

ASPEN INSTITUTE IMPACT STORIES

Leadership

- Dozens of members of Congress, governors, cabinet secretaries, state legislative leaders, attorneys general, mayors of major cities, and seven former presidential candidates – including a former Vice President – are **Aspen Institute fellows**.
- As of 2024, 158 community college presidents, representing more than 13% of the sector, had been trained by the Institute's **College Excellence Program**.
- More than 15,000 of the world's most prominent leaders from over 4,000 organizations and 85 countries have taken the **Aspen Executive Seminar** since its inception 75 years ago.
- The Institute's **Aspen Global Leadership Network (AGLN)** has supported more than 4,000 global leaders in multiple continents – across Africa, Central America, China, Europe, the Middle East, and the United States – and has connected them for cross-boundary understanding and action.
- **AGLN Fellows** have launched over 2,500 social-impact ventures, tackling issues like education, healthcare, finance, domestic violence, and ethical leadership.
- The Institute's **Henry Crown Fellowship Program** has hosted 538 total Fellows and 27 total classes, representing 41 U.S. states, 20 countries, and six continents.

Societal Trust

- **Weave: The Social Fabric Project** created the Social Trust Map, an interactive experience to help folks identify the assets in their neighborhood that they can leverage to foster social trust. Recently bolstered by a \$22.4 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., Weave will partner with 75 community-based organizations and distribute awards to 6,000 local weavers who are tackling shared issues and bringing their communities together.
- In 2024, the Institute launched **a fellowship on character, virtue, and free inquiry** for newly installed college and university presidents. The Institute also co-created with Allstate a new initiative to connect, strengthen, and celebrate community-based organizations, key national institutions, and innovators focused on building trust.
- Partnering with Pivotal Ventures, the Institute's **Aspen Digital** program has established a new initiative—the Workplace Innovation Now (WIN) Challenge. With a shared vision for meaningful, sustained progress for women in the workplace, this initiative includes a competitive grant that will yield ideas and actionable plans.

Rising Generations

- ▶ Established in 2024, the Institute's **Center for Rising Generations** has quickly emerged as a recognizable, mission-oriented booster of young leaders through civic engagement, civil dialogue, and leadership development. Since its establishment, the Center has co-hosted a national research symposium with Georgetown University focused on the power and potential of adolescence, featuring young people as full participants in the discussion; and produced the Rising Generations Summit, bringing together 125 teenagers and 55 youth mentors for a full day of inspiration, skillbuilding, and networking.
- ▶ **Project Play**, the flagship initiative of the Sports & Society Program, developed the Children's Bill of Rights in Sports, a call to action for all youth to have access to healthy and safe play and competition. Major professional sports franchises, brands, and the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee have all endorsed the principles and guardrails.
- ▶ In New Orleans, the Travis Hill School's student-led team of teens in juvenile detention created a project proposal responding to the **Aspen Challenge**, to address the mental health needs of local youth by hosting bi-weekly family counseling sessions for families of incarcerated youth.
- ▶ More than 84,000 Opportunity Youth – young people aged 15 to 35 who are out of school, unemployed, or working in informal jobs – found new paths through employment and entrepreneurship with the support of the **Global Opportunity Youth Network**.

Institutional Strength

- ◆ Inspired by the Aspen Idea, 13 independent **International Partners** operating in 16 countries have adopted and expanded the Aspen Institute's model and methodology in their own communities.
- ◆ **The Resnick Center for Herbert Bayer Studies** is the world's leading organization preserving the legacy of Herbert Bayer. Since its opening in the summer of 2022, the Center gives context to the myriad ways in which Herbert Bayer and the Aspen Institute shaped the history of modern Aspen through free admission and extensive free public programming. The Center has welcomed nearly 10,000 visitors to its exhibitions and, by the end of the 2024-25 academic year, the Center hosted more than 1,300 students from the Roaring Fork Valley.