

# Five UPG Sustainability Leaders from Europe compete for votes to reach Hurricane Island, USA

*Five UPG Sustainability Leaders from across Europe compete for your vote to win a place on the Journey To Hurricane Island (USA)*

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND, February 3, 2023 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Five [#UPGSustainability](#) leaders from Europe have been nominated to compete for the [#JourneyToHurricane](#) campaign for a 1- week leadership training in [Hurricane](#) Island Center for Science and Leadership in USA. Members of the public are voting in the thousands to determine which Leaders will win the coveted spots.

These five Nominees come from various parts of the European region, are diverse in their backgrounds and their dreams and they are united by the separate actions and projects that they are doing to create a better and more sustainable world. They share their stories via text and videos that can be viewed on the campaign site: <https://upglive.org/journeytohurricane>. In addition, there are regular Instagram LIVE sessions where voters can interact with each Nominee.

Meet the [#UPGSustainability](#) Leaders from Europe who are participating in the campaign

Meet Elena-Alexandra Miron from Romania. She considers herself a sustainability change-maker and represents Romanian youth voices as the Vice President of the Youth Council of Romania. She is working as a Sustainability lead at Social Innovation Solutions, an organisation that supports sustainable development & responsible economic growth in Romania. She is campaigning to [#JourneyToHurricane](#), listen to what she has to say: <https://upglive.org/vote>



The graphic features a green background with a white circular frame containing a photo of Elena-Alexandra Miron. Above the photo, the text reads '#UPGSUSTAINABILITY' and '#JOURNEYTOHURRICANE'. In the top right corner, there is a logo for 'UNITED PEOPLE GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY LEADERSHIP'. To the right of the photo is a small circular flag of Romania. Below the photo, the name 'ELENA-ALEXANDRA' is written. At the bottom, there is a white button with the text 'VOTE' and a green checkmark icon, followed by the URL 'HTTPS://UPGLIVE.ORG/VOTE-ELENA'.

Elena-Alexandra Miron- [#UPGSustainability](#) Leader

-elena

Meet Kedar from Germany. His interventions support individuals in Asia region mainly on climate change impacts. So to help adapt and mitigate climate change impacts, He is working with them from Europe (Germany). He is campaigning to #JourneyToHurricane, listen to what he has to say: <https://upglive.org/vote-kedar>

Meet Ogemdi, a #UPGSustainability Leader based in the United Kingdom where she is currently using her PhD research project (a simple two-pronged technology to cut down on carbon emissions from organic wastes such as those from the agricultural sector whilst generating clean energy) to address two Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations (SDGs 7 and 13), so everyone can have access to a wide variety of clean and environmentally friendly energy sources that are cheap. She is campaigning on #JourneyToHurricane, listen to what she has to say:

<https://upglive.org/vote-ogemdi>

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*Yemi Babington- Ashaye.  
President, United People  
Global*

Meet Serxho Preka from Albania, Western Balkans, Europe. He has a degree in Economics and believes he was born to be a green entrepreneur. He is Looking forward to making a positive impact on society by using his knowledge and expertise while at the same time satisfying the urge to do something meaningful. He is campaigning to #JourneyToHurricane, listen to what he has to say:

<https://upglive.org/vote-serxho>

Meet Oleksa from Ukraine, a #UPGSustainability Leader that believes in peace and promoting sustainable development goals. She is campaigning to #JourneyToHurricane, listen to what she has to say: <https://upglive.org/vote-oleksa>

Voters from each region are making their voices heard before the polls close at midnight CET on Sunday, 5 February 2023. Voters are eligible to win 40 prizes (outlined below) and all they have to do it to vote.





The winning Leaders are unveiled at an upcoming #UPGSustainability Journey event taking place on Friday, 10 February 2023. At this event, the winners of the 40 prizes are also announced from the voting register. To attend, participants may RSVP here: <https://upglive.org/upgsi-events-RSVP>.


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Over 7,400 people have applied to be part of the Class of 2023 of UPG Sustainability Leadership. From the Class of 2022, 564 UPG Sustainability Leaders from across 100+ countries were trained and certified as part of UPG Sustainability Leadership. They completed an intensive 9-week training to become ambassadors for positive citizen leadership on sustainability. They are now active and leading local projects in their communities. Since 2019 they have directly trained over 14000+ citizens across all world regions (and counting) on how to make the world better through positive action and the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations.


Each year, selected groups are chosen for an additional, in-person training on Hurricane Island in the USA. This training is a fully-funded experience that is designed to strengthen each leader for the work they are doing in their communities. And so this week people from around

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Ogemdi Chinwendu Anika- #UPGSustainability Leader

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SERXHO

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Serxho Preka- #UPGSustainability Leader

the world are currently voting to select which of the 40 Nominees will be amongst the chosen ones. Voting is open until Midnight CET on Sunday, 5 February 2023.

Voters for the Journey to Hurricane campaign stand a chance to win amazing prizes: 40 incredible prizes!

7x - ONE voter from each region will receive a Golden Ticket for UPG Sustainability Leadership that they can use or give to someone that they care about

7x - ONE voter from each region will receive a Supporter Raffle ticket (can win \$250 and more).

7x - ONE voter from each region will receive UPG Champion status in 2023 (paid for by UPG)

7x - Feature an organisation that you nominate on UPG social media

4x - Spotlight: Feature on UPG social media - a post celebrating YOU!

2x - Voter(s) will receive a CASH jackpot of USD 100

2x - UPG Swag Kit 1: T-Shirt, Bag, A6 Notebook, Pen, Keyholder, Lanyard

2x - UPG pays a donation to a charity that you choose when you Make A Goodwill Vow. Up to USD 50 for each Goodwill Vow

2x - Be featured at an upcoming session of United Voices: What's Going On?

In addition to these prizes, everyone can win additional prizes by demonstrating their knowledge of the Leaders from each region. These prizes are managed separately and determined through a seven fun games focused on each region. To participate, RSVP here: <https://upglive.org/activity-rsvp>.

"The Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership is proud to partner with United People Global. We are eager to bring these UPG Sustainability Leaders to Hurricane Island to further their development and to build a rich network of leaders who learn from and depend on each other," said Bo Hoppin, Executive Director at the Hurricane Island Center for Leadership and Science.

UPG Sustainability Leadership is the world's largest and most comprehensive sustainability leadership training for young adults. It is a free programme that mobilises people and organisations to support positive citizen leadership on sustainability. This training is possible

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Oleksandra Kurbet - #UPGSustainability Leader

because of the support of UPG's partners and collaborators, especially the author and philanthropist, Rosamund Zander. To learn more about UPG Sustainability Leadership visit this link: <https://upglive.org/UPGSustainability>.

Since 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic has been part of the planning process at every step. And very strict measures are in place to ensure the safe travel and stay of the leaders on Hurricane Island as well as the safety of everyone directly or indirectly involved. These measures include vaccination and testing requirements at key moments throughout this period. These safety and hygiene measures are constantly under review as the pandemic continues to evolve - and the guidelines issued by the World Health Organization, the Center for Disease Control in the USA, as well as the local requirements in the US State of Maine are constantly monitored and respected.

#### Note to Editors

1. Vote: <https://upglive.org/journey-vote>
2. Visit #UPGSustainability #JourneyToHurricane: <https://upglive.org/journeytohurricane>
3. Learn about #UPGSustainability Leadership: <https://upglive.org/UPGSustainability>
4. Watch an introduction to #UPGSustainability: <https://youtu.be/UdxYNm-OwaY>
5. To partner or collaborate with UPG Sustainability Leadership, please visit: <https://upglive.org/letsconnect>
6. More about United People Global <https://unitedpeople.global/about-us>
7. Join UPG: <https://unitedpeople.global/join>
8. Join UPG's Media Community: <https://unitedpeople.global/nominations/journalists-nomination>
9. Follow UPG on most social media: @unitedpeopleglobal or on Twitter: @unitedpeople36
10. Social Media Hashtags: #UPGSustainability and #JourneyToHurricane

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