

QS IMPACT AWARDS 2023

A Global Celebration of Regeneration January 18th, 2024 3:00 PM GMT

A GUIDE FOR YOUTH





We are thrilled to recognize and honour outstanding youth leaders from every corner of the world, applauding their extraordinary efforts in community regeneration and transformation over 2023. - Beth Eden, Chief Executive Officer

ABOUT THE QS IMPACT AWARDS 2023

- Theme: A Global Celebration of Regeneration
- Award Categories
- How to be eligible for a QS ImpACT Award
- How to upload an impact report
- Prizes for Award Winners

AWARD CATEGORIES:

- 1. Eco Champion Award
- 2. Campus Sustainability Pioneer
- 3.Community Transformation Champion
- 4. Sustainability Educator
- 5. Sustainability Photographer
- 6. Regeneration Advocate
- 7. Climate Response Champion
- 8. Global Day of Action Legend 2023





Regeneration is one step beyond sustainability. It is all about understanding that everything is connected. It is a new way of thinking about how we interact with nature because when it is healthy, we are too. This growing concept is transforming our societies to go beyond sustaining and into reimagining our impact with nature in mind with a bottom-up, positive and indigenous-led approach.

At the QS ImpACT Awards, be prepared to be captivated by inspirational speeches, engaging discussions featuring prominent leaders from the **United Nations**, **Forbes 30 Under 30 and global Universities**, along with valuable networking opportunities for youth and impact-driven organizations.

This is not just an awards ceremony; it's a convergence of passion, purpose, and positive change.

The QS ImpACT Awards 2023 is your gateway to a world where regeneration takes centre stage, and together, we celebrate the unstoppable force of positive transformation.

Join us in this global celebration – because every action, no matter how small, can make a lasting impact!







Sustainability Photographer



Eco - Champion



Climate Response Champion



<u>Community</u> <u>Transformation</u> <u>Champion</u>



Global Day of Action Legend



Regeneration Advocate



<u>Campus</u> <u>Sustainability</u> Pioneer



Sustainability Educator

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MINIMUM PRE-SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Must be **registered** and have an account with QS ImpACT
- Must be between 18 35 years of age when your delivered your impact project
- Must have a **minimum of one impact report** with us [before 11:59 PM GMT December 22nd, 2023 for GDA & December 15th, 2023 for all other awards]

SHORT-LISTED CANDIDATES:

- Finalists will contacted on January 4th, 2024.
- Only the **top 10 performers will be selected** for each of the eight categories. Selected individuals can only be nominated (and potentially win) a *maximum of 3 separate awards*.

Pro Tip: While uploading your impact report to be eligible, pick the award category you're applying for, under 'Impact Type'

UPLOAD YOUR IMPACT REPORT





STEP 1 - BECOME A COMMUNITY MEMBER

• Register at **qsimpact.org**

STEP 2 - UPLOAD YOUR IMPACT REPORT

• Upload pictures & share a your social post

STEP 3 - DESCRIBE YOUR IMPACT

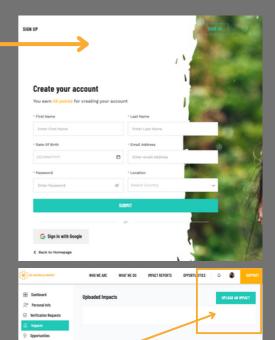
- Select up to 3 SDGs that your action relates to the most
- Share your Impact Title & explain what your impact action is about and what positive impact it had on your community
- Select your ImpACT Type: *DISCLAIMER for ImpACT Awards - you must select your award category STEP 4 - SHARE YOUR IMPACT METRICS
 - Answer metric questions,
 - i.e. how many people impacted?
 - Tag friends / council / partners with whom you organized the impact action

STEP 5 - IMPACT REPORT VERIFICATION AND GLOBAL REWARDS

- Once your Impact Report is verified by the community, you are rewarded with Impact Points
- Your impact report makes you eligible for life changing opportunities, such as scholarships, internships & leadership development programs and more.

LEARN HOW TO UPLOAD AN IMPACT REPORT







YOUR REWARDS AS **QS IMPACT AWARD WINNER**

AS A QS IMPACT AWARDEE, YOU WILL:

- Receive the chance to attend the UNEP events as an individual representative
- Be featured in the 2024 QS Insights
 Magazine
- Receive a special QS ImpACT Badge,
 Title and Social Media Kit

And a **composting bin** just for the Global Day of Action Legend Award (via <u>Daily Dump</u>)





WHY DO THESE AWARDS MATTER?

- Attending UNEP events allows you to increase your international network and have insightful discussions.
- Boost your resume/CV for impactful career opportunities
- Being featured on the 2024 QS Insights Magazine offers you a global exposure to thousands of viewers, allowing you to share your impact and increase your chances of connecting with others who can help you further your vision!







QS IMPACT AWARD CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY PIONEER

OVERVIEW

The Eco-Champion of the Year Award recognizes outstanding youth leaders actively contributing to the regeneration of ecosystems. Through impactful volunteering efforts, these champions play a key role in restoring degraded or destroyed ecosystems while conserving existing ones.

WHAT IS THE ECO-CHAMPION AWARD?

- For an outstanding youth who has been a key leader in the regeneration of their shared ecosystem.
- Through volunteering efforts, they should have helped their community in the regeneration efforts of ecosystems that have been degraded or destroyed, as well as conserving existing ecosystems.
- This award aims to encourage the volunteering efforts of youth related to ecological restoration. This includes the natural regeneration of ecosystems through forests, water sources, and biodiversity within a certain timeframe.

HOW CAN YOU WIN THE ECO-CHAMPION AWARD?

- Must be registered and have an account with QS ImpACT
- Must be between 18 35 years of age when your delivered your impact project
- Must have a minimum of one impact report with us [before 11:59 PM GMT December 15th, 2023]
- Select Type of ImpACT: 'Eco-Champion'

- Set up a Recycling program on campus
- Waste Collection on campus
- Awareness sessions on the SDGs







QS IMPACT AWARD CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY PIONEER

OVERVIEW

This award seeks to globally acknowledge youth leaders in universities or educational institutions demonstrating exceptional commitment and achievements in regenerative transformation for sustainability. It honors those who have implemented impactful changes aligning with the UN's 17 SDGs, fostering positive campus community impacts.

WHAT IS THE CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY PIONEER AWARD?

- For a youth leader in a university or educational institution (higher education institutions) who has been/ are implementing regenerative solutions to the sustainability problem.
- This award exists to offer global recognition of youth leaders at any university or educational institution that has demonstrated outstanding commitment and/ or achievements focusing on regenerative transformation for sustainability actions.
- It hopes to recognize you (or someone you know!) who has implemented systemic change at your university or educational institution.

HOW CAN YOU WIN THE CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY PIONEER AWARD?

- Must be registered and have an account with QS ImpACT
- Must be between 18 35 years of age when your delivered your impact project
- Must have a minimum of one impact report with us [before 11:59 PM GMT December 15th, 2023]
- Select Type of ImpACT: 'Campus Sustainability Pioneer'

- Set up a Recycling program on campus
- Waste Collection on campus
- Awareness sessions on the SDGs







QS IMPACT AWARD COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION CHAMPION

OVERVIEW

This award aims to acknowledge and celebrate the exemplary dedication and achievements of councils, groups, or individual youth who have demonstrated outstanding commitment to sustainability and regeneration. It specifically seeks to recognize the success of initiatives that contribute to the conservation and regeneration of local environments through collaborative efforts and impactful projects.

WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION CHAMPION AWARD?

- For councils/groups or an individual youth who's community-based initiatives have successfully conserved, improved and regenerated local environments.
- To recognize efforts of councils/groups or an individual youth that have demonstrated outstanding commitment and achievements focusing on sustainability and regeneration.
- This award hopes to recognize the success of conserved and regenerated local environments through collaborative efforts and impact-based projects.

HOW CAN YOU WIN THE COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION CHAMPION AWARD?

- Must be registered and have an account with QS ImpACT
- Must be between 18 35 years of age when your delivered your impact project
- Must have a minimum of one impact report with us [before 11:59 PM GMT December 15th, 2023]
- Select Type of ImpACT: 'Community Transformation Champion'

- Held a community event on local issues
- Conducted a healthcare drive
- Collaborated with local partners on event







QS IMPACT AWARD SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATOR

OVERVIEW

This award is designed to honor individuals who have actively involved children or youth in educational initiatives focused on regeneration and sustainability. It seeks to acknowledge the positive impacts of those who have organized practical workshops and similar initiatives, contributing to the education and awareness of others about the importance of regeneration and sustainability.

WHAT IS THE SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATOR AWARD?

- For those who have been key in the creation and delivery of inclusive and holistic sustainable educational initiatives. It should have engaged a group of participants involved in environmental regeneration efforts through education.
- This award exists to recognize the efforts of individuals that have engaged children or youth with regeneration and sustainability through educational initiatives.
- It hopes to recognize the impacts of those who have hosted initiatives like workshops that educate others about regeneration and sustainability in a practical manner.

HOW CAN YOU WIN THE SUSTAINABILITY EDUCATOR AWARD?

- Must be registered and have an account with QS ImpACT
- Must be between 18 35 years of age when your delivered your impact project
- Must have a minimum of one impact report with us [before 11:59 PM GMT December 15th, 2023]
- Select Type of ImpACT: 'Sustainability Educator'

- SDG awareness workshop with children
- Teaching children about the environment
- Tree plantation activity with children







QS IMPACT AWARD REGENERATION ADVOCATE

OVERVIEW

This award aims to acknowledge the impactful online and/or offline campaign efforts of youth dedicated to raising awareness about regeneration. It specifically seeks to honor regeneration advocates who have effectively addressed local community challenges, providing unique solutions. The award emphasizes the mobilization of others through actions such as online petitions, marches, and other initiatives, highlighting the advocate's commitment to fostering awareness and positive change within their community.

WHAT IS THE REGENERATION ADVOCATE AWARD?

- For youth who have advocated for the regeneration and protection of ecosystems. They should have been key in raising awareness and driving lasting action within their communities.
- This award exists to recognize the online and/or offline campaign effort of youth to raise awareness about regeneration.
- It hopes to recognize the efforts of a regeneration advocate who helped spread impactful awareness about the issue locally within their community.

HOW CAN YOU WIN THE REGENERATION ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR?

- Must be registered and have an account with QS ImpACT
- Must be between 18 35 years of age when your delivered your impact project
- Must have a minimum of one impact report with us [before 11:59 PM GMT December 15th, 2023]
- Select Type of ImpACT: 'Regeneration Advocate of the Year'

- Petitions signed for preserving local environment
- Awareness marches
- Awareness workshops on regeneration







QS IMPACT AWARD CLIMATE RESPONSE CHAMPION

OVERVIEW

This award aims to honor individuals who have actively responded to climate change disasters and demonstrated exceptional efforts in supporting climate resilience. Applicants are required to provide a detailed account of a specific climate event that prompted the need for a resilience strategy. To be considered, individuals must share the actions taken to support their local community in response to climate disasters, highlighting tangible efforts to mitigate the impact and enhance resilience.

WHAT IS THE CLIMATE RESPONSE CHAMPION AWARD?

- For individuals and organizations who have made exceptional efforts to support a local climate disaster response and/ or support their local community in the recovery of a climate disaster. There should be achievements or milestones to building community resilience in response to climate change disasters like floods, earthquakes, tsunamis...
- This award is to recognize those who have actively responded to climate change
 disasters. It hopes to recognize the actions done to support climate resilience. As part of
 this initiative, individuals are required to provide a comprehensive account of the specific
 climate event that precipitated their need to devise a resilience strategy.

HOW CAN YOU WIN THE CLIMATE RESPONSE CHAMPION AWARD?

- Must be registered and have an account with QS ImpACT
- Must be between 18 35 years of age when your delivered your impact project
- Must have a minimum of one impact report with us [before 11:59 PM GMT December 15th, 2023]
- Select Type of ImpACT: 'Climate Response Champion'

- Donation drives for food for displaced families
- Clothes donation to affected communities







QS IMPACT AWARD GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION LEGEND

OVERVIEW

This award honors the Global Day of Action 2023 participant who established the largest volume of compost facilities in their community, fostering community engagement and converting organic waste into fertile soil. It recognizes leaders enhancing community resilience by strategically placing compost facilities in key locations.

WHAT IS THE GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION LEGEND AWARD?

- In conjunction with the Global Day of Action (GDA) 2023, this award recognizes an individual or council that has made a significant social and environmental impact related to the GDA 2023. This year's action is to encourage composting!
- This award is for the participant(s) who have established the biggest amount of compost facilities or bins in cubic meters in their community, and has actively involved their community members in the education and development. The aim is to increase the resiliency of their community, by setting up compost facilities or hosting awareness events on composting.

HOW CAN YOU WIN THE GLOBAL DAY OF ACTION LEGEND AWARD?

- Must be registered and have an account with QS ImpACT
- Must be above 18 years old
- Must have a minimum of one impact report with us [before 11:59 PM GMT December 15th, 2023]
- Select Type of ImpACT: 'Global Day of Action Legend 2023'

- Awareness sessions on composting
- Setting up composting facilities





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