

# Almira Cemmell – A WEF Young Global Leader

**Almira Cemmell is a Managing Director at FTI Consulting in London. She co-leads the Global Risk & Investigations Practice, where she manages a variety of pre-transactional due diligence investigations, arbitration support and dispute resolution cases.**

Almira is also a [Young Global Leader](#) of the World Economic Forum, a community of over 800 enterprising, socially-minded men and women selected under the age of 40, who are made up of leaders from all walks of life and from every region of the world.

Here Almira tells us how she became a Young Global Leader (YGL) and why the role is so important to her.

## **How did you become involved in the YGL programme?**

I have had a long involvement with a number of charities and not for profit organisations, dating back to the early 2000s when I was in the leadership team of the Serbian Student Union which played a pivotal role in establishing the post-Communist government. One of these charities nominated me as a YGL in 2013.

## **What does the role involve?**

Approximately 100 YGLs are selected each year with a mandate of six years. The community comprises of artists, engineers and scientists, philanthropists and those in business. Typically YGLs are at the top of their respective fields, but they often don't have linear careers and wear multiple hats in seemingly unconnected fields.

The focus of the role is one of finding ways to build a strong, forward-looking community which seeks to understand our common global risks and find sustainable solutions for the future. This might involve joining forces with a fellow YGL in relation to a philanthropic matter or pro bono work, or it might involve working on one of the YGL initiatives.

The YGL programme offers some outstanding and unique opportunities, including the chance to contribute to specially curated leadership education modules at Harvard, Yale, Oxford, Stanford and other universities.



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### **How are you able to contribute to the WEF programme of activities?**

I have been incredibly privileged to attend many WEF regional meetings, including the Annual Meeting in Davos, and have been honoured to meet various global leaders in private sessions designed for a small YGL groups. These have often included Presidents and senior politicians, CEOs of industry leaders and Nobel winners.

These can often be ad hoc and confidential sessions to help assist these leaders to think through real issues that their organisations or governments are facing. I must be honest in that am quite geeky, so I find it exciting and beyond inspiring to suggest a solution to a CEO of a tech giant which they haven't considered before.

### **What are your overall thoughts about the YGL programme?**

Ultimately, it is incredibly humbling and inspiring to be part of this community, and the most rewarding part of it is spending time with other YGLs and hearing their fascinating stories, ideas and aspirations. For me, it has been an endless source of learning and development, and I have been lucky to develop many strong bonds and long-lasting friendships.

It has also been a great inspiration for how I work and try to manage my team at FTI Consulting, which is very diverse, international and predominantly female.

The YGL programme has been a wonderful initiative for me to be involved with over the past four years and I am very pleased to have had this opportunity to try to make a difference in the world.



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