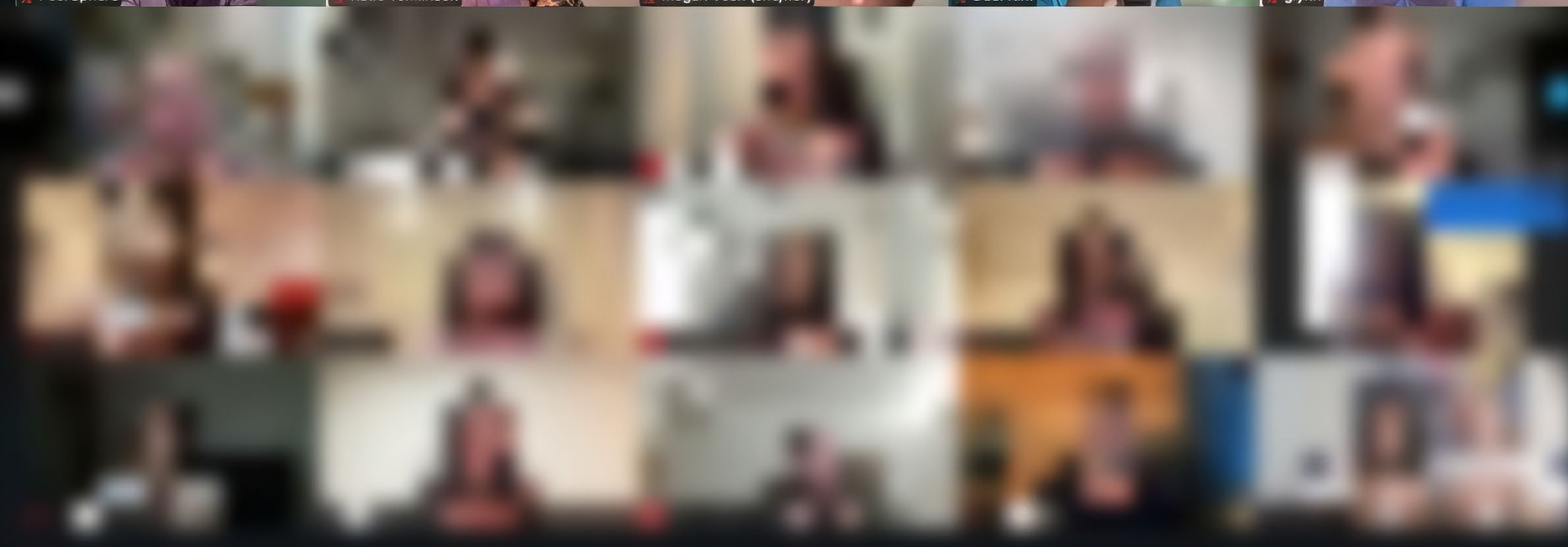
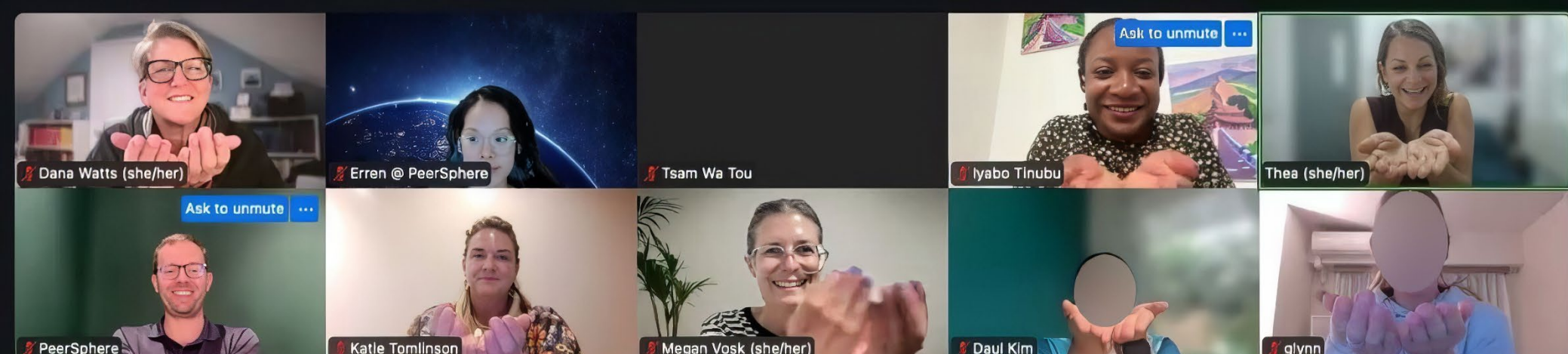


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Creating History

Our young people are not just future leaders - they are leaders now. Across international schools, students are already questioning inequities, organising initiatives, and advocating for more just and inclusive communities. Their voices matter in driving meaningful change toward gender equity.

The inaugural WISE Student Summit is created in direct response to this reality. Students are asking important questions about representation, power, and fairness, and they are seeking spaces where those questions can be explored collaboratively and meaningfully. Too often, conversations about gender equity happen *around* students rather than *with* them. This summit intentionally centres student voice, leadership, and lived experience.

The purpose of the summit is to bring together student leaders across South East Asia and beyond to:

- Amplify student-led initiatives focused on gender equity in schools and communities
- Learn from one another's experiences and insights
- Reflect on challenges and opportunities in advancing equity
- Build regional and global connections that support sustained collaboration

Hosted by [Women in International Schools Empowerment \(WISE\)](#) in collaboration with [PeerSphere](#) and [ISS](#), this summit represents a powerful step toward expanding gender equity work beyond adults and into the hands of young changemakers themselves.



What Is the WISE Student Summit?

The WISE Student Summit is an online, student-focused conference designed for young people who are passionate about gender equity and social justice.

WISE is a global organisation committed to advancing equity in international education. While WISE is widely known for supporting women educators and leaders, it also recognises the importance of student agency in creating lasting change.

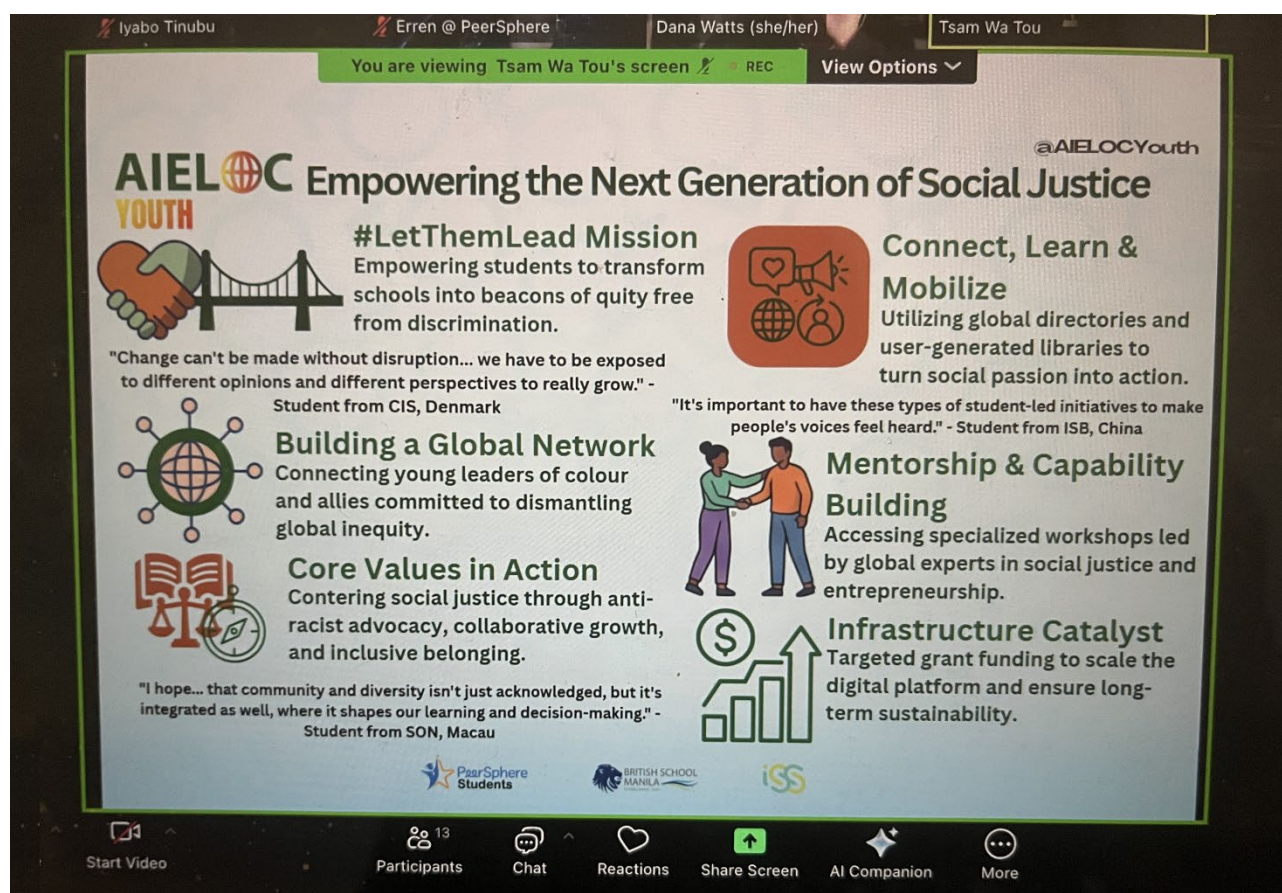
This summit...

is specifically designed for students...

brings together young changemakers from international schools worldwide...

is hosted online, increasing accessibility and global participation...

creating a shared space where students can connect, learn, and lead together across borders.



Why This Summit Matters

The WISE Student Summit offers a meaningful opportunity for students aged 14–18 who are interested in gender equity and leadership. Participants attend sessions to learn from peers and step into leadership roles by facilitating workshops and presentations.

More importantly, the summit focuses on outcomes, not just activities.

Students...

build confidence and leadership skills in authentic contexts

create real-world impact by sharing and refining equity-focused projects

learn from peers, recognising that leadership does not only come from adults

see themselves as part of a global movement for gender equity.

At its core, this summit is about student agency. It affirms students’ sense of belonging, nurtures purpose-driven leadership, and reinforces the message that young people have both the right and the responsibility to shape more equitable futures.

What Students Experience

The summit is designed to be active, engaging, and student-centred:

- connecting with peers from diverse cultural and regional contexts
- hosting and attending student-led mini-workshops
- showcasing school-based and community initiatives
- learning practical advocacy, collaboration, and leadership skills
- being inspired by our keynote, speaking on equity and justice

Rather than passively consuming information, students co-create the learning experience and contribute meaningfully to the collective dialogue.



Keynote Speaker

The summit featured a keynote address by Margaret Park, an experienced school leader and facilitator of adult and student learning.

Currently a Deputy Principal at Singapore American School, Margaret delivers workshops and keynote addresses at international education conferences worldwide and has served as an education equity consultant to international schools across the globe.

With a strong commitment to leadership development, Margaret’s deep experience in mentoring, coaching, and designing inclusive learning environments shines through an equity and justice lens. Students gain practical insights, thoughtful challenges, and inspiration to lead with purpose and integrity.

Epilogue

On 5 March, students from around the world came together for the WISE Student Summit, sharing powerful ideas and initiatives aimed at advancing gender equity in their communities. We had 50 attendees from nearly 20 international schools across Asia. Our keynote speaker, Margaret Park, delivered a powerful speech and call to action, encouraging all of us to reflect on what may be ingrained in our thinking and to actively challenge bias in all its forms.

We heard from six student groups that delivered workshops on supporting disadvantaged girls, expanding educational opportunities, and working toward more equitable futures. Others explored stereotypes and bias in the media, reflecting on how these shape their everyday experiences and what young people can do to challenge and rise above them. We closed by grounding our thinking in this year's International Women's Day theme, Give to Gain, asking students what they would give to their communities.

It was an honour and a privilege to have co-organised this impactful space for students to courageously share their work, ideas, and perspectives. The future of gender equity is in thoughtful and determined hands. A huge thank you to my co-organiser, Thea Williams, and to our WISE team for their support, and to our partners, Peershare and ISS, for their technical support and expertise.



Lyabo Tinubu is an educator, school leader, student advocate, culturally responsive practitioner, and lifelong learner with over a decade of experience in international education. She currently serves as the Dean of Students at the [International School of Beijing](#), where she works closely with students, families, and teachers to foster inclusive, student-centred learning environments. With additional teaching experience in London, Singapore, and Berlin, Lyabo brings a global perspective to her work in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Justice (DEIJ) and student leadership. Passionate about empowerment and representation, she is dedicated to ensuring that all students feel valued, seen, and capable of shaping their world. She believes deeply in the power of culturally responsive teaching, leadership development, and strong relationships to create meaningful and transformative learning experiences. Beyond the classroom, Lyabo is an active advocate within the international education community, collaborating with [AIELOC](#), [WomenEd](#), [WISE](#), and wider international DEIJ networks. She has led professional development initiatives, student leadership programmes, and school-wide cultural events, embedding equity and belonging at the heart of school culture. [in](#) [✉](#)

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