

The positive change the world needs will only be achieved if the young leaders who are working towards this goal get the chance to reach their full potential.

Both ENDS' JWH Initiative supports young environmental leaders from the global South to take the lead in meeting environmental and societal challenges.



Sandra (35) from Togo received a grant from the JWHi, with which she completed an international internship and a MA in Environmental Diplomacy. She is now part of the official Togolese delegation in climate talks and founded her own organisation which focuses on gender equality, climate adaptation and poverty reduction.

Both ENDS established the JWH Initiative in 2007 with the legacy received from renowned environmentalist and former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), Mrs Joke Waller-Hunter. In her will, Mrs Waller-Hunter bequeathed the assets of her estate towards "improving the environment in developing countries and, in particular, enhancing the expertise of non-governmental environmental organisations" by "granting financial contributions to eligible persons in developing countries for organising study trips, studying and research". Following her vision, the Initiative provides small grants to support the education, training and capacity building of so far over 100 young women and men in more than 35 countries.

Through its global network of local partner organisations, Both ENDS identifies young leaders who tend to remain out of sight of potential donors of leadership development, such as young people from indigenous communities, people with little formal education, and women.



Selvi (33) from India works as a 'barefoot' journalist with indigenous peoples and with the help of the JWHi grant gained computer and writing skills. This has enabled her to now successfully publish a local monthly newspaper for her community. She says: "I believe this scholarship not only helped me, but all the barefoot journalists. I am an indigenous person

with hardly any education, and this course has helped me communicate my ideas better. We need to communicate to all about our ideas of a green world, forests, water and indigenous cultures."

Each year the number of nominations of young talented leaders increases. Mrs. Waller-Hunter's legacy on its own can not sustain the initiative's longer term ambitions beyond the next few years. To continue its valuable work, Both ENDS and the JWH Initiative are looking for new investors who share our commitment towards supporting tomorrow's leaders along their path.



Anuar (29) from Costa Rica is a young forestry worker who supports local communities in the development of more sustainable income while protecting the rainforests and mangroves. The JWHi grant enabled him to enter trainings in Canada and Cuba: "I now work with more joy and dedication towards benefitting my community. Especially seeing the

enthusiasm of the farmers in Cuba for the analogue forestry methodology motivated me to implement some of their techniques in our work here in my country."

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Both ENDS is an independent non-governmental organisation (NGO) that works towards a sustainable future for our planet. We do so by identifying and strengthening civil society organisations (CSOs), mostly in developing countries, that come up with sustainable solutions for environmental and poverty-related issues.

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