2018 YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Consultation Information Pack
The Youth Representative is the only role of its kind in Australia. The Australian Youth Representative to the UN is a role appointed annually by UN Youth Australia in consultation with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The Youth Representative holds an extensive, nationwide consultation to engage with and discover the issues that are most important to young Australians. Known as the Listening Tour, this consultation process will see the Youth Representative meeting not only with young people but also with prominent members of the Australian community, including MPs, NGO leaders and those involved in the youth and education sectors.

In September, the Youth Representative travels to New York to represent Australian youth at the United Nations, as a member of the Official Australian Delegation to the UN. Amos will deliver a speech on his findings during the Listening Tour, and upon his return to Australia, will deliver a report to the federal government on the year’s consultations.

In 2018, the Youth Representative consultation will attempt to answer the question “What would Australia look like if young people had a greater say?” Amos Washington, this year’s Youth Representative will lead the consultation. Amos is determined to increase the reach of the Program to engage with a more diverse range of young Australians than ever before.

Amos became involved with UN Youth Australia’s activities after attending events in high school and started volunteering soon after when he became the UN Youth SA Regional Officer. He later served as the SA Education Director for two terms. Amos has facilitated youth events across the country, as well as in New Zealand as part of the Aotearoa Leadership Tour. Beyond UN Youth, Amos has worked in multiple roles in the non-profit sector.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What does a consultation involve?

This depends! Typically, Amos will deliver a short presentation on the Youth Rep Program, then run a workshop that explores the question the Program will be asking this year: **what would Australia look like if young people had a greater say?** This will involve interactive activities and group discussion, which will be included in the formal data collection for the Listening Tour. The topics we discuss will be determined by the students in the consultation.

We can run a consultation in 45, 60, or 90 minutes. If you have more than 90 minutes available, we would suggest that we split the time and work with two or three different groups of students while at your school.

How many young people can participate?

We are happy to engage with any number of young people at a time. While groups of 5 - 40 means that we can be more interactive and participatory, Amos is also happy to work with larger groups and speak at assemblies if this is what you would prefer.

What kind of young people can participate?

Sometimes, schools have a specific group of students (such as an SRC) in mind for our consultations. However, we believe that all young people should be able to access our consultations, regardless of their previous exposure to the kinds of topics we discuss in the consultation. As such, we are happy to work with any young people.

Our primary target in the Youth Rep Program is young people aged between 15 and 25. Let us know if you have younger students who may like to also participate.

How much does it cost?

We’d like to engage with as many schools and organisations as possible, so there is no fee attached to the Program. If you are able, a small donation is always appreciated, which can be used to cover travel costs and time.

A consultation with us won’t be possible this time. Can we still be involved?

Absolutely! Young people can get involved with the Youth Rep Program in lots of ways.

Young people can complete the Youth Rep survey here: tinyurl.com/youthrepsurvey2018. Time permitting, students will complete this survey during the consultations. They can also participate in our anonymous art project and photo series, which we will discuss further in consultations. Let us know if you’d like to learn more!
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