



YCDI Masterclass 2025

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The 2025 YCDI Masterclass at a glance

Political leadership is not just built in institutions—it is shaped through dialogue, exchange, and hands-on learning. The 2025 YCDI Masterclass in San Marino represents a crucial opportunity for young leaders to develop the skills, networks, and vision needed to navigate an increasingly complex political landscape. By bringing together emerging voices from across the IDC-CDI network and allied organizations, this initiative will foster critical thinking, strategic decision-making, and effective policy design—all essential pillars of responsible leadership. Events like this provide a unique space for young political actors to engage with experienced mentors, share best practices, and strengthen their ability to drive meaningful change in their communities and beyond. Held in San Marino, a historic symbol of democratic resilience, this Masterclass is not just a training program—it is an investment in the next generation of political leaders committed to good governance and impactful policymaking.

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YCDI Rome Conference 2019



Key Objectives of the 2025 Masterclass

- **Develop Leadership Skills:** Equip young political leaders with the tools and strategies needed for effective decision-making, governance, and public engagement.
- **Strengthen Political and Policy Expertise:** Provide in-depth training on political strategy, policy innovation, and governance to enhance participants' ability to craft and implement impactful policies.
- **Foster International Cooperation:** Create a space for young leaders from different countries to collaborate, exchange ideas, and build long-term relationships within the IDC-CDI network and beyond.
- **Enhance Strategic Communication:** Train participants in modern political communication, digital engagement, and the role of artificial intelligence in shaping public discourse.
- **Promote Democratic Values and Good Governance:** Reinforce principles of democracy, transparency, and ethical leadership as core pillars of political action.
- **Bridge Generations of Leadership:** Facilitate mentorship opportunities between experienced political figures and emerging leaders to ensure knowledge transfer and continuity in leadership.
- **Encourage Innovation in Political Movements:** Inspire young leaders to explore new approaches to political organization, campaign management, and civic engagement.
- **Empower Young Leaders for Real-World Impact:** Ensure that participants leave with actionable insights and concrete skills they can apply in their political careers and communities.

The schedule - Day 1: Foundations of Leadership and Political Values

Objective: Explore the fundamental values that unite young political leaders and their role in addressing global challenges.

Schedule:

Opening Session: The Power of Values in Global Politics

Workshop: Solidarity, Subsidiarity, and Freedom in Modern Governance

Roundtable Discussion: Lessons from Global Leaders

Interactive Lab: Adapting Political Values Across Cultures

Official Opening Dinner with remarks from PDCS leadership



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The schedule - Day 2: Building Winning Political Organizations

Objective: Equip participants with skills to build strong political structures, strategic planning, and campaign management.

Schedule:

Training Module: Structuring a Successful Political Organization

Simulation: Developing a Winning Electoral Strategy

Interactive Panel: Strengthening Youth Participation in Politics

Case Study Presentation: Winning Elections – Global Best Practices

Networking Dinner



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The schedule - Day 3: Mastering Communication in the Digital Era

Objective: Enhance political communication skills, leveraging social media and artificial intelligence.

Schedule:

- **Training Module:** Political Communication in the Digital Age
- **Hands-on Workshop:** Building a Successful Social Media Campaign
- **Panel Discussion:** Tackling Disinformation and AI in Politics
- **Participant Reflections & Closing Session**
- **Certification Ceremony**



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Expected outcomes

- **Enhanced Leadership Skills:** Participants will gain practical knowledge and tools to strengthen their leadership abilities in political and organizational contexts.
- **Stronger International Networks:** Young leaders will establish meaningful connections with peers, mentors, and political figures, fostering long-term collaboration across countries.
- **Improved Political Strategy and Communication:** Attendees will develop skills in strategic planning, policy innovation, and effective communication in the digital age.
- **Empowerment of Youth in Political Decision-Making:** The event will reinforce the role of young leaders within political parties and institutions, encouraging greater youth engagement in policymaking.
- **Practical Application of Knowledge:** Participants will leave with actionable insights, concrete strategies, and best practices they can implement in their political careers and organizations.
- **Increased Visibility for YCDI and Partners:** The Masterclass will establish YCDI, GDC San Marino, and their affiliated networks as key platforms for training and empowering young political leaders globally.
- **Commitment to Future Collaboration:** The event will serve as a starting point for continued cooperation, knowledge-sharing, and the development of new initiatives among participants and partner organizations.



YCDI Youth Panel on the Peace Charter: For People and the Planet (Cambodia 2024)

The organizers



The GDC di San Marino is the youth wing of the Partito Democratico Cristiano Sammarinese (PDSCS), dedicated to engaging young individuals in political discourse and promoting the values of Christian democracy. The organization focuses on leadership development, political education, and active participation in both national and international arenas, aiming to prepare the next generation of leaders committed to democratic principles and community service.



The Youth of the Centrist Democrat International (YCDI) serves as the youth division of the Centrist Democrat International (CDI), a global organization uniting political parties that uphold democratic values and principles. YCDI is dedicated to engaging young individuals in political discourse, leadership development, and the promotion of centrist democratic ideals. Through various programs and events, YCDI aims to empower the next generation of political leaders, fostering international cooperation and the exchange of ideas among youth committed to democracy and good governance.

The sponsors



Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI): Founded in 1961, the Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI) is a global non-governmental organization that unites political parties committed to promoting centrist democratic values and principles. The organization serves as a platform for 113 member parties from 83 different countries to collaborate on policy development and to coordinate international activities that uphold democratic ideals.

*From the heart of San Marino, shaping
the leaders of tomorrow!*

