



BIOGRAPHY

Sofia Ongele (*she/her*)
Hero, Episode "Sofia"

Sofia is a 21-year-old developer, student, creator, and activist from Los Angeles County. At 17, she developed her first award-winning app—ReDawn—to support survivors of sexual violence, thereby sparking her passion of using technology to serve marginalized communities. As a fierce advocate of equity, inclusion, and ethics in technology, she has taught over 140 underrepresented peers how to code at Kode With Klossy programs nationwide. She is also a TikTok creator @sewpheeyuh, where she shares her digital creations, life experiences, and well-informed sociopolitical takes with her audience of nearly 300,000 followers. She currently serves as Gen-Z for Change's Digital Strategist where she creates tools to streamline digital civic engagement, tackling issues from the climate crisis to inclusive education. Her story details our imperative ability to break free of internalized stereotypes and imposter syndrome, charting new paths not only for herself, but for her communities.