

World's Largest Leadership Summit Created By and For Young Women

Girls Future Ready Summit 2026 returns to Łódź on September 25, convening 1,000+ young women aged 14–26 with global leaders under the theme "Embrace being the youngest in the room."

ŁÓDŹ, POLAND — SEPTEMBER 25, 2026 — On September 25, 2026, the Girls Future Ready (GFR) Summit returns to the EC1 Museum in Łódź for its most ambitious edition yet — the world's largest leadership conference created by and for young women. More than 1,000 participants aged 14–26, traveling from across Poland, Europe, and beyond, will gather alongside some of the most influential leaders in business, media, technology, and public life.

Headlining the 2026 program is **Sanna Marin**, Strategic Counsellor and former Prime Minister of Finland, joined by self-made billionaire and PEAK6 co-founder **Jenny Just**. Their presence signals a clear message: the next generation of women leaders is not waiting for permission to take a seat at the table.

The Summit builds on the momentum of GFR Summit 2025, the largest gathering of its kind in Europe, which established Girls Future Ready as the defining platform for young women's leadership on the continent. The 2026 edition raises that ambition to a global stage.

A PROGRAM BUILT AROUND ONE IDEA

Under the theme "**Embrace being the youngest in the room**," the Summit pairs inspiring keynotes with expert panels and practical, intergenerational conversations spanning business, media, innovation, fashion, education, and new technologies. The day is designed not only to inspire but to equip — giving participants real access to knowledge, networks, and opportunity on their own terms.

Partners of the 2026 edition include **PLAY, KLM, Boston Consulting Group, Bank ING, PAYBACK, Roche, and DOUGLAS**, among others.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

- **Sanna Marin** — Strategic Counsellor; former Prime Minister of Finland
- **Jenny Just** — self-made billionaire, investor, and co-founder of fintech and options-trading firm PEAK6 Investments
- **Jade Bowler** — education advocate, content creator, and best-selling author of *The Only Study Guide You'll Ever Need*
- **Grzegorz Mazurek** — President of Kozminski University, Warsaw
- **Irma Veberic** — General Manager, Roche
- **Ewa Zmysłowska** — Board Member, PLAY
- **Bożena Graczyk** — Board Member, Bank ING
- **Dr. Vee Kativhu** — education activist, Young Leader at United Nations, founder of Empowered by Vee
- **Bailey Bass** — American Actress

QUOTES FROM ZOFIA KIERNER, FOUNDER OF GIRLS FUTURE READY

"Being the youngest in the room used to feel like a disadvantage. We've built a place where it's a superpower — because the people who see the future first are usually the ones who haven't been told yet what's impossible."

"We were raised to believe there was one seat at the table for women, and that we had to compete for it. The whole point of this Summit is to prove there isn't one seat — there's a bigger table, and we're building it together."

"This isn't a conference about someday. The girls in this room aren't preparing to become leaders — they already are. We're simply giving them the room to act like it."

"Seven years ago this was a teenager's idea about confidence. Today it's the largest leadership gathering by and for young women in the world. That arc is the whole argument: give young women the platform, and they will build something far bigger than anyone expected."

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Part I — Girls Future Ready Summit (9:30–18:00). The core leadership program, dedicated to young women aged 14–26, featuring keynote talks, intergenerational panels, and hands-on conversations with leaders across industries. Panel themes include Girls Education Ready, Girls Finance Ready (in collaboration with Bank ING), Girls STEM Ready, Girls Personal Brand Ready, Girls Negotiation Ready, Girls Leadership Ready, and Girls AI Ready.

Part II — Girls Future Ready Foundation Gala (18:00–20:00). An evening celebration of the foundation's mission and community, bringing together mentors, partners, and friends of GFR for an Awards Ceremony, a reflection on the foundation's impact, and networking over mocktails.

WHY IT MATTERS

- It is the largest and most influential leadership conference for young women in the world — created by them, for them.
- Every participant gains real access to knowledge, opportunity, and community. The mentor, employer, co-founder, or lifelong collaborator a participant is looking for may be sitting in the very next seat.
- Girls Future Ready has already empowered **107,000+ young women** in partnership with organizations including BCG, Swarovski, Roche, Air France-KLM, and VOGUE.

ABOUT GIRLS FUTURE READY

Girls Future Ready was founded by 15-year-old Zofia Kierner with a mission to build the confidence of young Polish girls. Seven years on, it is one of the largest educational organizations for young women in Europe, reaching more than 107,000 girls through programs in mentorship, leadership, and skills for the future. GFR's flagship event, the GFR Summit, is the world's largest leadership conference organized by and for young women.

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Date	September 25, 2026 9:30–20:00
Location	EC1 Museum, Łódź, Poland
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