

Meet the Youth who are Changing the World

PeaceJam Foundation Honors the 2020 Billion Acts Awards Finalists



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Denver, Dec 13, 2020 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - This generation of young people understands that peace is a verb, and is stepping out in record numbers to make a difference on the most critical issues facing our planet. This year they stood up against child laborers, advocated for nuclear disarmament, created sustainable local food systems, brought racial literacy to their schools, inspired young black men to believe in themselves, petitioned to ban plastic, and demanded peace and democratic elections in their countries.

The Billion Acts of Peace Campaign honored 12 of these amazing young people changing the world. Their projects were chosen from the over 10 million acts of peace that were submitted to the website in 2020. These Billion Acts Awards Finalists span the globe from Liberia to Germany, India, Canada, US, Egypt, Ireland, and Peru. These Nobel Peace Laureates in training are the future leaders that our world so desperately needs.

"Young people, you make me so proud! I and the other Nobel Peace Laureates who are part of PeaceJam are here to support you in your work for peace and justice around the world."

-Leymah Gbowee, 2011 Nobel Peace Laureate from Liberia

Meet the 2020 Billion Acts Awards Finalists:

Best Youth-Led Movement

- #DontTouchMyPeace (Winner) - A national campaign to ensure peaceful elections in Liberia
- Water Youth Network - A network engaging youth in solutions to the global water crisis

Best Local Impact Project

- Kinsu Kumar (Winner) - A former child laborer now advocating for children in India and globally
- Choose.org - an education platform to help educators with tough conversations around race

Best Youth Social Enterprise

- Sundance Harvest (Winner) - A program teaching marginalized youth how to grow their own food
- Genecis - Youth-run biotechnology firm turning food waste into biodegradable plastics

Up and Coming Peacemaker

- Madhvi Chittoor (Madhvi4ecoethics) (Winner) - Eliminating plastics and styrofoam
- Jose Adolfo (Banco Del Estudiante) - Created a bank for youth to earn cash for recycled materials

Best Coalition Building Project

- Youth4Disarmament (Winner) - Youth initiative of UN to end war as a tactic of foreign policy
- Swipe Out Hunger - Movement to democratize campus dining halls and eradicate college hunger

Most Inspirational Youth Influencers

- Nyeeam Hudson (King Nahh) (Winner) - Motivational speaker promoting self-love and confidence
- Sophie Healy-Thow - Activist for sustainable food systems and empowerment of female farmers

About: The Billion Acts Campaign, an initiative of the [PeaceJam Foundation](https://www.peacejam.org), has engaged youth and everyday people to create more than 80 million Acts of Peace in 171 countries. This global call to action invites you to be part of the change by adding your Acts today at billionacts.org

The PeaceJam Foundation is a global leader in developing engaged, informed, and compassionate young leaders through the mentorship of 14 Nobel Peace Prize winners including The Dalai Lama, Desmond Tutu, Rigoberta Menchú Tum, and Leymah Gbowee. Since 1996, 1.3 million youth have been impacted by PeaceJam's programs, creating 80 million service projects, and leading over 350 youth conferences globally with our Nobel Peace Laureates. PeaceJam has been nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize eight times for its power to transform the lives of our youth.

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