

NORWAY

Youth delegate programme



Existing since: 1971

Sending youth delegates to: The United Nations General Assembly

Call for applications: Beginning of February

Number of youth delegates: 2

Length of term: 1 year. Youth delegates are selected at the beginning of March

Criteria for applying:

- Nominated by a youth organization
- Experience working with youth organizations
- Age 26 or below

Selection Process for the General Assembly

The selection process is organized by the Norwegian Children and Youth Council (LNU). In response to a call for applications, youth organizations around Norway can nominate candidates. One candidate is selected from one of the political parties' youth organizations through a rotating system, and one youth delegate is selected from one of the other youth organizations. The nominated candidates have to send their CV and a motivation letter stating what the candidate would do as a youth delegate if selected, together with the nomination letter from their organization to the LNU. Successful candidates are then invited for an interview conducted by a staff member and a board member of the LNU. Based on these interviews, two candidates are suggested to the board of the LNU, which makes the final decision.

Before the General Assembly

The youth delegates participate in the United Nations working group in the Norwegian Children and Youth Council, and take part in the Council's board meetings in order to learn more about the work.

The youth delegates also meet with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, previous youth delegates and various politicians. They also participate in the preparatory meeting organized by the European Youth Forum.

At the General Assembly

The youth delegates are official members of their national delegations. They deliver a statement to the Third Committee in the General Assembly and speak on behalf of Norway in the informal consultations on youth resolutions. The youth delegates are at the General Assembly for two weeks.

When returning home

The youth delegates write a report to the Norwegian Children and Youth Council. They also share their experiences with youth organizations around Norway.

Funding

Most of the costs for the youth delegate are covered by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. About 10% of the total cost is covered by the LNU.

Contact

To learn more about the selection process and the Norwegian youth delegate programme please visit the Norwegian Children and Youth Council www.lnu.no