CHANGEMAKER CHALLENGE (CmC)

2016 VENTURE TEAMS

CSE (Seed Grant Winner)

Zhener Ma        NYU Shanghai
Xinyue Chen      NYU Shanghai
Yilun Wu         NYU Shanghai

CSE’s mission is to provide essential sex education and evaluation to Chinese college students. We want to decrease the rate of HIV infection, STD and abortion among the group and help colleges come to be aware of the importance of sex education.

LEAD Palestine

Hannah Benson     NYU Liberal Studies
Rafat (RJ) Khalaf NYU Liberal Studies

LEAD Palestine is an initiative that aims to inspire, motivate, and empower the next generation of Palestinian youth through leadership development training and mentorship. Working in collaboration with local organizations, community centers, and university students, we hope to offer students, ages 13-15 with a fun, hands-on, leadership-based summer camp and mentorship with local role models to help students develop a sense of community, confidence in their own capacities and acquire the necessary skills to solve problems that face them. We believe that everyone has the potential to be a leader, and we hope to cultivate that potential.

Make Sense (Grand Prize Winner)

Katherine Stein  NYU College of Arts & Science
Charles Moxley   NYU College of Arts & Science
Lenard Moxley    NYU College of Arts & Science
Aravind Murali   NYU Tandon School of Engineering
Shea Paris       American University
Jixuan Sun       NYU Tisch School of the Arts
Make Sense’s mission is to empower people to take meaningful and informed action on big issues affecting their lives. Here at Make Sense we believe an educated electorate is critical to a healthy democracy. Our goal is to streamline the process of thinking through the most complicated political and social issues so that people can effectively develop informed opinions and act on those opinions.

**Matone De Chiwit (Seed Grant Winner)**

**Karishma Bhagani**
NYU Tisch School of the Arts

**Raneisha Leacock**
NYU Stern School of Business

Matone de Chiwit’s mission is to provide access to clean drinking water through the distribution of the purification units to impoverished communities in Mombasa, and eventually expand to communities around Kenya. In doing so, our goal is to ensure that individuals of all socioeconomic backgrounds are not deprived of education and income due to the spread of waterborne diseases.

**NGO Tourism Solutions**

**Melissa Godin**
NYU Global Liberal Studies

**Louis Slade**
NYU Global Liberal Studies

NGO Tourism Solutions’ mission is to promote positive change through meaningful, collaborative initiatives with local NGOs that will improve the lives of local communities while offering professional, life changing experiences for university volunteers through cultural exchange.

**Peris**

**Artin Ali Perse**
NYU Tandon School of Engineering

**Anderson Cone**
NYU Tandon School of Engineering

**Han Deng**
NYU Tandon School of Engineering

Peris is altering the way people approach taking their medications. Our technologies empower users through providing them with a proper medium to regulate their medication intake. We execute this vision through reinventing the conventional pill bottle. Peris is at the forefront of combatting the prescription drug abuse epidemic in the United States.
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Jorge Castro  NYU Stern School of Business
Jacob Zarzecki  NYU Stern School of Business

Uprise Financial empowers individuals to invest in their long-run financial stability while investing in a sustainable future for our world. Our mission is to make ‘impact investing’ simply known as investing, growing a community committed to proving that financial success correlates with impact. We are striving to set up an infrastructure for the rapidly growing impact investment industry.”

UNMUTED (Grand Prize Winner)

Kexin Huang  NYU College of Arts & Science
Tianran Qian  NYU Liberal Studies
Yizhuo Shao  NYU Liberal Studies
Yirou Yu  Barnard College

UNMUTED aims to raise the public’s awareness of the inequality that the LGBT community faces in China. Through original videos, articles on social media, hosted events, and social group meetings, we plan to create a complete platform where the general public and LGBTQ groups have mutual understanding with each other, and eventually propel the LGBTQ community towards greater equality within Chinese society. With the social interactions created through publicity towards non-LGBTQ members around the world, we plan to also raise awareness in other countries that are not as mature and developed in accepting LGBTQ community members, giving them rights just like everyone else.