

CONNECT PROGRAM™

What is the Connect Program?

The Connect Program brings together college students from around the world for meaningful, facilitated conversations across cultures. During the Program, you'll join a small group of about ten students to explore important global issues, identity, and your lived experiences in a respectful, supportive space. Groups meet weekly for two-hour live online dialogue sessions and continue conversations through Soliya's Exchange Portal, where you can also connect with a broader global community of thousands of young people. Students who complete the Connect Program are invited to continue their journey through Soliya's Continued Engagement opportunities, deepening key skills, relationships, and global understanding.

What do I gain?

- A Certificate of Participation that attests to the skills and experiences gained
- Global perspectives from young people of different backgrounds and worldviews
- Skills in cross-cultural communication, leadership, collaboration & critical thinking
- Membership to a global alumni network representing +100 nationalities
- Access to Soliya's skill-building workshops, webinars, career-learning, internships, etc.

Spring 2027 Calendar

Student Registration
March 1 - March 15
Register for the program, create your profile and complete your orientation

Connect Program Begins
Week of April 5
Complete introductory activities, meet with your group for the 1st live session

Connect Program Ends
Week of May 3
Meet with your group for the 5th live session; submit your final evaluation

Continued Engagement
Choose from a menu of options to continue your global learning journey

Alumni Reflections

The best thing about the program was the companionship and the opportunity to connect even during a pandemic.
– Program Participant, United States of America

It was eye-opening to hear diverse perspectives and realize how much we share in common despite our differences. The program created a unique environment for honest conversations, which made the experience deeply meaningful and memorable.
– Program Participant, Morocco

The real-time dialogue sessions enabled me to learn more about different aspects and become an active listener. I could sense the warmth of having conversations with everyone in a non-judgmental, open and safe space.
– Program Participant, Spain