



The Stone Soup Leadership Institute's  
Best of the Year  
Week of December 26, 2021 - January 1 2022

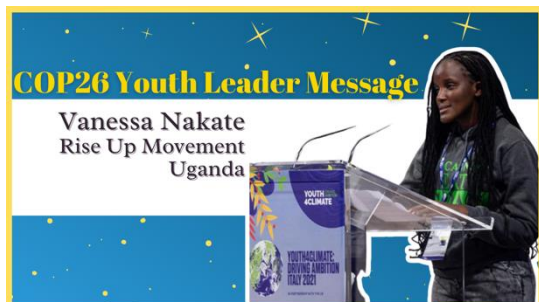


**SundayThoughts: Story: Vanessa Nakate**

This year Vanessa has risen to become a global spokesperson for young climate activists and for Africa. #ClimateAction #representation #ClimateChange Read her story and then her book, A Bigger Picture. @vanessa\_vash

<https://thriveglobal.com/stories/rise-up-for-africa/>

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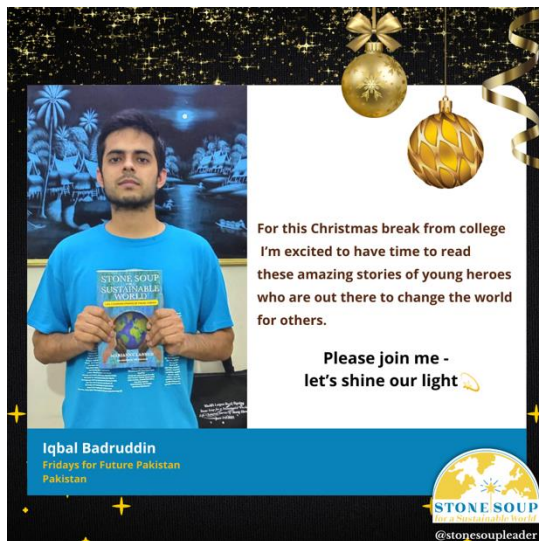


**Sunday: Vanessa Video: Message to the World Leaders**

Vanessa delivered a series of powerful speeches to world leaders at #COP26 - "no action is too small to make a difference & no voice is too small to make a difference." Watch here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2DptvDbjptA>

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**Monday: Iqbal Quote**

Let's join with Iqbal and nurture our souls with these #StoneSoupYoungHeroes stories.

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**Best Story of the Year**

THRIVE GLOBAL  
**Indigenous Leader Invites Youth to Share Their Gifts**

*If you can't find a seat at the table, build your own table! You will make an impact. Youth always do. We have more influence than we think we do. We need to take advantage of that.*

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**Monday: Xiye Story**

Xiye is a leading voice for indigenous and immigrant visibility in climate activism, esp. the global south-& this year @xiyebastida's leadership was a #Bestof2021 highlight for the United Nations COP26 Learn about her here:

<https://thriveglobal.com/stories/indigenous-leader-invites-youth-to-share-their-gifts/>  
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 #SpreadTheLight #MondayMotivation

**Xiye Bastida at the Premiere of Don't Look Up**  
 with Leonardo DiCaprio, Jennifer Lawrence, Meryl Streep, Jonah Hill

*The movie does a very good job of telling things as they are, but also being a movie that is approachable for people, and that people are actually going to see.*

The Boston Globe  
 read more: [bit.ly/33k4dJr](https://bit.ly/33k4dJr)

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**Monday: Xiye: Don't Look Up**

Join @xiyebastida & watch #DontLookUp now streaming on @netflix

"We snuck these posters into the premiere because the hope is that once everyone sees what a world of inaction looks like, they'll be pushed to stop catastrophe in our beautiful Mother Earth.

#ClimateAction is one of 2021's brightest spots.  
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 #TakeAction

**Best Story of the Year**

THRIVE GLOBAL  
**A Life of Service**

*Gary believes that education is the first responsibility of any venture that is trying to make a lasting impact on the world. "The first thing to do is to study up on sustainability issues and understand them inside and out."*

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**Tuesday: Gary White Story**

Gary White and Matt Damon's life-changing work at @water #Bestof2021 check out: Water Equity: Invest in #ClimateAction <https://waterequity.org/> Read Gary's story: <https://thriveglobal.com/stories/a-life-of-service/>

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 #PowerOfPositivity #ClimateChange #SaveThePlanet  
 #Global #Water #Service



### Tuesday: Gary White Call to Action

Join Gary @Water in the #StoneSoupChallenge by turning off the water while you brush your teeth. #ClimateSolution. Thank you, Gary for showing us all how we can take small steps for change!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RuJ3K931rjQ>

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#SaveThePlanet #Service



### Wednesday: Lilly Platt: Story

Lilly Platt is The Institute's youngest #Bestof2021 - @lillys\_plastic\_pickup is a youth ambassador for @PlasticPollutes this year! Be inspired by her story: <https://thriveglobal.com/stories/caring-for-the-circle-of-life/>

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### Wednesday: Lilly Platt & Jane Goodall

Imagine when Lilly @lillys\_plastic\_pickup (then 10 years old) met her heroine Dr. Jane Goodall @JaneGoodallInst in 2018 "A curious child, Lilly began by studying. She watched @DavidAttenborough's documentaries and listened to Dr. Jane Goodall's speeches" from her story in Stone Soup for a Sustainable World.

#HappyHolidays #ClimateChange #Global #RiseUp

#netherlands #PlasticPollution #SingleUsePlastic

#Environmentalist #StoneSoupYoungHeroes



### Thursday: Vihaan Story

Vihaan & Nav are one of the Institute's #BestOf2021 🌱 for their ground-breaking initiative to propel Delhi towards a greener future @onestep\_greener - Be inspired to act by reading their story: <https://thriveglobal.com/stories/turning-trash-into-trees/>

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 #SaveThePlanet

#HappyHolidays #Global

## The Washington Post

Democracy Dies in Darkness



World  
**Indian brothers win Children's Peace Prize for waste project**

By Mike Corle | AP  
 November 13, 2021 at 11:50 a.m. EST

### Thursday: Vihaan Press

We're so proud of Vihaan & Nav for the International Children's Peace Prize! Their leadership of @onestep\_greener proves how young people can lead the fight against #ClimateChange [bit.ly/31b269U](https://bit.ly/31b269U)

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 #ClimateAction #India



### Thursday: Kwanzaa

Happy Kwanzaa from the Institute! Thank you for honoring these 7 principles: Unity, Self Determination, Purpose, Creativity, Faith, Collective Work and Cooperative Economics. May the nguzo saba guide us into the New Year.

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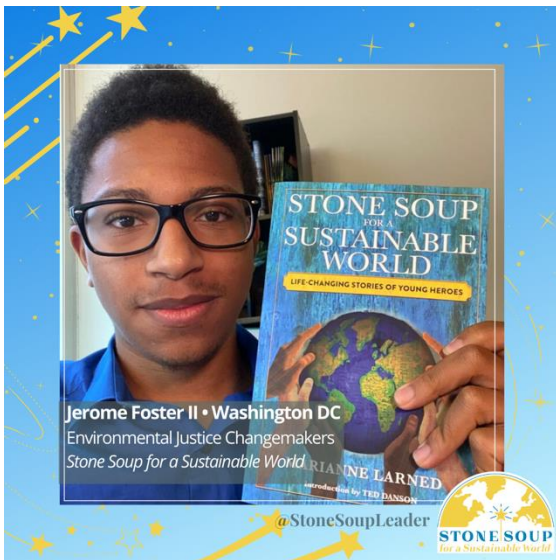
**Friday: Jerome Foster II Story**

@JeromeFosterII is one of Institute's #Bestof2021 🏆 for his leadership from the @whitehouse as the youngest member of President Biden's Environmental Justice Council & to #COP26 in Scotland, then South Korea, Paris and London.

Read his story here:

<https://thriveglobal.com/stories/changemaking-from-the-nations-capital/>

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 #Inspiration #TakeAction #PowerOfPositivity  
 #ClimateChange #SaveThePlanet #GiftIdeas #Global  
 #Voting #Civics



**Friday: Jerome Foster II: Why the Book Matters** Listen to @JeromeFosterII of @OneMillionOfUs speak truth to power & advocate for young people to have a voice in the #ClimateAction movement. Be inspired by his passion for the 100 stories in our book!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0TU565Y1YwE>

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**Saturday: Arshak Thrive Global**

Arshak is one of the Institute's #Bestof2021 for @Makichyan.Arshak's bravery @ #COP26 & vision in #Russia. "Russia will be green and free." Be inspired by his story read here:

<https://thriveglobal.com/stories/standing-alone-together/>

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### Saturday: New Year Post

Happy New Year from the Stone Soup Leadership Institute!

Join us on our journey to shine the light on all our courageous young people and their important work to build a more just, equitable and sustainable world. 🌍

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#PowerOfPositivity#ClimateChange  
#SaveThePlanet #Global #NewYear



### Saturday: Book II Collage

As you look forward to 2022, take time to reflect on your goals & how you can engage others #ClimateAction #SaveThePlanet

Together the #StoneSoupLeaderFamily is a powerful resource of #inspiration 🤝💖 #StoneSoupYoungHeroes #SpreadTheLight #Inspiration #TakeAction #ClimateAction#SaveThePlanet