

CHARTA of the K4DP Next Level Academy (NLA)

The Next Level Academy of K4DP is a Community of Youth and Students Organisations, dedicated to developing the world for the better, based on knowledge and partnerships. It is anchored in the Knowledge for Development Partnership, a global non-profit organisation with the same mission.

The purpose of the Next Level Academy is

- to connect and strengthen its member organisations,
- to foster knowledge sharing and partnership among its members,
- to represent common interests and facilitate joint activities,
- to deepen the principles of knowledge, development, and partnership,
- to associate its members with the Knowledge for Development Partnership.

Any youth organization can be member of K4DP Next Level Academy as long as it is committed to the principles of knowledge, development and partnership, as they are reflected in this Charta:

- NLA members are committed to the continuous pursuit of knowledge, truth, and wisdom, aimed at competent and responsible action, unbiased scientific advancement, and holistic understanding of human and universal being, complementing education and training as a life-long individual engagement.
- NLA members are committed to pursuing sustainable development on any level, including the personal, community, national and global level. Sustainable development reflects human rights, the sustainable development goals of the United Nations, and any positive aspiration for better life on earth.
- NLA members are committed to life-long partnership among themselves and among their individual members. In community of the principles, all individual members have a right to fair helpfulness and advancement of trust, considering the high responsibility of their use.
- The pursuit of knowledge, development and partnership shall always be rooted in love and compassion of humanity and life on earth, bringing forth good conscience of its members. NLA members are respectful of religions and individual beliefs and will never require or prefer any religious affiliation.

The member organisations of the Next Level Academy are autonomous as long as they are aligned with the fundamental principles stated above. In doubt limitations do not exist. The motto is: “In necessity unity, in doubt liberty, in everything charity.”

The Next Level Academy and its members are independent of any political party.

NLA, as well as its member organisations, are based on democratic principles. All members of NLA have equal rights. Restrictions are only permitted during a probationary period following the admission and in the event of breaches of obligations. Decision-making, executive and advisory bodies are set up to form and implement the will of the community.

The executive body (Management Team) is elected by the decision-making body (general assembly) and is responsible to it. For mediation of conflict and deciding about breaches of obligations, an arbitral tribunal is elected by the general assembly. The General Assembly elects a president, who promotes and represents NLA externally, without legally binding rights. The president shall be member of the K4DP Advisory Board. The Managing Directors of K4DP shall be regularly informed about NLA's activities and have a seat in its general assembly.

Within K4DP, NLA acts independently through its elected organs. It manages its resources autonomously. Being part of K4DP is a commitment to continued partnership beyond the period of youth of its members and to partnership with all K4D Partners.

This Charta is signed by the Knowledge for Development Partnership and the members of the Next Level Academy as a commitment to its objectives and responsibilities. This commitment shall be renewed after 5 years, otherwise it ends.