

National Youth Assembly of Ireland

Call out for Nominations 2025/2026

What is the National Youth Assembly of Ireland?

The National Youth Assembly plays a significant role in including the voice of young people in implementing public policy and prioritising actions for Government. The Youth Assembly meets on different policy topics that are of importance to and impact on young people such as Climate and Rural Development.

The Youth Assembly is for young people aged 12 - 24 years. Delegates are invited from different organisations across the country to become a member for a term of two years. Delegates attend a maximum of four Assemblies a year on different topics as well as preparatory and evaluation sessions.

Criteria for Delegates

- Candidates must be aged between 12 and 22 years of age on 1st February 2025. (Delegates must be under 25 for the duration of their time on the Assembly)

- The term is for two years - February 2025 to February 2027. (The term is being extended by 6 months on a trial period)
- Delegates should be able and willing to attend all the Assemblies and accompanying meetings.
- Delegates should be motivated to speak about issues of importance to young people. This may include engaging with young people from your nominating organisation ahead of an Assembly.

Further information

- Assemblies and meetings will be held in person and online. Meetings are mostly in Dublin due to transport links. Transport costs will be covered by DCEDIY (more information will be provided to successful delegates)
- Candidates who are not selected can consent to be placed on a reserve list. The reserve list will be used to fill places that become available over the two years.
- If you (or your child) is successful, a support staff member will be provided by your nomination organisation.
- Multiple nominations by different organisations is not permitted and will result in all nominations for that person becoming ineligible.

Please consider your ability to commit to the two year term before applying.

If under 18 years, please ensure that your parent/ guardian has read this sheet and given permission for you to apply.