



UN Youth Delegate Programme for Ireland 2015 Application Process & Rules

Today, more than ever, the realities of 1.8 billion youth and adolescents represent a dynamic, informed, and globally connected engine for change. Integrating their needs, rights to choice and their voices in the new agenda, will be a key factor for success... It should by now be recognized that no society can reach its full potential if whole segments of that society, especially young people, are excluded from participating in, contributing to, and benefiting from development – Ban Ki-moon

The opportunity to engage young people and other excluded groups gives me most optimism. They have vision, ability and energy. Many of us leaders, who are responsible [for leading transformation in development], would like to think that we have vision, but we certainly don't have the same energy. We must figure out a way to let everyone, and especially the young, play their part, without negating our own responsibilities towards them. No one should be left behind - Amina J.

Mohammed, UN Secretary General's Special Adviser on the Post-2015 Development Planning

The National Youth Council of Ireland, together with Irish Aid in the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, are delighted to announce the launch of the **United Nations Youth Delegate Programme for Ireland in 2015 (UNYDP)**. The UNYDP will support two young people (one male and one female) aged between 18-25 years (on June 5th 2015) to join Ireland's delegation to the United Nations in New York in September/October 2015 (Dates TBC).

The aims of United Nations Youth Delegate Programme - Ireland are:

- To directly involve young people from Ireland in the international development policy and decision-making agenda;
- To hear and include the voice of young people on development issues at local, national, and global levels;
- To promote development and youth policies among young people in Ireland;
- To familiarise young people in Ireland with global development issues and opportunities for involvement they have in this regard;
- To support activities and development initiatives in Ireland.

This new programme will support young people to be agents of change, where they are empowered to be active global citizens contributing to building a world of justice, equity, and dignity.



2015

- The United Nations is celebrating 70 years
- Ireland is celebrating 60 years membership of the United Nations
- 20th Anniversary of the World Programme of Action for Youth
- 20th Anniversary of the Beijing Conference
- Crucial summits in New York & Paris on Sustainable Development Goals & Climate



Call for Applications

Applicants should be:

- Between the ages of 18 – 25 years (on June 5th 2015);
- Interested in policy making and writing, capable of digesting lots of information and quickly turning around policy papers, using blog/social media posts to inform others;
- Curious about the world;
- Experienced public speakers;
- Digitally engaged and tech-savvy for online communications with others;
- Able to travel to New York for up to a month September/October 2015 (TBC);
- Interested in international affairs, particularly in the area of development;
- Passionate about solving today's most pressing problems and working to engage young people in this important agenda;
- Resident of the Republic of Ireland;
- Available for interview between June 15th and June 23rd 2015 (TBC).

Skill and qualification requirements:

- Policy making experience
- Knowledge and understanding of the Sustainable and Millennium Development Goals
- Knowledge of World Programme of Action for Youth
- Knowledge of Development Policies in Ireland and at UN level
- Knowledge of Development Education
- Experience in negotiating
- Excellent writing, communication, organisational, and interpersonal skills
- Culturally competent
- Ability to work collaboratively with others – senior NGO reps, young people, etc
- Fluency in another language would be helpful but not required
- Be a self-starter



What you must commit to if you are chosen as a UN Youth Delegate:

- Attend two intergovernmental conferences: the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Summit (End of September); United Nations General Assembly (in October) (TBC)
- Participate in training at EU level in June/July
- Consultation/visits/participation in events with young people, youth organisations, educational institutions and NGOs in Ireland to increase awareness among young people in Ireland on global issues and promote UN values;
- Participation in UN Youth Delegate support meetings (NYCI/European Youth Forum/DFA)
- Meet with DFA/NYCI/Irish Mission in New York
- Organise events in New York and Ireland (TBC)
- Work with Irish Mission in New York on policy issues, planning meetings, networking and supporting the team (as appropriate)
- Work with other UN Youth Delegates on policy issues, planning meetings, and networking
- Complete a report on return from the UN
- Complete a report when term of office is complete
- Workshops/Consultations/Meetings with young people and organisations around Ireland on the topic of sustainable development in Ireland and the world;
- Debates/conferences on UN specific topics;
- Publication of articles/ organisation of challenging debates on specific topics regarding youth issues at a global level.
- Hand over meeting with future delegates
- PR and social media (as negotiated with DFA/NYCI)



How to Apply

Applications must be submitted electronically to the National Youth Council of Ireland via email unyouthdelegate@nyci.ie by **5pm on June 5th 2015**

Please ensure your submission is Arial 11 (font/size).

An application must include:

- Your contact details
- Completed Application Form
- Letter of Written Motivation
- Recommendations
- Applicants Declaration

All of this information must be in one word document or PDF and submitted using this file name — YOUR FULL NAME.UNYOUTHDELEGATE2015 —

To: unyouthdelegate@nyci.ie

Use this heading in the subject line of the email: "UN Youth Delegate Application 2015 — (Your last name.)"

Follow this format below:

A. Contact Details:

- Your Last Name, First Name
- Contact address
- E-mail address
- Phone number

B. Application Form

C. Letter of Written Motivation

D. Recommendations

E. Applicants Declaration

No additional attachments will be accepted or considered as part of assessment process



APPLICATION FORM

YOUTH DELEGATE TO THE 70th UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015

Personal Details:

Surname:

First name:

Date of birth:

Gender:

Nationality:

Postal address:

Fixed line: +353

Mobile: +353

E-mail:

Facebook:

Twitter:

Linkedin:

Other:

Language skills:

Language	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	

Do you have any special needs or requirements (e.g. dietary, disability, etc)?

Yes

No

If yes, please let us know here:



Brief statement on (maximum 1 page in total):

- Your educational qualifications/experiences
- Your work experiences
- Your volunteer experiences
- Extra-curricular activities/hobbies

Additional information

Where did you hear about the UN Youth Delegate Programme and the opportunity to sign up?

1. Social Media
2. Email
3. Website
4. Friends
5. Organisation
6. Other

Letter of Motivation:

Why are you motivated and why do you consider yourself to be a strong candidate to represent Ireland as the UN Youth Delegate to the UN? If selected, which issues would you lobby for and why? **500 WORDS max.**

Recommendations (will only be contacted if application successful and following communication with each successful applicant):

Please list the names, phone numbers and email addresses of 2 people that know you well (educator, youth worker, employer, team leader, etc.) excluding parents and peers.

- 1.
- 2.



Applicant's Declaration

This must be forwarded with your Application Form

By submitting this application, I hereby certify that all parts of the application are solely mine and are true and complete. I confirm that I have read and that I am aware of the Programme details and expectations of the UN Youth Delegate Programme. I also commit myself to participate actively in the preparation process, participation in the 70th session of the UN General Assembly and in the follow-up activities.

Signature:

Date:

Please send this application form, along with your CV and essays
by June 5th 2015

E-mail: unyouthdelegate@nyci.ie

E-mail subject: UN Youth Delegate Application 2015 — (Your last name.)
website: http://www.youth.ie/un_youth_delegate

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION IN ARIAL 11 FONT/SIZE

