

**“MANY YOUNG PEOPLE ARE STRUGGLING TO FIND THEIR POSITION TO SERVE IN OUR GLOBAL COMMUNITY.
MANY TRIED, FAILED AND GAVE UP. SOME ARE TOO AFRAID TO EVEN TRY”.**



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How was the journey like for you in empowering your students to effect social change?

We, as educators, have the ability to shape future global humanitarian leaders in the best way to develop positive and inspired student leaders to develop our

country. It is the ability to push students to be creative and productive, ultimately to be entrepreneurial, to improve the wellbeing of society on the local and international level.

What do you enjoy most about your work?

Educators are arguably one of the most critical role players in all societies to set young people up to succeed in life. I enjoy being in an environment where I have the power to shape and inspire young people and change their lives for the better. To help others provides meaning to my life and I have a passion for the youth and education.

In what way has the USLS impacted on your journey as an Educator?

They meet, partner, listen to and to be coached by role models having dedication to inspire students to have a passion for helping vulnerable communities as well as the power of education - not for recognition or a paycheck - but for social and humanitarian purposes. All of this impacted my journey as an educator.

In what way have the USLS and the Peace Summit impacted on your students?

Our students communicated with other like-minded students from multiple cultures, backgrounds and countries. It developed compassion for vulnerable societies and inspired them to play a role to influence society and to provide a better future for communities by way of voluntary initiatives in the country. Experiencing the realities of extreme vulnerable societies opened their eyes to humanitarian crises and challenges globally.

What is one piece of advice you could share with educators around the world in helping their students to champion social change?

Provide direction, understand the personal lives of your students, know when to push students, don't accept failure, know when to give a gentle nudge or to assist and know when to let students figure it on their own.



Even though a matchstick light up the dark, its glow is short-lived. But set a stack of matches alight and they could start a lasting bonfire. This is the philosophy that drives Humanitarian Affairs.

Every year, Humanitarian Affairs organises large-scale events such as the University Scholars Leadership Symposium, Peace Summit and the Global Internship Placement.

These events bring together youths from different corners of the world to kickstart conversations, collaborations and commitments towards positive global change.

We believe that the youth can initiate change and are capable enough to organise global conferences to impact thousands of lives.

