

AIESEC

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**Youth leadership
is not an option, it
is our
responsibility.**

AIESEC - Why We Do What We Do



Our vision: peace and the fulfilment
of humankind's potential.

To achieve this we seek to engage and
empower every young person.

What is AIESEC?

AIESEC is a global platform for young people to explore and develop their leadership potential. We are a non-political, independent, not-for-profit organisation run by students and recent graduates of institutions of higher education. Its members are interested in world issues, leadership and management. AIESEC does not discriminate on the basis of ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion or national / social origin.

Since we were founded, we have engaged and developed over **1,000,000 young people** who have been through an AIESEC experience. The impact of our organisation can be seen through our alumni who represent business, NGO and world leaders, including one **Nobel Peace Prize laureate**, Martti Ahtisaari of Finland.

What does AIESEC stand for?

AIESEC (pronounced eye-sek) was originally an acronym for Association Internationale des Étudiants en Sciences Économiques et Commerciales. AIESEC is **no longer used as an acronym** but simply as the name of the organisation.

Members of AIESEC are known as "AIESECers."

Youth-run

We are a global network of young leaders under the age of 30 who strive to better themselves and the communities around them. We are passionate about world issues, leadership development, cultural understanding and experiential learning.

The organisation spans 126 countries and territories and every aspect of AIESEC's operations are managed by students and recent graduates.

We have operated in this way since our inception, making us uniquely "by students, for students", for over 65 years. The global leadership teams are elected by the membership annually.

Independent & non-political

AIESEC does not have a pre-defined or officially accepted political tendency or subscription.

AIESEC is not a subsidiary or dependent entity of any other bodies in its work, sustainability or decisions.

We are in consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), affiliated with the UN DPI, member of ICMYO, and is recognised by UNESCO.

Origins

AIESEC was founded in **1948** in 7 countries in Europe by Jean Choplin (France), Bengt Sjöstrand (Sweden), and Dr. Albert Kaltenthaler (Germany). Over 65 years later we are present in **126 countries and territories**.

 **5,000+**
partner organisations

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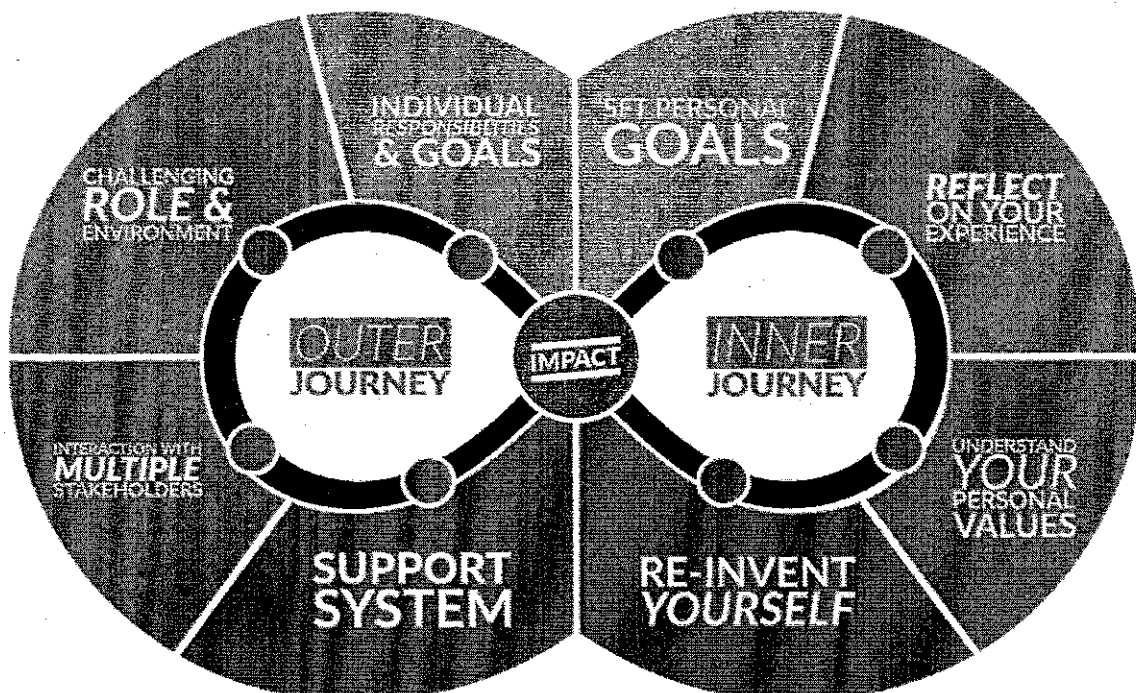
 **70,000**
active members

 **2,400**
universities represented

 **1,000,000+**
AIESEC alumni

Why we do it

The world is full of complex challenges that need better leadership to address them. Our belief is that responsible and entrepreneurial **leadership** can help us solve many of today's challenges. Leaders who not only have the capabilities to create impact, but also the values that will guide their ethics and decision-making. From our early roots at the end of WWII our vision begins with changing the world not only from the outside, but from the inside out through the leaders we develop.



How we do it

Every year, we facilitate tens of thousands of life-changing experiences for students and recent graduates. Ranging from professional internships, volunteering experiences, or being a member of AIESEC on campus, we offer young people a chance to discover their leadership potential. Through our extensive partnerships ranging from multinationals to social enterprises, we offer young people the gain valuable skills, networks and competencies for future success.