

UN YOUTH NATIONAL PRESIDENT Nomination Pack



Nominations are now open for a number of positions in UN Youth for 2022. We are currently seeking the next National President of UN Youth.

Nominations close **11.59pm, Monday 1 November 2021.**

ABOUT US

UN Youth New Zealand is a youth-for-youth non-profit organisation that provides civics education outside the traditional classroom context. Our goal is to inspire young New Zealanders to be global citizens, primarily through events that engage local and community policy, politics and democracy, and international affairs and diplomacy.

Annually, over 3000 young New Zealanders from Northland to Southland attend a UN Youth event. UN Youth is powered by a dedicated body of 150 volunteers, all aged under 26 and from across Aotearoa.

THE ROLE

The National President leads the National Executive to provide empowering operational leadership of UN Youth, nationally. As a Board Member on UN Youth's Board of Directors, the National President also has governance responsibilities and must provide strategic leadership.

This role includes:

- Supporting the development of policy and strategy (such as our current [Strategic Plan 2021-2025](#)), and providing leadership to UN Youth to drive implementation;
- Overseeing and coordinating the National Executive, UN Youth's national management team, and supporting an open and collaborative Board-National Executive working relationship;
- Monitoring and ensuring the delivery of UN Youth activities, including the development of people and culture;
- Championing diversity, inclusivity and equity, particularly considering how the organisation can uphold the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and increase Māori and Pasifika engagement at all levels
- Acting as UN Youth's primary representative to the public and external stakeholders, including:
 - maintaining UN Youth's relationship with the United National Association of New Zealand (**UNANZ**);
 - building and leveraging new relationships with organisations and individuals who align with our kaupapa, such as MPs;
- Acting as the Board's key connection to UN Youth's mahi, including:
 - attending Board and Committee meetings;
 - providing Board reporting on a regular basis;
 - seeking decisions and oversight from the Board where appropriate;

- distributing information from the Board to the National Executive and volunteers where appropriate.

The National President's term of office will be from 1 January 2022 - 31 December 2022.

COMMITMENT

The National President role is a significant commitment, as they are the national operational leader of UN Youth. The workload of this role will vary week-to-week depending on UN Youth's mahi at any time. For example, in the lead-up to a national event, the role may require a commitment of 10-20 hours a week; and during a multi-day national event itself, the role may require a practically 24/7 commitment as the National President is expected to attend the entirety of the event. During less busy periods, the role may only require 2-5 hours a week to attend meetings, communicate information and review documents.

The National Executive and the Board may each also hold strategic planning sessions, and this and any other travel for events and other meetings in your role as National President will be subsidised by UN Youth, to the extent that is possible under our policies.

REMUNERATION

There is no remuneration for this role as all positions within UN Youth are entirely voluntary. However, reasonable expenses may be claimed.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Above all, we are looking for an individual who believes in our kaupapa, and is committed to support UN Youth to thrive.

We encourage nominations from eligible people who demonstrate the following:

- **Passion:** Someone with a genuine interest in youth development and UN Youth's kaupapa.
- **Strategic focus:** someone who can be strategic focussed, and can add value to the future direction of UN Youth and looks beyond the one year term of the role.
- **Leadership:** a strong leader and excellent people manager, who can empower others to be leaders
- **Commitment:** any candidate must be prepared to commit to the workload.
- **Reliable, proactive and organised:** the National President must be able to take initiative, manage complex tasks, and work to different expectations and competing interests.
- **Communication:** someone who can communicate clearly, and at the right time, with a diversity of volunteers, members, Board directors and external stakeholders
- **Teamwork:** Someone who is able to work effectively in a diverse team, in a high-pressured context.

This is a fantastic opportunity to put your leadership skills to the mettle, as well as learn about governance in practice.

ELIGIBILITY

The National President must be a current member of UN Youth. Someone is a member of UN Youth if they have registered as a member and they:

- are currently enrolled in a New Zealand primary, secondary or tertiary institution; or

- are a New Zealand permanent resident or citizen aged 25 years or younger; or
- been appointed as a member of UN Youth by the unanimous agreement of the Board.¹

HOW TO APPLY

Nominations for National President must include:

- Candidate details:
 - The candidate's name;
 - Whether the candidate is currently a member of UN Youth;
 - The names of two Voting Members of UN Youth who nominate and second the candidate²;
- A professional head and shoulders photograph;
- A candidate blurb (max 600 words), describing why the candidate should be elected as National President. This will be provided to members of UN Youth prior to the AGM;
- A completed police check consent form (only fill in pages 2 and 3 – [click to download](#)); and
- Photo ID (for the purpose of the police check).

Nominations close **Monday 1 November, 11.59pm**. Nominations must be emailed to the Board Secretary, Tamara Pinto, at tamara.pinto@unyouth.org.nz by the deadline. All materials must be included in order for a nomination to be considered. Late nominations will not be considered.

ELECTION PROCESS

The National President must be elected by majority vote of the Voting Members of UN Youth at our Annual General Meeting (**AGM**). The AGM is currently scheduled for 21 November 2021 at 3:00 pm at the Victoria University of Wellington (subject to change).

Once nominations close, candidate blurbs will be circulated to UN Youth members in advance of the AGM.

Each candidate will be invited to speak during the AGM for an allotted time, and may take questions from the floor. If a candidate is unable to be present at the AGM (either virtually or in-person), then they may request that a brief statement be read on their behalf. Voting will then take place in accordance with our Constitutional requirements. Further information on this process will be provided in advance to candidates.

We recognise that elections can be very stressful. UN Youth is committed to ensuring the AGM is an open and safe environment for all those present, but particularly for all candidates. As with all UN Youth events, the AGM will be carried out in accordance with our welfare policies and protocols.

¹ Interested candidates who are aged 26 years or older, or who are not currently members of UN Youth, must seek the approval of the Board and the National Executive: please contact Board Chairperson, Amelia Lamb, at chairperson@unyouth.org.nz

² Candidates cannot nominate or second their own nominations. Candidates may ask to be put in contact with Voting Members of UN Youth who can nominate/second their nomination: please contact chairperson@unyouth.org.nz

If successfully elected by Voting Members of UN Youth, a police vetting check must also be completed, and the results accepted by the National People Officer, before they can begin in the role. This is in accordance with UN Youth's Police Vetting Policy.

MORE INFORMATION

Any questions about the National President role can be directed to the current National President, Teresa Lee, at president@unyouth.org.nz.

Any other questions can be directed to the Chair of the Board, Amelia Lamb, at chairperson@unyouth.org.nz.

LOOKING FOR OTHER LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES?

UN Youth will soon be looking for candidates for National Executive Officers for 2022. Applications will open in November 2021, and further information can be found at www.unyouth.org.nz

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