broker connector, and as a connecting and empowering platform. We aim to provide Parliamentarians with any kind of knowledge and resources that will enable them to take decisive action. This includes case studies, bills and pieces of legislation, expert reports and webinars, etc, and the resources would be contributed both by us and our members.

In practice this project would therefore entail:

- designing the strategy for how to collect, vet, and disseminate these resources on the platform, using the SDGs as a lens
- liaise with the external partners who support the platform
- launching the process of collecting SDG-related best practices and pieces of legislation

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1. Designing and defending a strategy for resource collection

2. Designing a process for efficient and systematic assessment of the relevance and potential of best practices submitted by members
3. Use the strategy and the process to collect 20 resources to launch on the platform

Through this project, scholars will develop and apply critical thinking, creativity, external and internal communication, and project management skills. Someone who is tech-savvy or willing to learn about digital development would certainly be a perfect match.

About your 6 weeks within our team

With the COVID-19 situation, the state of Denmark advises against international travel, including for internships. As such, we regret that we cannot host physical internships at our Copenhagen office, and the Leadership-in-Action programme will have to take place online.

Since most of our team members work from home anyway, we hold regular check-in meetings and you'll feel just as part of the team as if you were in the office!

You will be assigned a mentor, who will organise check-in chats to ensure that this out-of-your-comfort-zone experience goes as smoothly as possible, that you understand how your project fits within the bigger PfGG picture, and that you maximise your learning over these 6 weeks.

Timings

Depending on the staff and scholars' availability, the programme could take place:

From Week 23 to Week 28 (*Monday 7 June to Friday 16 July*)

From Week 26 to Week 31 (*Monday 28 June to Friday 6 August*)

These timings are yet to be confirmed and somewhat flexible, please get in touch with us to discuss them.