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Mulberry Schools Trust celebrates International Day of the Girl with leadership and empowerment summit

The Mulberry Schools Trust is proud to announce its annual Global Girl Leading Summit, taking place on Friday 11th October 2024 at the prestigious Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in Westminster.

This high-profile event will bring together over 400 young women, aged 13 to 18, from 20 schools across the UK, Mexico and Kenya. Additional participants will be joining online or watching the recording of the day from countries across the world, including Australia, the USA and India. Also present will be members of staff from Mulberry and our partner schools, as well as friends and supporters of Mulberry.

The Global Girl Leading Summit is a unique platform designed to empower girls with the skills, knowledge and networks they need to become agents of change in their communities and beyond. It is part of Mulberry's work to build an international sisterhood of young leaders, advocating for gender equality and challenging the societal barriers that prevent girls from achieving their full potential.

The day-long conference will focus on how women lead change at local, national and international levels. It will facilitate vital discussions on global challenges that disproportionately affect girls and how they can be overcome. Through keynote speeches, panel discussions and group activities, participants will explore ways to advocate for their rights, tackle gender discrimination, and make their voices heard on the global stage. This aligns with this year's International Day of the Girl theme, *Girls' Vision for the Future*, which emphasises both the urgent need for action and the power of girls' voices in shaping a more hopeful and equitable world.

This year's event features an impressive line-up of influential speakers, including Dame Rachel De Souza (Children's Commissioner for England), Dorothy Byrne (President of Murray Edwards College, Cambridge), H.E Josefa González-Blanco Ortiz Mena (Mexican Ambassador to the UK), Caryl Stern (Chief Impact Officer, LionTree) and Tina Tchen (Executive Vice President, Strategy & Impact, The Obama Foundation). These leaders are part of a group of women who will inspire and guide the participants with their experiences and insights, encouraging them to see that every girl has the power to lead change.



Dr Vanessa Ogden, CEO, Mulberry Schools Trust commented:

"We are thrilled to host the Global Girl Leading Summit once again, bringing together young women from across the world to inspire, empower and drive change. This event is a powerful reminder that when girls unite, they can shape a more equal and just future. I am proud to see so many students leading these important conversations and taking action to create a world where every girl has the opportunity to succeed."

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Notes to Editors

Global Girl Leading

Global Girl Leading is an international leadership development programme 'by girls, for girls'. It is led by the Mulberry Schools Trust and the Mulberry Schools Foundation. Supported by teachers, girls together learn to lead change. They co-create learning activities which include negotiation skills, teamwork, risk-taking and campaigning. They are given platforms and coaching to make their voices heard. Through this programme, they experience the power of successfully influencing change, learning resilience and finding self-confidence.

<http://bit.ly/GlobalGirlLeading>





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About the Mulberry Schools Trust

The Mulberry Schools Trust is a flourishing multi-academy trust. Through its founding school, Mulberry School for Girls, it has pioneered outstanding education in East London stretching back over 50 years.

The Trust is committed to ensuring outstanding achievement for all. It has a clear vision that all students graduate from its schools as highly qualified, confident and articulate young people with a wealth of experience. Central to the Trust's approach is the belief in the power of partnerships with families, local schools and the communities it serves. For more information, please visit the website below.

www.mulberryschoolstrust.org

About the Mulberry Schools Foundation

The Mulberry Schools Foundation is the charitable arm of the Mulberry Schools Trust. The Foundation believes that life chances, choice and wellbeing are underpinned by exceptional educational opportunity, unlimited by background. It seeks to make this a reality for all children and young people.

Extending from the Mulberry Schools Trust community, the Foundation supports, develops, champions and creates exceptional opportunities for children and young people facing disadvantage, so strengthening their capacity to make a difference in their world.

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International Day of the Girl

Observed annually on 11 October, International Day of the Girl Child is a key global moment on which to celebrate girls everywhere, amplifying their voices, actions and leadership. It is a day that belongs to everyone who cares about girls and their rights.

www.un.org/en/observances/girl-child-day

