

# GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT TOUR 2019 DELEGATE APPLICATION PACK



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# ABOUT THE TOUR



The UN Youth New Zealand Global Development Tour is an unparalleled educational experience.

The annual Tour takes 22 of the brightest high school students from across New Zealand to the cities at the forefront of sustainable development. The 2019 Tour will visit: New York, London, Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Rome and Hong Kong. These cities have been specifically chosen for their relation / significance to one (or more) of the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The Tour's purpose is to showcase the need for a multi-dimensional, global effort to achieve these SDGs, which are the cornerstone of the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. The SDGs build upon their predecessors, the Millennium Development Goals. They seek to mobilise governments, the private sector, and civil society to become change-makers and get behind their realisation.

To facilitate the Tour's educational vision, throughout the trip, the Delegation will meet with a range of individuals and organisations working to achieve the SDGs. As examples, previous delegations have secured engagements with: the Director of the Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) in New York; the World Food Programme in Rome; the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD) in Paris; and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Berlin. In addition, the Delegation will have the opportunity to represent New Zealand at the prestigious Columbia Model United Nations Conference and Exposition (CMUNCE). This is one of the premier Model UN conferences in the North American high school 'circuit', and is held on site at Columbia University's Manhattan campus. More information about CMUNCE can be found on their website: [cmunce.org](http://cmunce.org)

# THE DIRECTORSHIP

The Global Development Tour 2019 is staffed by four UN Youth Volunteers (one Director and three Assistant Directors), who are responsible for organising and leading the trip. The Directorship has been selected by the UN Youth New Zealand National Executive. Each member represents a wealth of travel, organisational and youth development experience.

## MITCHELL FRASER - DIRECTOR



Mitchell is in his fourth year of a Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) and Bachelor of Commerce (majoring in Economics) conjoint degree at Victoria University of Wellington. Having been involved with UN Youth since 2015, Mitchell has held a variety of leadership positions in the organisation, including being: an Assistant Director of the 2017 Global Development Tour; 2017 Wellington Vice-President Tertiary; Coordinator and committee member of several Wellington regional events; and a Regional Delegation Director for Aotearoa Youth Declaration 2017. Mitchell was also a member of UN Youth's 2016 Delegation to Harvard National Model United Nations. Aside from UN Youth, Mitchell is a tutor of Public Law, clerk at a boutique Wellington law firm, casual ski instructor, and intends to take up a graduate position at Russell McVeagh upon completion of his studies.

In his spare time, Mitchell can be found playing tennis, drinking mochas (his guilty pleasure), and watching reality cooking shows. Mitchell is extremely excited about his appointment as Global Development Tour 2019 Director, and cannot wait to share this amazing experience with some passionate young leaders!

## GAURI PRABHAKAR - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (EDUCATIONS)



Gauri is in her third year of a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Politics and International Relations) conjoint degree at the University of Auckland. Her UN Youth experience includes being selected to attend The Hague International Model UN as a high school student (the Global Development Tour's predecessor) and being the Assistant Coordinator of the 2016 Auckland Model European Union. Aside from this, she is also the Engagement Co-Manager of the Management Consulting Club and has represented the University of Auckland at several business case competitions around the world.

Gauri has made it her mission to explore as many of Auckland's brunch/dessert spots as possible and will unashamedly translate this love of food to the Development Tour (did someone say pizza, gelato, and hazelnut chocolate?!). She is incredibly passionate about civics education, the Sustainable Development Goals, and the Tour's role in giving young leaders an opportunity to explore New Zealand's relationship with the rest of the world.



## **OLIVIA MEIKLE - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (FINANCE)**



Olivia is a third year Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts (majoring in Public Policy and International Relations) student at Victoria University of Wellington. Having been involved in UN Youth since 2014, her experiences have included: attending THIMUN in 2016 as a delegate; serving on the Wellington Regional Council; holding the Registrations Officer portfolio for Aotearoa Youth Declaration 2017; and directing a delegation to the Evatt Competition in Canberra. Alongside UN Youth, Olivia also volunteers for the Wellington Community Justice Project, and is currently employed at the Reserve Bank of New Zealand and Lexis Nexis.

Olivia loves nothing more than a soy latte, the gym and anything that relates to the beach or swimming. She is ecstatic about travelling and learning more about the Sustainable Developments Goals with a phenomenal group of students.

## **LAURA O'DWYER - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LOGISTICS)**



Laura is in her fourth year of studying at the University of Canterbury, undertaking a Bachelor of Laws (with Honours) and a Bachelor of Criminal Justice. This is Laura's first volunteer role with UN Youth, so she is the 'newbie' of the Directorship team. However, Laura has extensive experience in student leadership, representation and governance through her role as Equity and Wellbeing Officer on the University of Canterbury Students Association. Laura also volunteers at Community Law Canterbury and holds the position of Research Developer for Purpose Projects, a newly established NGO focusing on student volunteer trips.

Laura is passionate about student wellbeing, community development and international social justice issues. She has previously worked in Uganda and has travelled extensively personally, but is looking forward to seeing and experiencing more of the world with some of New Zealand's amazing young leaders. Laura's favourite things include: chocolate, flat whites, red lipstick and dancing (usually either to Backstreet Boys, the latest movie musical, or Beyoncé).

# THE ITINERARY

Below is the current draft itinerary for Global Development Tour 2019, which is subject to change. The Directorship will release a detailed working itinerary after selections, in preparation for the information sessions with the Delegation and their parent(s) / guardian(s) (planned for October 2018).

Date(s)	Location	Proposed Meetings / Activities
12 January	Auckland, New Zealand	Delegation meets in Auckland from across country.
13 January	Auckland, New Zealand	Delegation departs Auckland (early AM).
13 January - 20 January	New York, United States	CMUNCE, United Nations Headquarters, UN Women, 9/11 Museum & Memorial, Museum of Modern Art, Times Square, NZ Permanent Mission to the UN.
21 January - 25 January	London, United Kingdom	London Waste and Recycling Board, International Business Ethics Board, UN Global Compact, NZ Trade & Enterprise, British Museum.
26 January - 29 January	Paris, France	Organisation for Economic Cooperation & Development (OECD), UN Educational, Social & Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), International Federation of Human Rights (FIDH), Disneyland, The Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, Eiffel Tower.
30 January - 2 February	Berlin, Germany	Reichstag Tour, Berlin Wall / East Side Gallery, City Walking Tour, Berlin Innovation Hub.
3 February - 5 February	Vienna, Austria	UN Headquarters, UN Environment Programme, Smart City Agency, Urban Innovation Vienna, opera.
6 February - 8 February	Rome, Italy	Food and Agricultural Organisation, World Food Programme, International Fund for Agricultural Development, Colosseum, Vatican City / St Peter's Basilica, Vatican Museums.
9 February	Hong Kong, SAR	City tour, shopping.
10 February	Auckland, New Zealand	Delegation arrives in Auckland, with onward connections for Delegates residing in other centres.

# DECEMBER PLANNING WEEKEND

A key component in the planning and preparation of the Global Development Tour 2019 will be the December Planning Weekend (DPW). This will be held from **Saturday 8 - Monday 10 December 2018**.

DPW is a residential event, held in university student accommodation. DPW brings the entire Delegation together to: finalise trip logistics; provide Delegates with a taste of what is to come on Tour; run simulations of CMUNCE committee sessions / learn the conference rules of procedure; and give the Delegation a chance to bond / get to know each other. For these reasons, it is compulsory that all Delegates attend DPW in its entirety.

**Applicants who cannot attend DPW will not be considered for the Delegation.**

Traditionally, DPW has been held in Wellington. However, this year, the Directorship is considering relocating the event to Auckland. This will be confirmed with the Delegation and their parent(s) / guardian(s) after selection.



# FINANCIAL MATTERS

## DELEGATE FEE

The delegate fee includes: all international flights, accommodation, most main meals, group public transportation, and some tourist activities over the duration of the Tour, and all accommodation, food and activities on DPW. The delegate fee does **not** include the cost of transport to and from Auckland or Wellington for DPW. Delegates may also be required to meet the costs of their flights to and from Auckland before and after the Tour itself.

The delegate fee will be paid in five instalments (see below). Payments must be received on or before the specified dates. If payments are more than one month late, the Delegate may be removed from the Delegation at UN Youth's discretion. However, alternative payment arrangements may be organised in consultation with the Director.

<b>1 August 2018</b>	<b>\$ 2,300.00</b>
<b>1 September 2018</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>
<b>1 October 2018</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>
<b>1 November 2018</b>	<b>\$ 1,500.00</b>
<b>1 December 2018</b>	<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,000.00</b>

UN Youth reserves the right to vary these amounts by 10% of the quoted value.

Please note the first and last payments are **non-refundable**. Should a Delegate withdraw from the Delegation before 1 December 2018, they will be eligible to receive a refund of any payments made, with the exception of the first payment of \$2300. Should a Delegate pull out of the Delegation after 1 December 2018, no refunds will be issued as most (if not all) costs will have been incurred by this time.

## FUNDING AND SPONSORSHIP

In the past, Delegates have been successful in securing individual funding towards their delegate fee from a variety of sources, including: schools, charities, and other community organisations. The Directorship will work with students to create and implement a sponsorship strategy, and provide resources to assist with this. The Directorship have also already begun sourcing corporate sponsorship for the entire Delegation.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

This year, for the first time, UN Youth is very excited to offer two \$1000 scholarships for the Tour.

The first scholarship is available to applicants of Māori / Pasifika descent (**MPI Scholarship**). The second will be offered to a student that displays strong financial need, and who would otherwise be unable to partake in the Tour if not for this financial assistance (**Hardship Scholarship**).

If you are eligible and wish to be considered for either (or both) of these scholarships, please indicate this in the relevant section of the application form. In a separate section of your cover letter to the Directorship, please also expand as to why you believe you are the most deserving recipient of this financial support, giving supporting evidence as you see necessary.

Please note: if eligible, applicants may apply for both scholarships, but each scholarship will be awarded to a different Delegate, i.e., the same person will not be granted both scholarships.



# THE APPLICATION PROCESS

## ELIGIBILITY

To apply for the UN Youth New Zealand Global Development Tour 2019, you must:

- be a current year 13 New Zealand secondary school student (or a year 12 school leaver);
- have read and have had your parent(s) / guardian(s) read this application pack;
- be available for the dates of the Tour itself: **12 January - 10 February 2019**; and
- be available for DPW in either Auckland or Wellington (TBC) on **Saturday 8 - Monday 10 December 2018**.

## REGIONAL INFORMATION SESSIONS

The Directorship will host information sessions for prospective applicants and their parents in the main regional centres. These are an opportunity to find out more information about the Tour and ask any questions you may have. Please visit the relevant UN Youth regional event pages for more information. The key dates, times, and venues for these sessions are as follows:

- **Auckland:** Monday 28 May, 6.00pm - Owen G. Glenn Building Case Room 325, University of Auckland
- **Wellington:** Wednesday 23 May, 6.30pm – Alan MacDiarmid Building Room 103, Victoria University of Wellington, Kelburn Campus
- **Christchurch:** Thursday 24 May, 6.30pm – Jack Erskine Building Room 443, University of Canterbury
- **Dunedin:** Wednesday 23 May, 7.30pm - Otago Room, OUSA Building, Otago University, 84 Albany St

## WRITTEN APPLICATION

The following components are required for the written application:

- Cover letter answering the three questions (see below)
  - o If applying for one (or both) of the scholarships, please also expand as to why you believe you are the most deserving recipient of this financial support, providing supporting evidence as you see necessary.
- Curriculum vitae
- Personal reference
- School reference
- Passport photo of yourself
- Photocopy of your current passport (please send a copy of your driver's licence / birth certificate if you do not have a current passport)

The cover letter must be a Word document **no longer than 1,000 words in total**. Please introduce your answer to each question by repeating the text of the question as a sub-heading in the body of your letter. In your letter you must answer each of the following questions:

1. What skills and experience can you bring to the Global Development Tour?
2. What is the value of the Global Development Tour to you?
3. What is a current issue or challenge you feel strongly about? Explain how this could relate to at least one of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Please do not include any additional materials; these will not be read.

Any applications that do not include all of the information requested will not be accepted. Each document should be attached to separately, as per the application form.

Applications must be submitted to the UN Youth website, under the 'Apply Now' tab. Applications must be received no later than **11.59pm, 15 June 2018**. Late applications will not be considered.

## VIDEO INTERVIEW

Applicants will be shortlisted for video interviews after the written application deadline. Video interviews will take place over **Friday 6 - Saturday 8 July 2018**. Applicants must make themselves available at some point for a 30-minute time slot over this period for an interview.

## SELECTION

Video interviewees will be notified of the outcome of application on **Monday 9 July 2018**. Successful applicants will be notified via phone call.

Successful applicants' parent(s) / guardian(s) will also be contacted and required to sign another permission slip before the first payment is due on **1 August 2018**. Further information sessions for selected students and their parent(s) / guardian(s) will take place later on in the year.

