



# CHAPTER LEADER UPDATE

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## Q2 2023 Chapter Dues

The UNA-USA National Office is working on distributing chapter dues for Q2 of 2023. If you receive a wire payment from us, it is for the chapter dues. Additionally, some chapters' payment methods have timed out. Once a payment method is submitted, it is only active in our system for one year. If you receive an email from [jschmidt@unausa.org](mailto:jschmidt@unausa.org) asking to re-submit your payment method again, please do so at your earliest convenience. Reach out to [jschmidt@unausa.org](mailto:jschmidt@unausa.org) with any questions!



## Request Global Goals Ambassadors as Speakers During Global Goals Week

The UN will celebrate Global Goals Week from September 15-24, 2023. Because we know few of our members can get to New York during this time, we are going to bring the SDGs to you! Consider hosting a program featuring a UNA-USA Global Goals Ambassador during this week to shed light and take a deeper dive into one particular SDG.

Read about our Global Goals Ambassadors [here](#). Fill out [this form](#) to request a Global Goals Ambassador to speak at your event. And, we are looking for new Ambassadors, so please share [this application form](#) with your members.



## Monthly National Leadership Calls

The UNA-USA monthly National Leadership Calls are open to all chapter leaders within UNA-USA campus chapters and community chapters. These calls are incredible opportunities to hear the latest on the US-UN relationship, share best practices, and learn about new initiatives to support your chapter's work. Please ensure that at least one representative can participate in these calls.

The next National Leadership Call will be on **August 8, 2023 at 8:00 PM-9:00 PM ET**.

[Register here to join.](#)

## Events & Opportunities



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# DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS BY AMERICAN YOUTH



## Host a Local Development Session for the Youth Declaration

The [Declaration of Human Rights by American Youth](#) has officially commenced with its first Development Session on Health & Well-Being. Every 2 weeks, we focus on a specific human rights topic and encourage members to take action, post in the online forum and host a local consultation. As a youth-led initiative, we are hoping to inspire UNA-USA chapters leaders to spearhead these local consultations as a way of engaging your members and local community on important human rights issues. This is a great opportunity to host a meeting with your chapter around a specific topic and work together to draft recommendations for the Youth Declaration.

We've put together a [toolkit](#) to help you host a consultation and you can learn more here. You can also reach out to Rae McCave, Senior Associate for Youth Engagement at [rmccave@unausa.org](mailto:rmccave@unausa.org) if you have any questions.

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## Red alert, Chapter Leaders!

Murmurs in the halls of Congress are saying that the UN is facing aggressive cuts in their U.S. funding. Many of you have seen the recent news; we have so much to continue fighting for, like UNESCO, full UN funding, UNFPA, Peacekeeping, the Green Climate Fund, and more! Know anyone who didn't get to speak with elected officials at the Leadership Summit or someone great at talking to their Members of Congress? Now is their opportunity to use their voice and advocate for the UN! We have upcoming in-district meetings in August, with our precursor training on **July 19th at 8 PM ET**.

Help us spread the word to your chapters and communities. Use the following link to register and attend the training session in July: [bit.ly/3XJEtOv](https://bit.ly/3XJEtOv)

\*\*Training will be recorded. You must email Maria Amalla, Grassroots Advocacy Manager at [mamalla@unfoundation.org](mailto:mamalla@unfoundation.org) to confirm participation and receive recording. \*\*



# UNA-USA & UNHCR Refugee Resolution Challenge



## Join the UNHCR Refugee Resolution Challenge

The Refugee Resolution Challenge presents UNA-USA chapters with a unique opportunity to engage in discussions surrounding the crucial issues related to forced displacement. By hosting debates centered on one of the following four topics, UNA-USA chapters can subsequently submit a resolution to UNA-USA, which will be shared with UNHCR:

- Ensuring the Safety of Individuals Seeking Asylum
- Safeguarding the Well-being of Refugee Children
- Enhancing Refugees' Access to Employment and Financial Services
- Addressing Challenges of Internal Displacement

These debates will generate resolutions that will undergo evaluation by a panel comprised of UNHCR members, young refugee leaders, and independent experts. The awards ceremony will take place at the conclusion of 2023.

The most innovative ideas will be shared with policymakers and promoted through UNHCR's extensive social media channels, reaching millions of people worldwide.

UNA-USA community or campus chapter to apply and facilitate a simulation or debate **before December 31, 2023**.

[Learn more and find application form for UNA-USA chapters here](#)

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# SUPPORT THE U.S. RETURN TO UNESCO

**Sign the Petition to Restore  
U.S Funding for UNESCO**

<https://unausa.org/advocacy/restore-us-funding-unesco/>

**Text UNESCO to 30644**



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## **Take Action to Support the U.S. Official Return to UNESCO**

Share with your chapters and communities and encourage them to take action to support the U.S. official return to UNESCO. Share on social media that you support the U.S. returning to UNESCO, and want to ensure funding is restored.

Example captions:

"Enthusiastic about the possibilities to come with the U.S. return to #UNESCO, but we need to ensure the completion of the process by showing support of full funding to UNESCO and other UN agencies. Join me by letting your elected official know that you believe that U.S. leadership at UNESCO is critical: [Sign a petition](#) #USAforUN"

"I support the U.S. return to UNESCO and signed the petition to restore funding! Will you join me and take action? Text UNESCO to 30644 or head to <https://bit.ly/3YtcRN5> to sign the petition! Together we can ensure full support for UNESCO. #USAforUN"

Download graphics [here](#)

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