Youth leaders join for ‘Young Davos’

 Teens, 20-somethings aim to fix climate change where world leaders failed  Desmond Tutu among luminaries tutoring the next generation

Erin Schrode is an actress, model, designer and green activist — and she’s only 18 years old. The California native may soon be saving the world, too. In February, she was selected as one of its future leaders. “People in my generation have grown up with instant gratification,” Schrode tells Metro. “But when you tell them that their choices won’t affect just them, but their kids, too, they get involved.”

That’s exactly what Schrode does: As the founder of Greens Turning Green, she encourages teenagers to lobby cosmetics companies against toxic ingredients. “If people aren’t aware of the problems, nothing will change,” the New York University freshman says. “You have to educate, and teenagers want to be educated by their peers.”

Last week, the best of today’s teenagers and 20-somethings attended the inaugural One Young World Summit, labeled Young Davos, in London. “The impact that the resolutions passed at the summit have on influencing the world and effecting positive change,” One Young World founder David Jones, the CEO of global PR firm Havas, tells Metro. “We’re also hoping that One Young World will provide a platform for delegates to grow and impact the world and that some of them will go on to be heads of countries, to run major companies, to run the NGOs and to be brilliant social entrepreneurs.”

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