

Next Gen Assembly 2025: Call-Out

How Can Fashion Value The Rights of Nature?

Introduction

Apply to participate in the [Next Gen Assembly 2025](#) – led by [Global Fashion Agenda \(GFA\)](#) and [Centre for Sustainable Fashion's Fashion Values](#) programme.

You are invited to radically rethink how fashion can value the rights of nature. We are searching for compassionate, hopeful, connective, empathetic and holistic thinkers, makers, and doers. We want to hear from those with strong commitment to, interest in, and/or experience in fashion and sustainability. Experience or background in fashion education or industry is a plus, but not essential. Applicants from diverse backgrounds and industries, globally, are encouraged to apply.

The selected candidates that form the Next Gen Assembly 2025 will receive a Summit ticket, travel, and accommodation for [Global Fashion Summit: Copenhagen Edition](#)¹ on 3-5 June 2025.

Climate Activist and Storyteller, Aditi Mayer will return as Ambassador for the programme.

“I’m honoured to join as the Ambassador for the Next Gen Assembly once more, helping mentor the next generation of thought leaders, visionaries, and changemakers at the intersection of fashion and climate. More than ever, we need to reconnect with ways of making that revive fashion’s intimate connection to nature – from how we grow raw materials, to how products can return back to Earth. To center nature in fashion is to understand the circularity in its trust, most authentic form.”

Testimony from Next Gen Assembly 2023 and 2024 members

“When you give us the opportunity not just to be observers but to participate actively in the conversations and create something, you are pushing us to develop and evolve as storytellers, creators or speakers, and that is essential.” **Next Gen Assembly member 2023**

“Next Gen Assembly was absolutely a life changing event. The entire experience helped in re-shaping my perspective on the fashion industry.” **Next Gen Assembly member 2023**

“My biggest highlight of the Next Gen Assembly was the industry roundtable. Before, I couldn’t imagine a place where you had some of the biggest names in the industry sit next to you and think of you as not just someone who’s really young, just starting out, but as someone who’s an equal voice, and who has something to say.” **Next Gen Assembly member 2024**

“What I’ve learned through Next Gen Assembly in terms of community has changed my perspective. I want to go back and do that same community for people back home. When we have a space to fully share our ideas and experiences, we have the feeling that we’re not alone on this journey.” **Next Gen Assembly member 2024**

Learn more about the Next Gen Assembly programme [here](#).

¹ Note: Terms and conditions apply

Activities

[GFA Academy](#) and [CSF](#) will support the eight selected candidates in developing skills, knowledge, and capabilities as sustainability changemakers.

Through a year-long collaborative programme supported by Target, the Next Gen Assembly will work through the [Fashion Values](#): Nature curriculum, participate in a series of online workshops, deliver an online Masterclass event, and attend [Global Fashion Summit: Copenhagen Edition 2025](#).

In the weeks preceding the Global Fashion Summit, the Next Gen Assembly will focus on community building and sharing aspirations, to co-create goals and methodologies for achieving change. This will lead to an exploration of how to be successful advocates for the fashion community and thoroughly prepare them for their roles at Global Fashion Summit 2025 in Copenhagen, Denmark on 3-5 June 2025.

Participants will play an integral role at the Global Fashion Summit. The 2025 Summit theme 'Barriers and Bridges', explores how challenging new barriers can be leveraged as bridges for tangible change. The Next Gen Assembly will experience case studies and visionary discussions on pathways to balance competing demands; climate action with business resilience, regulatory compliance with radical innovation, and near-term possibilities with long-term vision. Each individual will be assigned an on-site industry buddy and be meaningfully involved in activities and networking opportunities throughout the Summit. The chosen candidates can expect to interact with content from industry leaders, policymakers, changemakers, and thinkers.

Following the Summit, the Next Gen Assembly will continue to work together, advocating for the rights of nature, responding to opportunities to amplify Next Gen voices and contributing to changemaking activities until the end of 2025, unless existing programme activities require otherwise.

Who we're looking for

The Next Gen Assembly is a globally representative group that explores multiple and diverse approaches to creating a more prosperous fashion system. The Next Gen Assembly is inclusive of professions, perspectives, and practices across disciplines such as fashion design, technology, communication, supply chains, human rights, environmental stewardship, and business.

Assembly members should be:

- Between 18-30 years old.
- Students: Must be actively studying and have completed at least the first five semesters at Bachelor's level (EQF level 6) or be enrolled in studies at Master's level (EQF level 7).
- Professionals: Must have graduated within two (2) years prior to taking part in the Next Gen Assembly programme.
- Committed to undertaking CSF's Fashion Values: Nature curriculum.
- Aligned to at least one of the five [Fashion CEO Agenda](#) priorities.



Key Dates in 2025

Applicants must commit to being available on the following key dates.

Deadline for application	24 January
Shortlisting, interviews and selection	February (dates TBC)
Workshops 1-5 (online)	5 March 19 March 2 April 23 April 30 April
Masterclass	7 May
<i>Pre-Summit Brief (online)</i>	<i>27 May</i>
Global Fashion Summit (in Copenhagen)	3-5 June
<i>Summit Brief (in-person, Copenhagen)</i>	<i>3 June</i>
<i>Summit De-Brief (in-person, Copenhagen)</i>	<i>6 June</i>
Once-monthly meetings (online)	July - December
Development and delivery of NGA creative output (including opportunities for further online events where beneficial)	September – December
NGA members will also have the opportunity to write GFA-published articles (once-monthly)	September 2025 – April 2026

Application Process

Apply now via the Application Form [\[here\]](#).



Terms and Conditions

Upon successful submission of your application, you acknowledge and accept the requirements associated with participation in the programme. Before applying, please thoroughly review the terms, as they delineate crucial dates that require mandatory attendance and furnish pertinent information regarding your involvement in the programme.

1. It is required that the Applicant can travel to Copenhagen to take part in Next Gen Assembly related activities during Global Fashion Summit in June 2025. The Applicant commits to be available on all days of 3-6 June 2025. The organisers recommend the participant arrive the day before or at the latest on the morning of 3 June. The organisers recommend the participant leave no earlier than 6 June. GFA's travel partner will help coordinate the flights. Related mandatory activities include, but are not limited to:

- Attending Summit briefing and debriefing on 3 and 6 June
- Attending Global Fashion Summit on 4-5 June

2. GFA commits to provide the Applicant with funding to cover travel and accommodation during the stay of 2-6 June

3. The agreement does not cover the following expenses, to be covered by the Applicant separately: 1) Food and drink during the stay, 2) transportation to and from the airport and the different venues, and 3) potential visa costs related to travelling to Denmark.

4. Lunch will be served during Global Fashion Summit on 4-5 June

5. Applicants must complete the mandatory work prior to the Global Fashion Summit event, such as attending online workshops, reading items on the recommended reading lists, completing the Fashion Values: Nature curriculum, participating in an online masterclass event, and any other assignments given by the organising team.

About Global Fashion Agenda

Global Fashion Agenda is a non-profit organisation that fosters industry collaboration on sustainability in fashion to accelerate impact. With the vision of a net positive fashion industry, it drives action by mobilising, inspiring, influencing and educating all stakeholders.

About Global Fashion Summit

Global Fashion Summit is the leading international forum for sustainability in fashion. Convening major decision makers from across the world, the forum has become the nexus for agenda-setting discussions and presentations on the most critical environmental, social and ethical issues facing our industry and planet, all intended to spark urgent action and accelerate impact in the industry.

About Fashion Values

Fashion Values is a sustainability education programme led by Centre for Sustainable Fashion in collaboration with Kering, IBM, Vogue Business, Eyes on Talents, and GFA. The Fashion Values partners bring together a network of sustainability experts, fashion professionals, educators, academics and students from across the fashion system. The Fashion Values vision is to make sustainability education for fashion open, accessible, and transformative.