NSW Government seeks young people for advice

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Applications are open for the 2025 NSW Youth Advisory Council (YAC). Young people aged 12 – 24 years who are passionate about advocating for issues that affect them are encouraged to apply.

Twelve young people from across NSW with diverse life experiences will be recruited for a one-year term to provide advice to the Minister for Youth and the Advocate for Children and Young People.

Minister for Youth, Rose Jackson, affirms the NSW Government's commitment to improving outcomes for young people throughout the state. An essential part of this work is engaging with young advocates who are championing the needs of their community and generation.

"We know that listening to people with lived experiences and amplifying their voices is the best way to lead enduring change. "The diverse members of the Youth Advisory Council will provide valuable advice to the NSW Government on matters that directly impact young people, while also sharing their inspiring vision for the future," Minister Jackson said.

Advocate for Children and Young People, Zoë Robinson, said that it is important for young people to have their say on the policies and services that affect them.

"We know that we create better solutions when they are informed by young people. Being on the Youth Advisory Council gives young people a real opportunity to work with government to improve the lives of all young people in NSW," Ms Robinson said.

The Chairperson of the 2024 Youth Advisory Council, Dylan Farr, sees this as an amazing chance to advocate for youth in NSW. Mr Farr said "This is a great opportunity for young people to work towards improving the lives of all young individuals in NSW."

Ms Robinson added, "We live in a diverse state and each and every young person can bring value to the YAC, I encourage everyone aged between 12 and 24 years to visit the ACYP website to find out more about how to apply."

The YAC provides a direct avenue of communication between the children and young people of NSW and the NSW Government. YAC members work together with government and non-government agencies to better understand and work on issues that affect children and young people in NSW.

Application can be completed online before Sunday 21 April here.

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