

# 3<sup>rd</sup> ASEF ETHICAL YOUNG LEADERS SUMMIT LEADERSHIP

15-19 October 2018, Brussels, Belgium.  
In conjunction with the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit (ASEM12)

## Overview



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## WHY DOES #ASEFYLS MATTER?

The ASEF Young Leaders Summit (ASEFYLS) is the go-to place for young people willing to un-learn, re-learn and learn new concepts, strategies and actions on how to create sustainable impact in society.

ASEFYLS is an experiential platform for Asian and European students and young professionals that adapts a 360° approach on leadership development. ASEFYLS recognises that leadership takes place across all spectrum in society: at home, in lecture halls, in board rooms, within the community as well as from the streets up to the political arena. Leadership is for those who are determined to take a leap by asking questions, thinking critically, action-planning and collaborating.

ASEFYLS takes place alongside the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summits, where Heads of States from the 51 ASEM partner countries, the EU and the ASEAN Secretariat meet to discuss the status and future of Asia-Europe relations.<sup>1</sup>

### ASEFYLS is based on 5 pillars:

#### #knowledge\_stretching

Development of fresh and rewarding insights to equip both recognised and unsung young leaders with a tool-kit for action

#### #action\_oriented

Commitments and co-creation of spin-off activities linked to leadership and sustainable development in local communities

#### #network\_based

Space for networking among youth, community leaders, responsible business leaders, thought-provoking academics and policy-makers

#### #leadership\_exchange

Opportunity for participation of ASEFYLS participants in the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Summit and relevant Ministers' Meetings

#### #reciprocity\_focused

Joint learning and sharing of time, talent & resources beyond the ASEFYLS framework for greater impact

Have a look at the [visual testimony](#) of the 1<sup>st</sup> ASEFYLS on “Entrepreneurship and Youth Employment” in 2015 in Luxembourg that supported the [12<sup>th</sup> ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting \(ASEM FMM12\)](#) and the [5<sup>th</sup> ASEM Labour and Employment Ministers' Conference \(ASEM LEMC5\)](#).

Also check out the [outcomes](#) from the 2<sup>nd</sup> ASEFYLS edition on “Access to Youth Employment” in 2017 in Korea, which contributed to the [7<sup>th</sup> ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting \(ASEM EMM7\)](#).

## WHAT IS #ASEFYLS3?

The [3<sup>rd</sup> ASEF Young Leaders Summit \(ASEFYLS3\)](#) will take place in conjunction with the [12<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit \(ASEM12\)](#) on 15-19 October 2018 in Brussels, Belgium. ASEFYLS3 focuses on Ethical Leadership, the human-centred form of responsible leadership, and aims to dismantle and assemble the concept thereof: in the context of self-leadership, team leadership and societal leadership.

<sup>1</sup> The Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) is an informal process of dialogue and cooperation bringing together the 28 European Union member states, two other European countries, and the European Union with 21 Asian countries and the ASEAN Secretariat. The ASEM dialogue addresses political, economic and cultural issues, with the objective of strengthening the relationship between the two regions, in a spirit of mutual respect and equal partnership. For more information on ASEM: [www.aseminfoboard.org](http://www.aseminfoboard.org)

But how can one distinguish between a leader and an ethical leader? Does it show in the decision-making process or the impact of the decision taken? And how shall one navigate between diverse and competing values and expectations, from a micro to a macro scale. ASEFYLS3 aims to nourish ethically literate leaders by providing a platform for reflection, dialogue and practice.

ASEFYLS3 focuses on values and challenges of ethical leadership embedded in 11 spheres:

1. Culture
2. Economy and Finance
3. Education
4. Environment
5. Family
6. Media
7. Politics
8. Religion and spirituality
9. Science and technology
10. Sports

The 4-day conference will conclude with an “ASEFYLS3 Call for Action & Commitments on Ethical Leadership”.

ASEFYLS3 is preceded by 2 [ASEFYLS Navigators Trainings](#) in Pune, India and Warsaw, Poland respectively. The trainings serve as a springboard and capacity building opportunity for the youth facilitators who will guide the ASEFYLS3 participants during on-site discussions and spin-off activity preparations.

## PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

The ASEFYLS3 programme consists of 3 stages:

### 1. Online preparatory phase

First glimpse into the 11 thematic angles through knowledge-tickling webinars, individual and group tasks linked to leadership and collaboration techniques

### 2. (a) 4-Day Conference in Brussels, Belgium

Deep-dive into the topic, intense exchange of insights and ideas in plenary sessions, small-group discussions, as well as action-plan development, interactive mentorship and workshop sessions

### (b) Connections with the 12<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit (ASEM12)

One-to-one meetings between ASEFYLS3 representatives and Heads of States and Delegates of ASEM12

### 3. Spin-off activities

Implementation of committed spin-off activities by ASEFYLS3 participants across Asian and European Communities.

## RESULTS OF #ASEFYLS3 FEED INTO

### ASEM Ministerial Meetings and ASEM activities:

[12<sup>th</sup> ASEM Summit \(ASEM12\)](#), 18-19 October 2018, Brussels, Belgium

### ASEF Projects:

[ASEFYLS Navigators Training](#), 16-20 May 2018, Pune, India & 10-14 July 2018, Warsaw, Poland

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[22<sup>nd</sup> ASEF Summer University \(ASEFSU22\)](#), August-September 2018, Croatia and Slovenia

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