

Your Leadership Pathway

In the water sector



Develop leadership skills at every level of your career

Leadership. It's a level many try to reach, and is so often seen as a career status more obtainable further down the road. For today's young professional (YP), exploring leadership opportunities in water shouldn't be reserved for the future. Rather, leadership opportunities should be sought out and nurtured as part of your strategy for upward mobility. Connections made in the early years of your career can open doors to avenues that lead to leadership roles along the way.

Navigating the career ladder doesn't have to be a difficult process, nor does it have to be done alone. Water sector organizations, like the Water Environment Federation (WEF), outline pathways for water professionals to explore leadership in the field. Through real-world opportunities like serving on WEF's technical committees and attending annual caucuses, YP's are afforded a chance to network and learn from industry leaders while cultivating the skills needed to become effective leaders themselves.

Here are a few tips to help you connect the dots of your leadership strategy and to learn how you can begin to carve your individual pathway to leadership!



CONNECT ✓

Getting involved is an excellent way to foster business relationships and to make connections that can help you on your path to leadership.

WEF offers many avenues for YP members to get involved including the annual **Springboard Program** and the **YP Summit**. With an aim to place YP members on technical committees and in working groups to promote collaboration and development of innovative concepts in water quality, both programs serve as a great way to connect with leaders and build your network.

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In this age of information, expanded learning opportunities for water professionals are readily accessible.

An example, are the online learning resources offered to WEF members. These online tools including the **Knowledge Center** and the **Continuing Education Program** are designed to provide water quality professionals with the latest in water quality education and training on a convenient online platform.

To get more information on these resources and to learn how WEF membership can help with your career goals, visit us online at www.wef.org.