



SHORTLISTED 1

GRETA THUNBERG

SWEDISH CLIMATE CHANGE ACTIVIST

Greta Thunberg is a Swedish teenager who is credited with raising global awareness of the risks posed by Global warming and climate change, and with holding politicians to account for their lack of action on what Thunberg calls the "climate crisis". With other students engaged in similar protests, she organised a school climate strike movement, under the name "Fridays for Future". After Thunberg addressed the 2018 United Nations Climate Change Conference, student strikes took place every week somewhere in the world. In May 2019, Thunberg was featured on the cover of Time magazine, which named her a "next generation leader" and noted that many see her as a role model. She wants people in power across the world to act with more urgency in tackling harmful emissions.

HIGHLIGHTS: CLIMATE CHANGE; LEADERSHIP

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ZORANA MILOVANOVIC

PROJECT MANAGER AT EVROPSKI POKRET U SRBIJI

Zorana has an extensive background as an activist for women's rights. She has an extremely potent voice in action - from being in the first line supporting the LGBTQ community, to providing extensive expertise to her fellow colleagues on all matters regarding socioeconomic environment in Serbia. Zorana has a keen interest in social innovation and social entrepreneurship - her mind is consistently directed towards solving social issues and aspiring to create sustainable social change. She is a driving force behind a project "Share Your Knowledge" which has inspired hundreds of women in Serbia in terms of socioeconomic growth, personal development and economic independence. She organises projects' activities, connects mentors and mentees, and recruits women leaders in Serbia and in the region. She cares to engage in important conversations and bring spotlight to important societal issues either through her work, social media engagement or in the streets.

HIGHLIGHTS: VOICE IN ACTION; SOCIAL MEDIA ENGAGEMENT

SHORTLISTED 3

ZAHRA KARIMY

ACTIVIST FOR WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

Zahra Karimy is a vocal advocate of women's and children's rights, equality and anti-racism in Finland and Europe. She is a climate activist and has been involved in climate strikes. She has emphasised that climate change is a human rights issue. Karimy also attaches importance to the rights of women and girls and various minorities in her work as a member of Plan International's Children's Board. Karimy is part of the City of Helsinki's Youth Voice editorial. Through it, he has done stuff for Helsingin Sanomat, Yle and written a blog for Suomen Kuvalehti. In the spring of 2020, Karimy served as Yle's news reader in Persian-language COVID-19 pandemic briefings. She has acted as a presenter at the Finland Arena, Tubecon, the Climate Strike Event and the Pointti City Festival, among others.

HIGHLIGHTS: CLIMATE CHANGE; EQUALITY