TOGETHER FIRST

A global system that works for all

Risk multiplier:	**Destruction?**	**Is organisation?**
Climate change	**Conflict and inequality**	**Short**
Global catastrophic risks mitigated	**Risk multipliers managed**	**Implementation timeframe**

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DETAILS

Scheme Initiative to Promote UN 75th Anniversary Engagement

Scheme to grade 'UN Global Eco-Steward Champions' status to active citizens

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Global catastrophic risk mitigated by this Proposal & Most Relevant SDGs Promoted:

Climate change and eco-system collapse – SDGs: 6, 13,14 & 15

Contribution to Global Governance – Purpose:

To expand and develop advocacy of the UN's work in relation to global ecological stewardship and raise awareness of this crucial but lesser appreciated role of the UN and, thereby, advance support for the UN and celebrate its historical achievements in that role and help inform about the need for multilateralism action.

Contribution to global governance – Specific Aim:

To raise support for the UN's work, Together First and the concept of global citizenship by encouraging community advocates to grow awareness of the UN's governance frameworks relevant to our global ecological crisis and so help stimulate regional and local actions focussed on climate change mitigation and conserving biodiversity and ecosystem services; all crucial to the well-being of communities.

A secondary aim is to forestall a very real danger of chronic psychological dissonance amongst the young generation because of the significant risk of gross shortfall in response to the climate emergency. Inevitably, some will pursue a detailed understanding of the climate prognosis, this scheme can help empower that concern through knowledge of the UN's work and its championing of solutions, so promoting local actions & a better informed society and a constructive outlook.

Scheme Co-benefits

This scheme promotes the United Nations in its 75th year and beyond on its role in global ecological stewardship. UN Global Eco-steward Champions help stress the 'Global to Local' links for their own communities and reinvigorates the concept of 'Spaceship Earth' and the ecological principles upon which the UN's ecologically related frameworks are grounded, which is conservation of the biosphere and the principle of living within the carrying capacity of supporting ecosystems (ie. Sustainability).

Primary support for the scheme is envisaged from UNA branches and Model UN groups, which could also provide important feedback for the United Nations.

Scheme Outline:

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The scheme can be open to all ages, from school age to senior citizens but with an emphasis on the younger generation; where advocacy would be within their peer groups: Eg. school, scouting or university. An individual will need to commit to learn about relevant UN work and achievements and communicate with people and politicians through various means; such as, giving talks, mounting public or school displays, or writing letters to MPs, etc. The UNA would provide an outline of expected knowledge for different age groups.

The scheme could prove especially popular with schools, scouts and youth groups to help underscore that the UN is helping to drive solutions for the biosphere. The potential of well-informed young 'Champions to influence their community, to press for the local political changes needed, should not be under estimated.

Administration (Suggested):

The scheme could be self-financing with a modest one-off charge [£10 ?]; for example: To cover cost of a

badge/certificate [The proposer has established unit material costs could be under £1; a printed A4 card, comprising A5 certificate & A6 folded 'UN expectations of 'Champion'.] & postage, for five years of status.

It could be administered by the UN Association. Applicants for a 'Champion status would submit a simple statement (Max 1 page) of actions taken, which could be endorsed by two independent referees (For example: teachers or youth group leaders), or there could be a process of simple verification through local UNA branches. With pro-forma letters, this might be administered by any country's UN Association with very modest resources.

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