

Victorian Youth Congress 2022

Application form

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Introduction

Purpose

The Victorian Youth Congress works closely with the Victorian Government to involve Victorian young people's in government decision-making. The Victorian Youth Congress provides advice to the Minister for Youth on important issues for young people, and supports Government to understand the best ways to involve young people in identifying issues and developing solutions.

This term of Victorian Youth Congress will commence in January 2022 and finish in December 2022.

Membership

The Victorian Youth Congress is made up of up to 20 young people aged 12 to 25 years from across Victoria. Membership of the 2022 Victorian Youth Congress will include young people from the 2020-21 Victorian Youth Congress and young people appointed through an open application process. Selection of members will consider skills needed for the role, and representation of Victoria's diverse community of young people.

Membership of the Victorian Youth Congress will be subject to terms and conditions including minimum attendance requirements and potential conflicts of interest. Prospective Members may be asked to complete a National Police Record Check and a Working with Children Check. Members of the Victorian Youth Congress will be endorsed by the Minister for Youth.

A Member cannot hold a paid position with any Member of Parliament or be an employee of the Victorian Public Service while they are a member of the Victorian Youth Congress.

How to apply

This application form is [available in an online format](#) at the Youth Central website.

You can also submit this application in written or video form via email to the Office for Youth <youth@dffh.vic.gov.au>, or email the Office for Youth to arrange a verbal application over the phone, which a member of the Office for Youth team will transcribe.

Collection statement

The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (the department) is committed to protecting your privacy. The department collects and handles personal information in this Victorian Youth Congress application form for the purposes of assessing your application.

If you do not provide us with the information requested in this form we will not be able to consider your application to be a member of the Victorian Youth Congress.

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You may access your information that you provide to the department. The department can be contacted on youth@dffh.vic.gov.au or you may contact the department's Complaints and Privacy Unit by emailing privacy@dffh.vic.gov.au or by telephone on 1300 884 706.

More information

If you have any questions about the Victorian Youth Congress, please contact the Office for Youth in the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (DFFH):

Emily De Rango, Policy Officer, Youth Policy: emily.derango@dffh.vic.gov.au or 0438 239 335

Cody Stephens, Policy Officer, Youth Policy: cody.stephens@dffh.vic.gov.au or 0436 829 843

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Personal details

Name		Email	
Date of birth		Phone	
Address			

Please list the details of any paid employment or volunteer positions you currently hold:

Availability

Are you able to attend monthly Friday meetings, with some meetings in Melbourne and some online?

VYC meetings are held 6.00 to 9.00pm on the second Friday of the month. Pending COVID-19 restrictions, meetings will alternate between in-person and online formats. The Department will cover reasonable accommodation and travel costs, particularly for those who live outside metropolitan Melbourne.

Meetings will be held on 11 February, 11 March, 8 April, 13 May, 10 June, 8 July, 12 August, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December

Yes ☐ No ☐ I can attend some meetings (provide details):

Contact

What's the best way for us to get in touch with you?

Phone ☐ Email ☐

If you are selected for an interview, what day would suit you best?

Interviews will be held in person in Melbourne CBD or online via Zoom. All interviews will be tailored to meet the accessibility needs of applicants, and conducted with Office for Youth staff and current VYC members.

(Mark all that apply)

- Tuesday 21 September 2021 between 3pm and 7pm ☐
- Wednesday 22 September 2021 between 3pm and 7pm ☐
- Thursday 23 September 2021 between 3pm and 7pm ☐
- Friday 24 September 2021 between 3pm and 7pm ☐

If you are selected to attend an induction weekend, which weekend would suit you?

Pending COVID-19 restrictions this will be an in-person weekend in Melbourne. The Department will cover reasonable accommodation and travel costs, particularly for those who live outside metropolitan Melbourne.

(Mark all that apply)

- Friday 21 January to Sunday 23 January 2022 ☐
- Friday 28 January to Sunday 30 January 2022 ☐

Friday 4 February to Sunday 4 February 2022



Application questions

Please answer all questions. Answers should be around 100 to 200 words each.

Interest in joining Victorian Youth Congress

1. Why do you want to be part of the Victorian Youth Congress? What skills or experience would you bring to the role, and what skills or experience would you like to develop?
2. Are there particular social issues you're passionate about? What makes these issues important to you?

Being part of a team

Teamwork is a central value of Victorian Youth Congress. We all play a part and not everyone needs to be a leader – we all contribute in different ways. Throughout the term, we will work together on different projects and collaborate to provide advice to the Government.

3. Thinking about a time when you were working on a project with a group, what skills were important to helping the group run well? How did you demonstrate those skills?
4. Thinking about a time when you were working on a project with a group, what did you learn or discover about yourself?

Time commitment

The Victorian Youth Congress requires your time to attend meetings and complete project work. You must be able to attend at least nine out of the eleven scheduled monthly meetings. The Office for Youth is here to support you if you have difficulties attending meetings.

As well as meetings, Victorian Youth Congress members are expected to complete between five to ten hours of project work each month. This may include activities like undertaking research, attending a meeting, talking with community or providing advice to the government.

5. How do you make time for your commitments, and how would Victorian Youth Congress fit into your schedule?

OPTIONAL additional question

6. Is there any other information you'd like to share with us? This might be something you'd like us to know, or something you're proud of.

More about you (if you want to share)

These optional questions support the Victorian Youth Congress to have diverse representation from all parts of the community

Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say ☐

Do you identify as a disabled young person, or a person with a disability?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say ☐

What gender do you identify as?

Female ☐ Male ☐ Non-binary ☐ Other: Click or tap here to enter text. Prefer not to say ☐

Do you identify as being part of the LGBTIQ+ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans and gender diverse, intersex, queer and questioning) community?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say ☐

Do you speak a language other than English at home?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say ☐

Do you have a culturally diverse background?

Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say ☐

References

Please provide details of a referee. Where possible ask someone who knows you well but is not a relative, and confirm that they agree to provide their details. They should be able to talk about your strengths, communication skills, passions and anything else that would be important.

Name	
Company or organisation name	
Relationship to applicant	
Phone	
Email	

Conditions

Do you currently hold a Working with Children's Check?

Yes ☐ No ☐ No, but I am willing to apply ☐

If I am selected as a Victorian Youth Congress member and get a job with a State Government Department or any Member of Parliament, my membership of the Victorian Youth Congress will cease.

I accept ☐ I do not accept ☐

Parent/guardian consent for under 18s

If you are under 18, please provide the name and contact details of a parent or guardian who supports your application.

Name	
Relationship to applicant	
Phone	
Email	