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### **AZMUN Foundation Announces 2025 Youth Essay Contest**

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The AZMUN Foundation has opened the call for its 2025 International Youth Essay Competition, inviting young people between the ages of 15 and 25 to reflect on global challenges through their own words and ideas.

This year's topic is "The Power of Youth: Leading Change from the Ground Up." Participants are encouraged to write about how young people are already leading efforts around the world whether through climate activism, peacebuilding, or digital innovation and how those efforts can shape the future for the better.

The competition is open globally, and the goal is simple: give youth a space to be heard. Whether someone wants to write

about environmental justice, gender equality, or the effects of misinformation online, the contest is meant to give real space for young perspectives, both personal and political.

“We’re not just asking for essays. We’re asking for stories, ideas, and experiences that come from real life,” Atharv Singh  
Executive Director.

Selected essays will be published on AZMUN’s official site and shared with partner platforms. Authors of winning pieces will also receive mentorship opportunities and public recognition.

### **Why This Matters**

Young people are already part of the solution. From rebuilding after natural disasters to speaking up about mental health, they’re doing the work and often, without much visibility. AZMUN believes that youth have not only the energy, but also the insight to propose meaningful change.

This contest is about giving them a platform to say what they think and feel, in their own voice, on issues that matter deeply in today’s world. It’s also about connecting youth globally who care about peace, justice, equity, and the planet.

The topics participants can choose from include a wide range of current global issues such as:

- Youth leadership in conflict and peacebuilding
- Environmental justice and climate action
- Digital equity and access to education
- Innovation and entrepreneurship
- Mental health advocacy
- Gender equality and inclusion
- Rebuilding after crises
- Indigenous and cultural activism
- Rural–urban connectivity
- Tackling misinformation

These themes reflect the realities young people live every day. Our mission is simple: to build a generation of leaders who think critically, act ethically, and work together for a fairer, more inclusive world.

## **How to Participate**

The submission window opens July 15 and closes August 20, 2025. Young people from any country are welcome to submit an original essay in English that aligns with the competition theme. Full guidelines and instructions are available in our website: <https://azmun.vercel.app/essay.html>

For questions, press inquiries, or partnership interest, please contact us: [contactayonizmun@gmail.com](mailto:contactayonizmun@gmail.com)

AZMUN is run by young people, for young people. We're a nonprofit that believes in the power of education, open conversation, and real youth leadership. Through Model UN events, hands-on workshops, awareness campaigns and now this essay competition we're building spaces where young voices are heard and respected.

We believe lasting change starts with young people who are equipped, supported, and listened to.