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Welcome to Ticker #4. Only a few weeks now until we meet in Washington, D.C. Here are more details on how things will be organised on site, what to pack, and what to consider. Furthermore, find out what this year's AGM brings you regarding our Working Groups, Committees, and GYA's collaboration with the world's young academies.

IMPORTANT DETAILS

The [AGM and Conference Programme 2024](#) has all the information about what will happen when and where. But there are more details you will need to know when on site - so read on!

Catering

Breakfast

Breakfast will not be available at the State Plaza hotel. Instead you will need to make your way to the National Academies building (see programme for times). There breakfast is available as follows:

New Member SLP participants & EC:

Sunday 5 May – Friday 10 May

All other GYA members and alumni:

Tuesday 7 May – Friday 10 May

Welcome Networking Dinner – Monday 6 May

Event catering for all members and alumni will begin with the Networking Dinner on Monday. All other catered meals in the programme on 5 and 6 May are by invitation only for designated specific groups (mainly the New Member SLP).

Please note that you will need to take care of your own meals before Dinner on 6 May, and after Lunch on 10 May!

What to pack

Overall dress code

Dress code of the event is **business casual** for the closed/AGM days and **business formal** for the two public days (8-9 May). The Gala Dinner on 8 May will be a formal evening wear event. We encourage everyone to wear formal dress that shows off their culture for an international flair.

Walking shoes

Our cultural excursion on Tuesday afternoon will be a walking tour of approx. 3.5 km that takes place after AGM sessions. Please bring comfortable walking shoes that you can wear with your business casual outfit. If you have mobility concerns about this walk, please contact GYA staff (info@globalyoungacademy.net) so alternative arrangements can be made.

ID

Make sure to carry **identification (passport)** with you throughout the event. There will be security checks when entering the various event venues.

Refillable water bottle

Please bring a bottle to refill with drinking water. There will be fountains available at the venue and we encourage participants to make use of this eco-friendly access to drinking water.

Travel adapter

In the United States, power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type A and type B are used. The standard voltage is 120 V at a frequency of 60 Hz. If you are not sure whether you will need a travel adapter, visit this site with easy instructions and tips: World Power Plugs & Sockets: [Travel Adapter Needed? \(power-plugs-sockets.com\)](https://www.power-plugs-sockets.com)

Not something to pack but still important: WiFi

Hotels will generally provide WiFi to their customers. The State Plaza will definitely do so. Even AirBnB's, in case that is what you booked, will do so. The conference will provide access data to the WiFi on site.

GET INVOLVED

GYA Activities: Working Groups, Incubators etc.

The 2024 AGM will be full of opportunities for GYA Activities Groups to meet, plan new projects, integrate new GYA members, transition to new co-leads, and showcase your work to fellow members and guests. GYA groups that are currently on pause can also

use the in-person interactions to get re-started! Check the updated [group websites](#) to find out about current activities, recent outcomes, and plans.

GYA Activities Fair – Tuesday, 7 May 14:00-15:30

This session is your chance to get to know working groups, committees and incubators, to recruit new members to your own activities, or to get involved in something new. It is also a fantastic opportunity to meet and mingle and discuss new ideas for projects. Each group will present a poster, which will be on display throughout the week.

Internal Group Meetings – Throughout the week

Groups will hold internal group meetings to discuss plans, select new co-leads (where relevant) and welcome new members. These internal group meetings are included in the [AGM programme](#) as “GYA Activity Groups Time”. Anna-Maria is currently helping groups to set their specific meeting times.

In addition, groups are encouraged to self-organise a post-AGM online meeting, to ensure transition to new co-leads, include members who were not in Washington D.C., and finalise plans for the coming months.

Special formats

Some groups have organised workshops during the AGM week; details can be found in the programme. There will also be a Highlights Session on Tuesday, 7 May, to highlight specific outcomes and finished projects by GYA Activities Groups over the past year, and share lessons learned for the GYA.

Join a group

All groups welcome new members. The 2024 incoming GYA member cohort have already received information about how to engage with the GYA groups, and how to make the best of their time meeting the various groups at the AGM or online.

After the AGM

Starting from mid-May 2024, groups will finalise their plans for coming months, apply for additional funding, and transition to new co-leads (if needed). An online meeting between all current, outgoing and incoming group co-leads, the 2024/25 EC and the Office will then be organised for the second half of June or early July.

Committees

Get involved in the GYA’s governance

As a member-driven organization, the GYA relies on members to volunteer to contribute to its Committees. Several Committees organize a wide variety of aspects of the GYA's operations. You can choose what interests you most, and then join directly on the Committee's website, or wait for the committees membership call in June. Information about all [GYA Committees can be found on the website](#), and they will also be presented at the GYA Activities Fair in Washington D.C. To get everyone started for the 2024/25 period, individual online committee meetings can be organized after the AGM.

Contact for Activities Groups & Committees at the AGM

All GYA Activity Groups co-leads have received an e-mail from Anna-Maria on 8 March. With any questions related to Activities Groups or Committees at the AGM, please contact [Anna-Maria](#) at the Office.

THE GYA AND THE WORLDWIDE NETWORK OF YOUNG ACADEMIES

In addition to its work as a member-based, independent young academy, the GYA also acts as a network facilitator for the world's Young Academies, by:

- Providing a network for communication and information-sharing among the Young Academies on our dedicated [Young Academies website](#), or via GYA-maintained mailing lists.
- Collecting and sharing best practices for the creation and [establishment of new Young Academies](#).
- Acting as (co-)organiser of Young Academy meetings, e.g., the [Worldwide Meeting of Young Academies in 2022](#) or the upcoming [European Young Academies Meeting](#).
- Acting as convener for joint Young Academy activities, e.g., the coordination of the drafting of the [2019 Declaration on the Guiding Principles of Young Academies](#).
- Facilitating contact and collaboration between networks of established science academies like IAP or ISC, and the world's Young Academies.

Young Academies at the AGM - In light of our role vis-à-vis the world's Young Academies, we are delighted to be co-hosted by the US New Voices! At the same time, several of our GYA members are also members of a national Young Academy or are currently working to create one in their respective country and will be able to add this additional perspective to our AGM.

Relevant Conference Panels - Plenary Panel I on 8 May will look at “Bridging the Gap and Paving the Way for Future Leaders”.

Discussing Young Academies at the AGM - Should you want to discuss the GYA’s collaboration with the Young Academies, or should you be interested in setting up a national Young Academy in your country, or for any other Young Academy-related question, please come and find EC members [Markus](#) and [Hussam](#) and Anna-Maria from the Office during one of the breaks in Washington DC!

REMINDERS

Run for Office in the Executive Committee 2024: Call is in your inbox.

The GYA is led by the EC, which is elected during the AGM. Find out more about the current EC here: [GYA Governance](#).

With less than two months to go until the AGM, it is time for you to consider whether this is the year you run for Co-Chair or EC member. What will you bring to the GYA? **The call for nominations is fresh out now!**

Workshop sign-ups

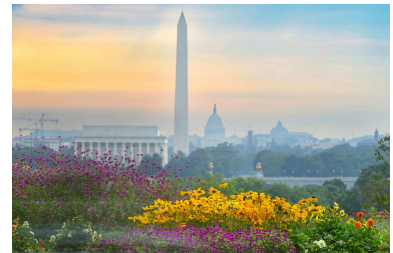
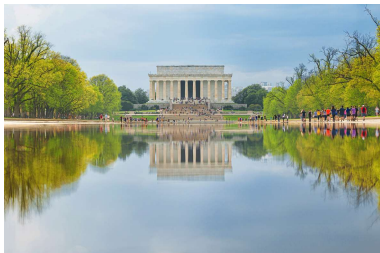
Do not miss the opportunity to join the AGM workshops. Sign-up is open and a prerequisite for participation: [AGM workshops](#).

THE WEATHER IN WASHINGTON, D.C.



Weather in early May in Washington, D.C. is a mix of warm and cool spring weather. Temperatures average between 20 and 25°C during the day, and usually no cooler than 15°C at night. We recommend bringing layered clothing for variable weather. The air-conditioning inside of buildings is sometimes cold for visitors, so bring a light sweater/jacket or scarf even for indoor activities.

The weather is rather humid, so nights do not cool off as much as in other climates. For an updated weather forecast, check this link: [Weather in Washington, D.C. in May 2024 \(Columbia\) - Detailed Weather Forecast for a Month \(world-weather.info\)](https://www.world-weather.info/usa/forecast/usa-weather-forecast-washington-dc-may-2024-columbia)



Pictured: Impressions of Washington, D.C. in spring. Source: Adobe Stock.

With this, the fourth Ticker comes to a close. We hope you enjoyed it. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us should you have questions or suggestions at info@globalyoungacademy.net. We will be happy to hear from you.

Stay healthy and see you soon!
The GYA Office.

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