

Boyan Slat

Entrepreneur & Visionary

"Youngest-ever recipient of the UN's highest environmental accolade: "Champion of the Earth"

Boyan Slat is a Dutch inventor and entrepreneur who creates technological solutions to global problems. He is the Founder and CEO of The Ocean Cleanup; a Dutch foundation which develops advanced systems to rid world's oceans of plastic.

TOPICS:

- Innovation
- The Environment
- How the Oceans can Clean Themselves?
- Future & Technology
- Ethics & Values
- Climate Change

LANGUAGES:

He presents in Dutch, German and English.

IN DETAIL:

Instead of going after the plastic, Boyan Slat devised a system though which, driven by the ocean currents, the plastic would concentrate itself, reducing the theoretical cleanup time from millennia to mere years. In 2013 he dropped out of his Aerospace Engineering study to start The Ocean Cleanup. The first cleanup prototype was deployed in 2016, and The Ocean Cleanup has since launched a working pilot system. Foreign Policy included Boyan in their 2015 list of Global Thinkers, Forbes included him in their 30 under 30 edition in 2016, and Reader's Digest chose him as the European of the Year in 2017. In 2019 the European Commission elected Boyan as one of the experts to advise the commission on its multi-billion-euro innovation strategy.

WHAT HE OFFERS YOU:

Boyan Slat combines environmentalism, creativity and technology to tackle global issues of sustainability. In his presentations he inspires businesses and start-ups to overcome challenges through the use of modern technology and innovative thinking.

HOW HE PRESENTS:

His eye opening presentations and his energetic and fresh speaking style make Boyan Slat a sought-after speaker at conferences around the globe.

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