

the 1990s, the number of people in the world who are under 15 years of age is expected to increase from 1.1 billion to 1.5 billion (United Nations 1994).

There is a growing awareness of the need to develop a new generation of leaders who are able to deal with the challenges of the 21st century. This has led to a number of initiatives aimed at developing leadership skills in young people. One of the most well-known of these is the Young Leaders Programme, which was launched in 1994 by the United Nations. The programme aims to develop the leadership skills of young people from all over the world, and to provide them with the opportunity to work together on projects that will benefit their communities.

There are a number of reasons why it is important to develop leadership skills in young people. First, it helps them to become more confident and self-reliant. Second, it gives them the opportunity to work with others and to learn from their experiences. Third, it helps them to develop a sense of responsibility and to become more active citizens.

There are a number of ways in which leadership skills can be developed in young people. One way is through formal education, such as the Young Leaders Programme. Another way is through informal education, such as participation in sports or other extracurricular activities. A third way is through on-the-job training, such as internships or apprenticeships.

It is important to note that leadership skills are not innate; they can be developed through practice and experience. This means that anyone, regardless of their age or background, can become a leader.

There are a number of challenges that young leaders face. One of the most common is the lack of resources. Young leaders often have to work with limited budgets and limited staff. Another challenge is the lack of experience. Young leaders often have to learn as they go, and this can be a steep learning curve.

Despite these challenges, young leaders are making a difference in the world. They are leading projects that improve the lives of their communities, and they are inspiring others to do the same. We hope that this book will help to inspire and support young leaders everywhere.

The book is divided into three parts. The first part, 'Introduction', provides an overview of the book and its aims. The second part, 'Leadership Skills', discusses the various skills that are needed to be an effective leader. The third part, 'Case Studies', provides examples of young leaders in action.

We hope that you will find this book useful and inspiring. We would like to thank the many young leaders who have helped us to develop this book, and the many people who have supported us throughout the process.

The book is dedicated to the young leaders of the world, who are the future of our planet. We hope that they will all find the inspiration and support they need to become effective leaders.

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