

Support Swiss and International Young Water Talents!

17 years-old Anna Sidonia Marugg has been granted the Swiss Junior Water Prize 2020 for her outstanding research on measuring microplastics, which are alarmingly close to the water springs in the Upper Engadin in Switzerland. Since then she has been at the water forefront on Swiss national media, fighting for awareness of microplastics in alpine water systems and is working to refine her simple tech solution with Swiss leading water research organisations.



A group of Swiss and international young water enthusiasts teamed up at the SWP Youth workshops to co-create innovative water solutions. With their Green Toilet project, they are one of 10 winners of the SWP Youth Water Challenge 2021. The team is developing an innovative nature-based sanitation system for a rural school in Brazil through a participatory citizen science approach. The results will be compiled in a manual on how to construct nature-based sanitation solutions for other rural communities around the globe.

These are only two examples of the impactful and innovative solutions the young and active community of SWP Youth is creating. Under the umbrella of the Swiss Water Partnership in collaboration with 70 leading organisations of the Swiss water sector, SWP Youth is working towards leveraging water in international cooperation and to support you in motivating young people to become active in the water sector. With these aims, it provides opportunities for Swiss water organisations and experts to engage with young water talents.

Engage with SWP Youth:

- ✓ **Become a Mentor**
- ✓ **Sponsor Youth Actions**
- ✓ **Co-create your Projects with Youth**

Become a mentor of one of 200 Swiss and international young water talents. Foster intergenerational exchange by offering your expertise:

- ✓ **One-on-one mentoring** with young and enthusiastic water leaders
- ✓ **Project mentoring** with groups of 1-5 young people who won the Youth Water Challenge
- ✓ **Mentoring of Swiss high school students or apprentices** for their graduation/matura work on a water-related topic.



You and your mentee will decide together. We recommend 6 - 12 hours per year.



This is mainly your time. The mentoring is a voluntary activity for SWP Youth.



From our experience you will: learn from intergenerational exchange, gain appreciation, new insights to up-to-date skills and competences from universities, vocational schools, connect with a talent pool for future recruitment, become enthusiastic about new ideas, and have a space to share your extensive knowledge and advice.



“Young people not only bring innovative ideas but also the drive to implement them in the water sector. I’m constantly inspired and humbled to see how young water talents across the world engage with SWP Youth to create and shape solutions for a water-secure world”

- Abishek Narayan, (Eawag/ETH Zürich), Member of SWP Youth Management Committee and SWP Steering Board

Sponsor Youth Actions by providing core funding to the SWP Youth Management Committee for one year or over the whole phase (2022-2025). We will carefully review and decide on the best investment in the SWP youth actions over the next years:

✓ **Youth Water Challenge.** Every year, Swiss and International young water talents join the water challenge to co-create innovative water projects. The winners implement their projects around the globe over a 1-year period. As a prize they receive up to 2'000 CHF and mentorship from leading Swiss water experts.

✓ **The Swiss Junior Water Prize.** The prize recognises young students between 15 and 20 years old for their outstanding school water projects. The winner is entitled to represent Switzerland in the international competition Stockholm Junior Water Prize and receives coaching by Swiss water experts.







Your time to review the sponsorship agreement with SWP Youth. The administrative effort remains minimal.



Sponsoring is recommended between 1'000 – 20'000 CHF per year. See sponsoring overview below.



Visibility at Swiss and International professional and youth water networks, low-cost social engagement and other benefits, depending on your sponsoring level.

Sponsor	Contribution	Our offer
 Drop	Event support, e.g rooms and Apéro	Appreciation at event
 Water bottle	Mentoring	Appreciation on website
 Fountain	1'000 - 10'000 CHF	Logo and appreciation in all communication
 River	10'000 CHF +	We can agree on additional services



Co-create your Projects with Youth. Do you have a specific challenge, which needs leadership and new thinking? Define and design your own project and invite a young, inspiring SWP Youth team of water experts to create tailor-made solutions, developed through cutting edge agile approaches.



Your time to design your challenge and regular meetings with the project team.



Decided on a case-by-case basis.



New inspiring solutions, access and exchange with motivated water youth talents.



About SWP Youth

Who are the members: Swiss and international young water professionals, students, apprentices, pupils and future water leaders

Age group: between 15 and 31 years

Membership base: over 200 members and constantly growing

Who are the mentors: Dedicated experts from leading Swiss water organisations

Governance: SWP Youth is guided by a Management Committee of 3 young water experts, representing different parts of Switzerland and is supported by the SWP Youth Focal Point from the Swiss Water Partnership secretariat

Find out more on SWP Youth <https://www.swisswaterpartnership.ch/youth/>

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