

# UpRising

MAKING CHANGE HAPPEN

## Message from our Director

Dear Friends

Let me introduce you to UpRising which was launched by the Young Foundation in 2008 and targets talented 19 to 25 year olds from diverse backgrounds and marginalised communities to help build their leadership skills. We now operate in London, Birmingham and Bedford and aim to expand to other cities in the near future.

We at UpRising are particularly excited as we enter our 4th year that investing in good leadership skills amongst young people is being increasingly recognised as important. The riots of last month illustrate that UpRising is very much needed to work with young people to increase their stakeholding in their local communities, to establish a sense of belonging, understand rights and responsibility and to be active agents of positive change.

I would like to thank everyone involved in the programme, including our patrons, ambassadors, mentors, speakers and key strategic partners for believing and investing in our UpRisers and ensuring UpRising goes from strength to strength. I hope you enjoy our first newsletter and look forward to working with many of you in the coming months.

Many Thanks,



Alveena Malik

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# Updates

## UpRisers meet Nick Clegg

On 17th September 2011, the Deputy Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. Nick Clegg MP, met graduates of the UpRising Leadership Programme in Birmingham's Custard Factory.

At the event the UpRisers led a topical discussion around the issues of social mobility, skills and employability, as well as the positive contributions they have made to rebuild their communities after last month's riots.

Clegg went on to draw inspiration from his meeting with UpRising in his speech to the Liberal Democrat Conference on Monday the 21st of September:



"On Saturday I met a group of young people working with a charity called **UpRising**, here in Birmingham. All from really difficult backgrounds. One young woman, Chantal, told me that she only started to thrive when she found someone who believed in her. I want every child to believe in themselves." – Nick Clegg MP, Patron

To see the Guardian coverage of [Nick Clegg's speech click here](#).  
The Sky News video footage of the [event can be viewed here](#).  
The full transcript of his 21 September [speech can be viewed here](#).

## UpRising expands to Bedford with new funding

UpRising is delighted to announce the Launch of the programme in Bedford thanks to the support of [The Bedford Charity \(Harpur Trust\)](#)

With a strong presence in three cities – London, Birmingham and Bedford – UpRising is now working with over 100 participants and an alumni of 200 UpRisers.

### UPRISER CASE STUDY: SOPHIE



**Sophie Richardson** is now President of the Students' Union at Queen Mary University. Sophie is a founding member of the Teen 2015 social action campaign group on UpRising which aims to engage young people in the political process and participation. [More here](#).

### UPRISER CASE STUDY: SOTEZ



**Sotez Chowdhury** is now a Community Organiser (Shoreditch) for Citizens UK. Following a Masters in community organising, Sotez delivered a lecture at London Met and will also be co-writing a new masters course in the subject. His social action campaign supports young people in Tower Hamlets through a community mentoring scheme. [More here](#).

### UPRISER CASE STUDY: DOMINIKA

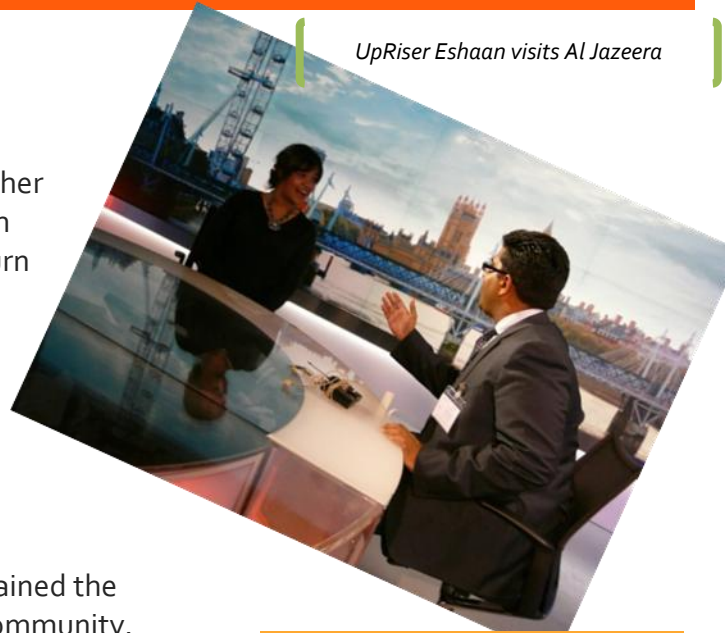


Over the summer, through UpRising, Dominika completed an internship in Shabana Mahmood MP's office and is training to be a facilitator for the Soliya. Together with fellow UpRiser Henrietta Brealey, Dominika is coordinating the International Women's Week at the University of Birmingham for March 2012. The event will showcase the successes of women and progress of women's rights around the world.

## NCVO report confirms continued success

The independent evaluation states that UpRising brings together diverse groups of talented young people and equips them with skills, knowledge, confidence and perceptions to help them turn their ideas and passion into actions to improve society and their communities. This can be demonstrated through their job role, volunteering or a position of public leadership

- 100% of UpRisers expanded their social networks and 83% took action to develop these contacts.
- 95% of empowered UpRisers believe that they have gained the skills to change issues affecting them and their local community.
- 79% of UpRisers are contributing to communities or trying to influence social change.



UpRiser Eshaan visits Al Jazeera

### OUR IMPACT

For more information regarding the NCVO Report and our impact data please visit our website here:

[uprising.org.uk/OurImpact](http://uprising.org.uk/OurImpact)

### NEW SCHEME LAUNCHED BY BUZZBNK AND UPRISING

*Lend Me A Tenner* is a scheme developed by Michael Norton OBE, [buzzbnk](#) and the UpRising programme. This is an online platform to enable UpRisers to raise money for their **social action campaigns** by soliciting the support of their friends and networks. 5 social action campaigns are featured on the website and you can explore some examples by [clicking here](#) and [here](#).



UpRising Patron Nick Clegg *lending a tenner* to UpRising Social Action Group

### A NEW YEAR OF UPRISING PROGRAMMES BEGIN IN OCTOBER 2011.



In October 2011 UpRising will launch a new year of programmes in London, Bedford and Birmingham.

We are delighted by the support for the project within the three cities as well as continued interest on a national level.

### MENTORING

We are delighted to announce that UpRising ambassador Lord Gus Macdonald will be hosting the UpRising mentor induction evening in November. We are grateful for the Macquarie Group Foundation's continued support of this programme.



To find out more about mentoring [click here](#).

If you are interested in mentoring please [email us here](#) or call 0208 980 6263

# Looking Forward

## UpRising Fundraising Gala Dinner at the House of Lords

On 18 October 2011, Baroness Oona King and Rushanara Ali MP Bethnal Green and Bow will co-host the UpRising Fundraising Gala Dinner.

Highlights include a keynote speech by UpRising Patron Ed Miliband MP; Graduation of London UpRisers; and a dinner reception compered by Comedienne Deborah Frances – White.

Invited guests include Vince Cable and Ed Vaizey MP.

The event forms part of a key fundraising drive to ensure UpRising continues its crucial work supporting young people to become leaders and create positive change across the UK.

**Interested in attending?** Please contact the UpRising team by Friday 7 October [UpRising@YoungFoundation.org.uk](mailto:UpRising@YoungFoundation.org.uk) or call us on 0208 980 6263



## Online Fundraising Auction

In conjunction with the House of Lords event, UpRising will be launching an online auction to support our fundraising. Auction items include: dinner for four at Nobu; signed Arsenal shirt; a signed copy of Tony Blair's autobiography and much more... The auction will go live on 14 October. [Details to follow on the UpRising website.](#)

### UPRISERS TO ATTEND EVENT AT 10 DOWNING STREET



On November 16th 2011 UpRisers will meet Prime Minister David Cameron, Patron of UpRising, at 10 Downing Street. UpRisers will showcase their leadership journey at a reception for Young Leaders across the country.

### UPRISING AND THE BRITISH – AMERICAN PROJECT

During their annual conference in London, [BAP](#) will be hosting a speed networking event for UpRisers on the 5 November 2011. UpRisers will have the chance to meet some of BAP's distinguished members and broaden their network of leaders over the Atlantic. The event will support our participants' leadership journey, developing their networking skills to operate effectively within a diverse Britain and globalised world.



### FUNDING UPDATE

We would like to thank the London 2012 Changing Places Programme and the Olympic Park Legacy Committee (OPLC), NHS West Midlands, Birmingham Future and The Bedford Charity (Harpur Trust) for funding us.

We are actively fundraising. If you are interested in donating to UpRising or sponsoring UpRisers please contact Adiva Kestenbaum ([adiva.kestenbaum@youngfoundation.org](mailto:adiva.kestenbaum@youngfoundation.org)) or call on 0208 980 6263)

