Ashoka, a network of 4,000+ social entrepreneurs from across 92 countries is now launching the first cohort of Young Changemakers in partnership with BRAC in memory of late Sir Fazle Hasan Abed, who has been instrumental in Ashoka's journey in Bangladesh. The launch will be held at the BRAC Centre in Dhaka on January 25th, 2020.

We believe that by identifying and supporting inspiring teenagers (13 – 20 years old) as Sir Fazle Hasan Abed Ashoka Young Changemakers in Bangladesh, we are creating a new type of role models for Bangladesh’s children and youth who have the potential to impact an entire generation to aspire to become changemakers, working to build solutions for social problems. Bangladesh is the fifth country to launch ‘Everyone a Changemaker’/Ashoka Young Changemakers after countries like USA, Brazil, Indonesia and India.

Ashoka started by identifying and supporting social entrepreneurs who are working at solving problems at the systems level. We currently have over 90 Ashoka fellows in Bangladesh including Shykh Seraj, Ejaj Ahmad, Sebastian Groh, Runa Khan, Ananya Raihan, Sajida Rahman, Mohd. Yunus (Honorary Fellow) and many more who we work very closely with. We strongly believe that we are living in a world where everyone needs to be a changemaker to thrive and everyone should be equipped with the qualities that most define a social entrepreneur.

On the launch day, Ashoka will bring together important stakeholders – media, government, community leaders, and innovators which is integral to imagine pathways to create a world where everyone realizes their power to bring change and make 'Everyone a Changemaker' the new reality of Bangladesh.

AGENDA

11:00 AM
Design and creation of a framework & plan by key leaders, entrepreneurs, social innovators and identified 16 Teen Changemakers for the future

1:00 PM
Lunch

2:00 PM
presentation on the framework & plan by the teams of key leaders, entrepreneurs, social innovators and the young Changemakers

2:45 PM
The critical role of Bangladesh in leading a Global Movement, Yashveer Singh, Global Executive Director, Ashoka Young Changemakers

3:15 PM
Sir Fazle Hasan Abed's vision to put young people in-charge in reshaping Bangladesh’s future, by Mr. Asif Saleh, Executive Director, BRAC

3:45 PM
Press Briefing & Conversations with media representatives - Ashoka & BRAC