

News Release

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Girls take centre stage at Global Girl Leading Summit 2025

On Friday 10th October, Mulberry Schools Trust will open the doors of its founding school, Mulberry School for Girls, to welcome hundreds of young women and a line-up of extraordinary international leaders for the annual Global Girl Leading Summit.

The summit is designed around a powerful idea: that girls can and do lead change. Throughout the day, students aged 13-18 will step into an environment where their voices are not only heard but amplified – through debate, performance, workshops and direct dialogue with some of the world's most inspiring women.

This year, we are delighted to welcome students from Australia, India, Italy, Kenya, Mexico and the USA joining their peers from across the UK. To mark the occasion, the Trust has created an exciting programme beyond the conference itself – from cultural sightseeing across London to opportunities for international students to meet and collaborate with Mulberry students. The highlight will be a shared evening at the West End production of *The Lion King*, celebrating creativity, friendship and the joy of coming together across borders.

This year's keynote will be delivered by Tina Tchen, Executive Vice President (Programs) at the Obama Foundation. She is joined by a distinguished panel that includes Baroness Nicky Morgan, Dr Edna Adan Ismail, H.E. Josefa González Blanco Ortíz Mena, Dr Joanna Abeyie, Natalie Campbell MBE, Fatima El-meeyuf, Dr Fatima Rajina and Ms Ritika Anand. Together, they will explore what leadership looks like at national and international levels, and how girls can shape solutions to the most urgent challenges facing women and girls globally.

The summit is more than a single event. It is streamed worldwide with free access to resources, ensuring that its reach extends far beyond the hall in East London. Girls from different cultures and contexts are connected in a shared movement of solidarity, advocacy and hope.

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Dr Vanessa Ogden CBE, CEO of the Mulberry Schools Trust, said:

“Global Girl Leading is about placing girls at the heart of conversations that matter. We want them to see themselves reflected in leaders on the stage, but also to recognise that their own ideas and actions can be a force for transformation in the world.”

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Notes to Editors

Global Girl Leading

Global Girl Leading, founded by the Mulberry Schools Trust, is a leadership development programme created by girls, for girls. With support from teachers, participants come together to learn how to lead change locally, nationally and globally. Through co-created learning activities including negotiation, teamwork, risk-taking, and campaigning – girls build key leadership skills in a collaborative and empowering environment. They are also given platforms, coaching, and opportunities to make their voices heard on issues that matter to them.

A vital part of the programme is fostering a global sisterhood, connecting girls from diverse backgrounds who support, inspire, and uplift each other as they develop their leadership journeys.

By taking part in the programme, girls gain first-hand experience in influencing change, while developing resilience, building confidence, and discovering their potential as future leaders.

<http://bit.ly/GlobalGirlLeading>



About the Mulberry Schools Trust

Founded in 2017, the Mulberry Schools Trust is a flourishing multi-academy trust serving diverse communities across London and the South East. We provide a state-funded, non-selective education that is academically rigorous, personally enriching and socially just. We are committed to providing an outstanding education for all children and young people in our care. We are extremely proud of our family of schools, spanning nursery, primary, secondary, a University Technical College, a family and community learning centre and our Alternative Provision opening in 2028.

The Trust's founding school, Mulberry School for Girls, leads the East London Teaching School Hub, a thriving network of local schools in Tower Hamlets and Hackney which supports the professional development of over 2,800 teachers and leaders across east London and beyond. Through the Mulberry College of Teaching, our accredited Initial Teacher Training Provision, we award Qualified Teacher Status and partner with Sheffield Hallam University to award a PGCE.

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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

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