



# STUDENTS FOR LIBERTY

A F R E E R F U T U R E



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# WHY DOES STUDENTS FOR LIBERTY EXIST?

## PROBLEM

## UNIVERSITIES

Colleges and universities neither teach the ideas of liberty, nor do they provide students with the skills they need to succeed in the workforce.

## THE SOLUTION



## STUDENTS FOR LIBERTY

### EDUCATE

Over **65,000** people attended SFL events to **learn about free markets, free speech, and the ideas of a free society.**



### DEVELOP

SFL hosts online and in-person training to develop student's **leadership, organizational, and communication skills** to help them become more effective in defending the ideas of liberty.



### EMPOWER

SFL students are in charge of our events and many aspects of our programs. **Training plus experience is our winning formula for producing leaders of liberty.**



**OUR STUDENTS CHANGE CAMPUSES TODAY AND SOCIETY IN THE FUTURE!**

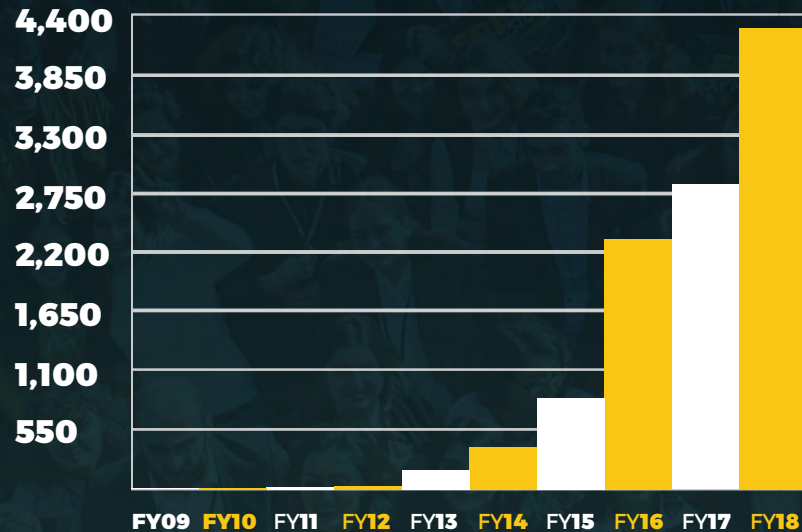


# STUDENTS FOR LIBERTY: FISCAL YEAR 2018 BY THE NUMBERS



**4,247** TRAINING PARTICIPANTS  
IN FY18

TRAINING PARTICIPANTS BY YEAR  
FISCAL YEAR 2009-2018



**1,482** EVENTS & TRAININGS ORGANIZED  
ACROSS SFL IN FY18

VIRTUALLY ALL OF THESE EVENTS ARE CONCEPTUALIZED BY AND EXECUTED BY OUR STUDENTS WHO BECOME BETTER LEADERS THROUGH THESE EXPERIENCES.



**65,180** EVENT & TRAINING ATTENDEES  
IN FY18

COMPARED TO 56,476 ATTENDEES OVER THE PAST 10 YEARS COMBINED.



This has been a great year for Students For Liberty (SFL). In the last twelve months, we have organized more events than in the last ten years combined. Who would have imagined that just a few years ago! Within one year, we have taught more than 65,000 students about the ideas of liberty: free market economics, the value of free speech and so much more. And this is just the beginning!

There is still a vital need on American campuses to defend the First Amendment and to educate young people about the harmfulness of socialism. These are troubling times, as students don't remember the Cold War or understand that socialism means the erosion of liberty, starvation, poverty, torture, and often the deaths of millions. It is clear that SFL is needed now more than ever on college campuses.

SFL and our worldwide network of freedom fighters are ready to continue to fight for a freer future. We have students in countries like Venezuela, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and in Belarus. These are just a few of the countries in which the basic rights of individuals are violated on a consistent basis. These violations are much more than mere trigger warnings. Some of our student leaders have faced harassment, threats, and sometimes imprisonment for their fight for liberty.

It is inspiring to see students fighting for the same principles in different parts of the United States and throughout the world. When I see students mobilize thousands, while wearing the same slogans like "peace, love, liberty," and "free expression no exception," I know we have the most passionate and dedicated student activists in

the world. We have countless stories of students and their families being oppressed by socialistic and authoritarian governments. These stories are illustrating to young people that the romantic idea of socialism will always lead to despair, suffering, and death. We at SFL are here to stand up for our liberties, to share the beauty of free markets, and the ideas of liberty with the world.

I hope you read this report with interest and see how much young people can accomplish. It gives me hope to see all these young men and women organize hundreds of events every month to educate others on the ideas of liberty. Most importantly, through training and development programs, we are building an army of capable, skilled, and experienced students who are changing campuses today and society in the future! Thank you for supporting our work!

Sincerely & For Liberty,

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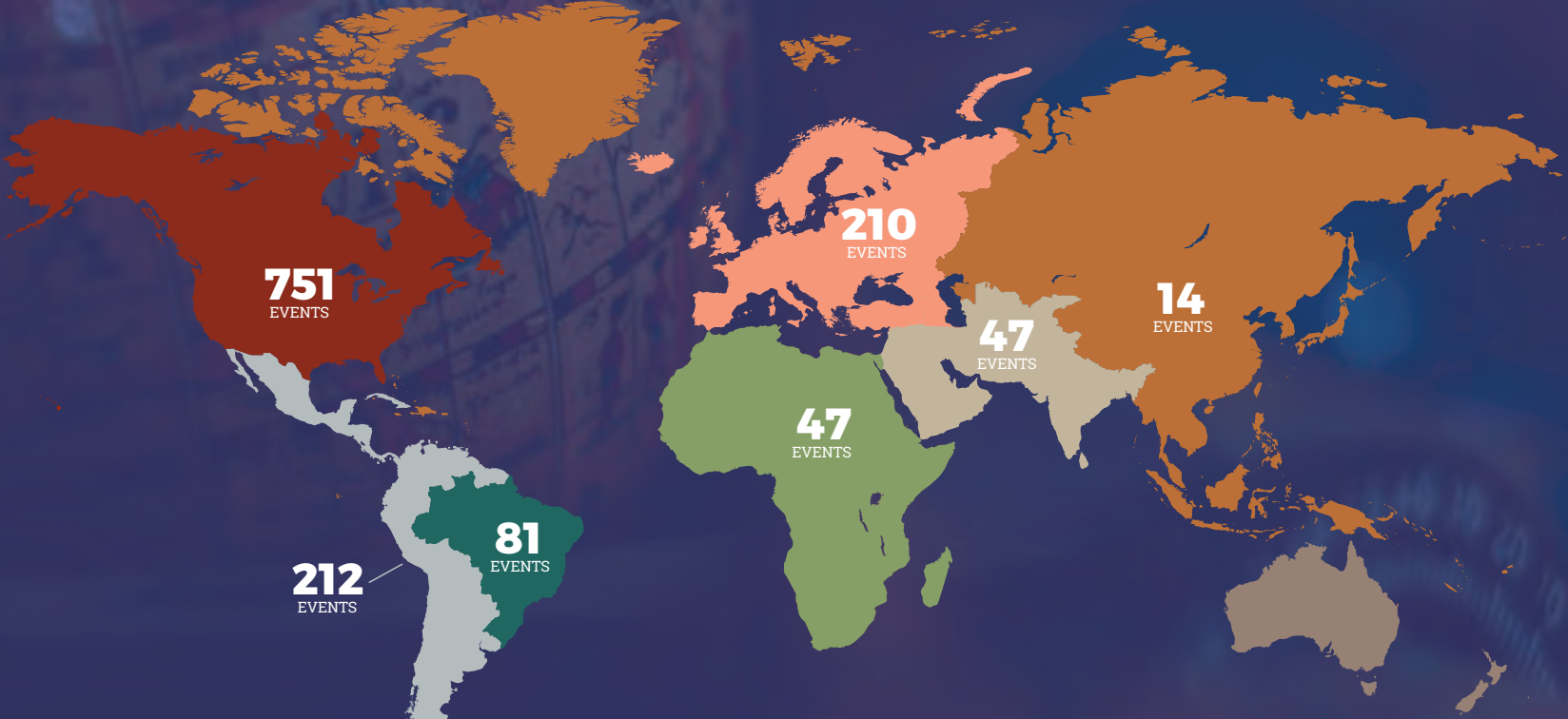


**LIYA PALAGASHVILI**, an SFL alumnus, is now an Assistant Professor of Economics at SUNY-Purchase College and a research fellow with NYU Law. Liya is **one out of three** alumni that appeared on Forbes 30 under 30 list. Her work focuses on regulation and its adverse effects on business and start-ups.


On her time with SFL, Liya says **“[SFL] BECAME MY COMMUNITY AND MY LIFE-LONG FRIENDS, AND I’VE LEARNED SO MUCH ABOUT COMMUNICATING THE IDEAS OF LIBERTY THROUGH SFL.”**

# STUDENTS FOR LIBERTY AROUND THE GLOBE

FISCAL  
YEAR 2018







**CASEY GIVEN**, founder of the SFL chapter at UC Berkeley, is now the executive director of Young Voices, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that cultivates the next generation of pro-liberty leaders in policy, journalism, and academia. The organization boasts 50+ writers who have been featured in outlets such as *The Daily Beast*, *Forbes*, *Reason*, and *USA Today*.

As Casey recounts, **“FROM FOUNDING THE SFL CHAPTER AT BERKELEY, I LEARNED ABOUT THE CHALLENGES AND REWARDS OF STARTING ORGANIZATIONS. I AM ETERNALLY INDEBTED TO SFL FOR GIVING ME THE SKILLS, EXPERIENCE, AND CONFIDENCE TO BE AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AT THE RIPE AGE OF 28.”**

# SFL IN THE MEDIA

From CNN and C-SPAN appearances to op-ed placements in major outlets, SFL's impact is being seen around the world. With 1,650 global media mentions in outlets such as *Forbes*, *The Washington Examiner*, *Huffington Post*, *The Washington Times*, *The Hill*, *Reason*, *Circa*, and more, Students For Liberty is promoting a freer future to the mainstream media. By telling the stories of our student activists and providing political commentary, these media mentions enable SFL to reach new people with the ideas of liberty every day.

## SFL'S TOP MEDIA HITS OF FY18

**CNN:** She left her gun at home, then was assaulted

**C-SPAN:** LibertyCon18 Open Night Coverage

**Washington Times:**  
LibertyCon draws young libertarians

**Bold TV:** SFL CEO Dr. Wolf von Laer discusses Iranian protests and free speech

**The Hill:** *opinion*, Wolf von Laer: Federal regulators should trust progress, avoid blockchain red tape

**Forbes:** Why We Are Failing To Win The Arguments For Free Speech

**Washington Examiner:** *opinion*, The Death Penalty for Drug Dealers Won't Solve the Opioid Crisis, but the Right to Try Weed Might

**Circa:** Young Libertarians Say They're Disappointed With the GOP and Call Trump a 'False Messiah'

**Huffington Post:** Why The Fight For Freedom Is Global

**Reason:** Forget Speech Codes, Trigger Warnings: These Students Protest FOR


"Peace, Love Liberty" (*Podcast*)

**Cato Daily Podcast:** Campus Speech and the Libertarian Student Movement

**1,046,000** POTENTIAL GLOBAL REACH  
IN FY18

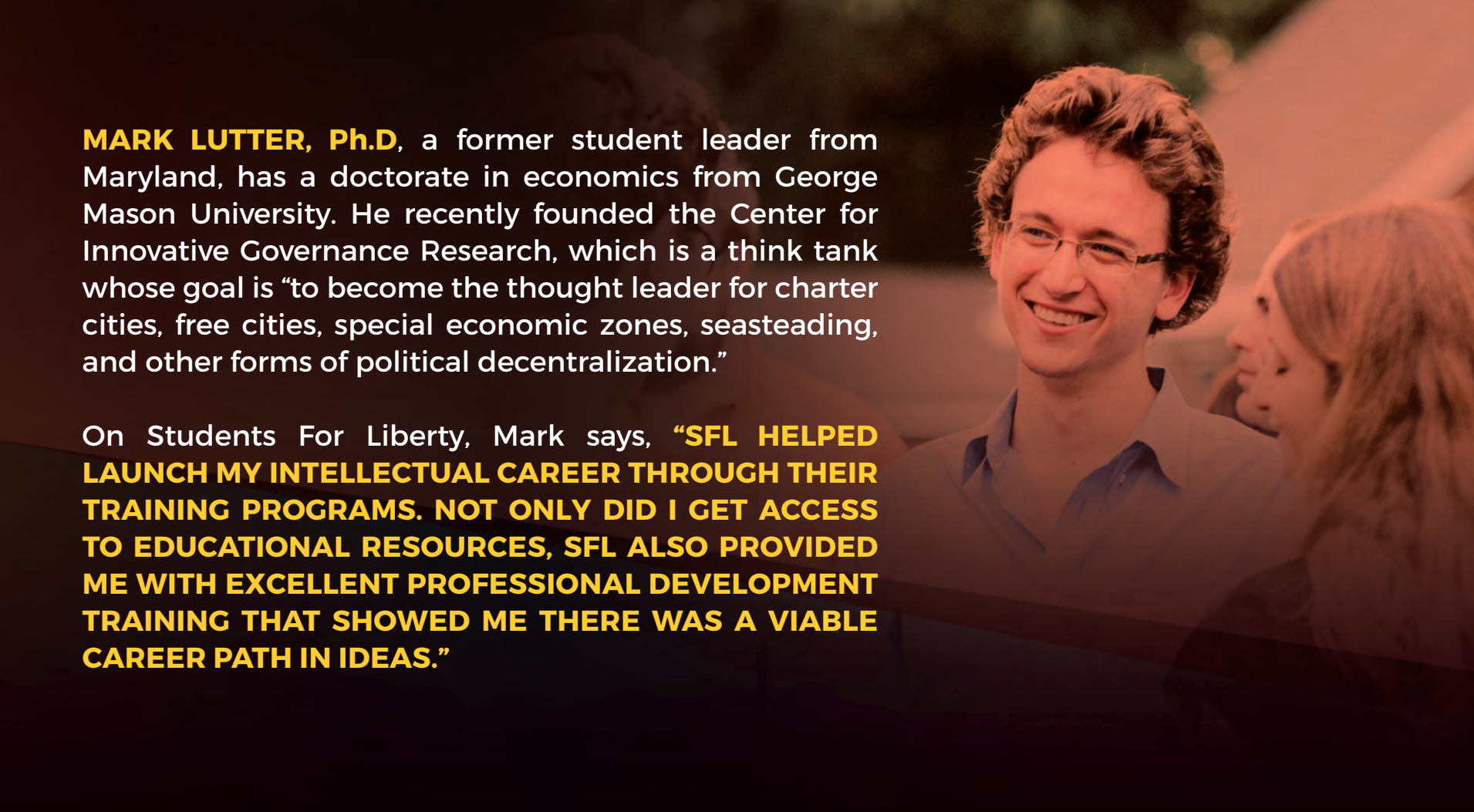
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**MARIA CHAPLIA** is at the heart of the growth and impact of Ukraine Students for Liberty. Passionate about education, she successfully led a nationwide campaign to repeal taxpayer subsidized education, earning her multiple radio and television interviews to widespread acclaim. Her work earned her the Student of the Year Award at LibertyCon in 2017.

On SFL Maria reflects, **“SFL OFFERED ME MENTORSHIP AND A FAMILY. I HAD BEEN INTERESTED IN THE IDEAS OF LIBERTY, BUT SFL TAUGHT ME HOW TO CHANNEL MY PASSION INTO IMPACT. I LEARNED HOW TO ORGANIZE EVENTS AND FUNDRAISE, BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, HOW TO BE A LEADER.”**

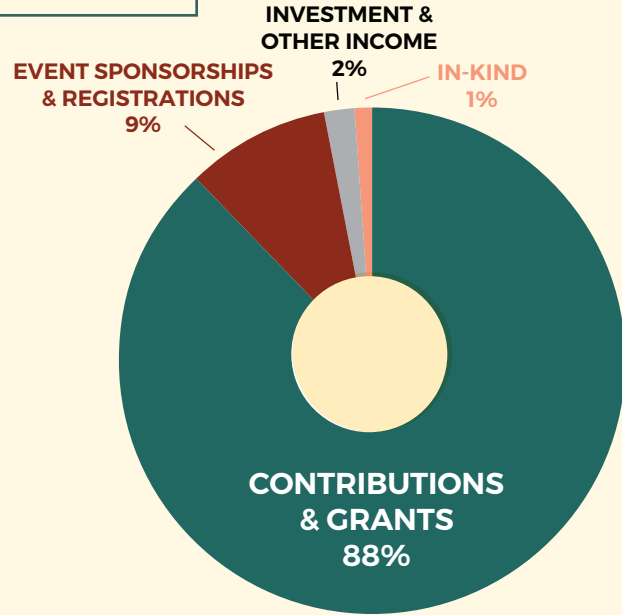


**MARK LUTTER, Ph.D**, a former student leader from Maryland, has a doctorate in economics from George Mason University. He recently founded the Center for Innovative Governance Research, which is a think tank whose goal is “to become the thought leader for charter cities, free cities, special economic zones, seasteading, and other forms of political decentralization.”

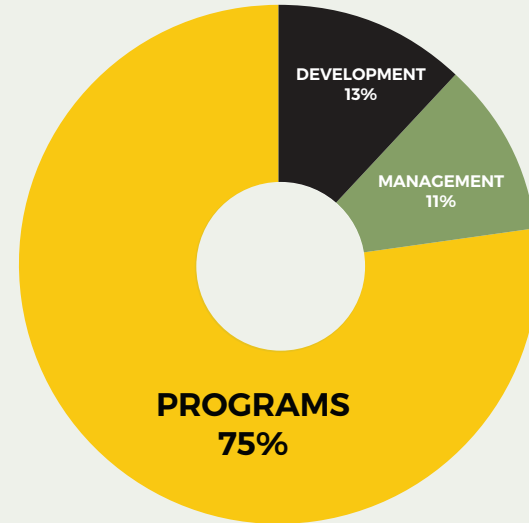
On Students For Liberty, Mark says, **“SFL HELPED LAUNCH MY INTELLECTUAL CAREER THROUGH THEIR TRAINING PROGRAMS. NOT ONLY DID I GET ACCESS TO EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES, SFL ALSO PROVIDED ME WITH EXCELLENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING THAT SHOWED ME THERE WAS A VIABLE CAREER PATH IN IDEAS.”**

# AUDITED FINANCIAL INFORMATION AS OF APRIL 30, 2017

## REVENUE TOTAL \$3,982,651



## EXPENSES TOTAL \$3,921,632



Students For Liberty's budget for FY19 is \$3.9 million.





**AIMABLE MANIRAKIZA** joined African Students For Liberty in 2015. He organized the very first Francophone African events, including more than 30 events at 20 universities in Burundi, Rwanda, and the DRC. For his impressive work as a leader, Aimable received the Student Leader of the Year Award at LibertyCon in 2018.

On the role SFL played in his development, Aimable said, **“STUDENTS FOR LIBERTY HAS BEEN ESSENTIAL IN HELPING ME FIGHT FOR LIBERTY IN EAST AFRICA. I HAVE RECEIVED SO MUCH VALUABLE EDUCATION AND TRAINING, MET OTHER LIBERTY LOVING PEOPLE AND EVEN BROUGHT OVER SKEPTICS TO THE IDEAS OF LIBERTY.”**











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