

Young Mayors Wollongong

Nominations Form (Printed Version)

Nominations for the Wollongong Youth Forum are open to young people aged between 12 and 17 years of age (at the time of applications closing on 8 September) and living in the Wollongong City Council area.

We encourage young people with a diversity of lived experience of life in Wollongong to nominate, including First Nations people, LGBTQIA+ people, disabled people / people with disability, women and non-binary people, low-income communities, people from diverse cultural backgrounds and people of colour.

You do not need to be an Australian citizen to nominate yourself.

Name and Contact Details, Availability and Eligibility to join the Youth Forum

First Name		
Surname		
Phone		Email
Home Suburb		
School or Workplace		

Date of Birth		<i>Nominees must be aged 17 and under at the time of application</i>
Are you available on the key dates?	Yes / No	<i>See attached list of dates</i>
Are you available to attend fortnightly meetings, if elected	Yes / No	
What are your pronouns? <i>*This helps us understand the best way to address each other and respects the wonderful gender diversity in our community. If you'd prefer not to write your pronouns, you can write "prefer only being referred to as my name"</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - She/her - He/him - They/them - They/her - They/him 	

Important information

I have read and understood the Code of Conduct and agree to adhere to it.	Yes/No
I have read and understood FYA's Privacy Policy and consent to FYA's collection of my personal information.	Yes/No
<i>More information about how FYA collects, uses, stores and discloses personal information about you can be found in our privacy policy (http://www.fya.org.au/privacy-policy/).</i>	
Please ensure your parent/guardian has completed the consent form. If this is not complete your application will not be eligible.	

Nomination Questions

The following questions will help us understand why you want to nominate for the Youth Forum. This information will be shared confidentially with staff from our partner council, Wollongong City Council, and a young representative of the community supporting the application assessment. The information will be presented de-identified (without your name or school).

We would love to hear about your experiences of being a young person in Wollongong and why that motivates you to nominate yourself. Please write 100 words or less. You can use the fill in the blanks as a guide for your response.

In my local community, I care about _____
(any specific issues you really care about)

I have always cared about this because _____
(why do you care)

Tell us about the issues in your neighborhood / community that the Youth Forum should address and how it would benefit young people in Wollongong. Please write 100 words or less. You can use the fill in the blanks as a guide for your response.

I also think that in my local community, the issues that we need to address are _____.
(any other issues you want to raise)

If I took part in the Wollongong Youth forum, it would help me with _____.
(what do you want to get out of joining e.g. experience, friendships)

I hope by being part of the Forum, I can _____.
(what change do you hope you can make by being part of the Forum?)

Do you identify as any of the following?

*This question is optional and will not be used to assess your application.

We ask to better understand if our program is inclusive, and to continuously improve our approach to creating safe and welcoming spaces for young people with lived experiences of injustice. This information will be used and stored confidentially by FYA only, councils will not have access to this information. FYA will never share identifiable information.

Please tick all that apply or write your own

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- Indigenous (other than Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander)
- Refugee or migrant background
- Person of colour
- Using a language other than English at home
- Person from culturally diverse background
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, or queer, Trans or gender diverse
- Disabled or person with a disability
- Neurodiverse (as distinct from disabled)

Write your own

Thanks for nominating! We'll be in touch by 24 September to let you know if you have been selected as a candidate.

Please note, not everyone who applies will be selected as a candidate to run for election.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact youngmayors@fya.org.au

What are the key dates?

<p><u>Nominations</u></p> <p>01 August - Youth Forum nominations open</p> <p>8 September - Youth Forum nominations close</p> <p>Week commencing 23 September 2024 - Final list of candidates confirmed</p>	<p><u>Campaigning and Election</u></p> <p>24 September 2024 Campaign period begins</p> <p>How to campaign workshops and drop in sessions These workshops will help you develop and lead your campaign. They are not compulsory, but strongly encouraged for you to get the most out of this experience!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Friday 27 September 4pm - 5.30pm Workshop #1 Being an elected representative and wellbeing (online) ● Wednesday 2 October 9.30am - 2.30pm Workshop #2 Face to face Campaigning, messaging and strategy ● Saturday 5 October 9am - 1pm Workshop #3 Optional face to face campaign materials design workshop ● Friday 11 October 9.30am - 10m Workshop #4 Optional Meet the Candidates preparation workshop ● Wednesday 16 October 5.30pm - 7.30pm (arrive 3.30pm to prep) Meet the Candidates community forum ● Monday 4 - 15 November Wollongong Youth Forum Election and Community Announcement
<p><u>Induction and swearing in ceremony</u></p> <p>January 2025 There will be a two days' Youth Forum induction towards the end of January</p> <p>February 2025 The Youth Forum will be formally sworn into office in February 2025</p>	<p><u>Term in Office</u></p> <p>February 2025 – August 2026 Meetings are fortnightly, alternating in-person at the Wollongong Youth Services (85 Burelli St. Wollongong) and online. With opportunities to attend additional events and meetings.</p>

Parent/Guardian Consent Agreement

Please use the checkboxes below to signify your consent.

- I am aware of the Young Mayors program, understand the nature of the activities and authorise my child's participation in these activities.
- I consent to The Foundation for Young Australians (FYA) collecting my child's personal information for the purpose of their involvement in the Young Mayors program.
- I consent to FYA using any of my child's feedback or data for research and/or evaluation purposes.
- I give permission for my child to be photographed and filmed with their consent, and understand that my child's image, words and story may be reproduced across FYA's website and social media channels, and the participating Council's website and social media channels
- I understand that the duration of this consent is for the length of my child's participation in the program, and I can revoke consent at any time by contacting FYA on the details below.

Parent/guardian's name:	
Participant's name:	
Date:	

Parent/Guardian Emergency Contact Details

Please note the following details may be shared with the participating Council. In the case of an emergency, please contact:

Emergency Contact 1		Emergency Contact 2	
Name		Name	
Relationship to participant		Relationship to participant	
Mobile:		Mobile:	