

# HIGH SCHOOL AMBASSADOR CODE OF CONDUCT

The High School Ambassador programme provides an environment in which secondary students are able to develop leadership skills whilst also becoming more aware of the global political climate. Becoming a High School Ambassador for the Canterbury region allows students involved in UN Youth events to become representatives for the institution and will have the opportunity to contribute their own thoughts and ideas to UN Youth.

The High School Ambassador (HSA) programme is a leadership programme for secondary students involved with UN Youth. Secondary schools around New Zealand may have one or two HSAs, and there will be a network of HSAs within each of the four regions of UN Youth.

- I, the High School Ambassador, or my legal guardians or teacher acting on my behalf if I am a minor, agree to the following code of conduct.
- I accept the term of the High School Ambassador position is until the end of the calendar year (31 December).

## Job Description

A High School Ambassador for UN Youth in the Canterbury region is expected to:

- Develop a relationship with the relevant department (Geography, English, Social Studies, for example) teacher or staff member at your school to inform them about UN Youth and its educational programme and keep them updated on events happening in Canterbury and throughout New Zealand.
- Assist in promoting UN Youth events through school newsletters, speeches at assemblies, posters, etc.
- Facilitate peers attendance at UN Youth events (through assisting with applications, helping inform teachers, for example).
- Liaise with the UN Youth Canterbury Regional Council in regards to your activities.
- Help assist in recruiting the successive Ambassador.

A High School Ambassador for UN Youth in the Canterbury region will be provided with:

- Development opportunities related to personal and professional skills
- Unique opportunities within UN Youth to run and attend events in the Canterbury region
- Social events to connect with other high school ambassadors and UN Youth members
- Resources and support to provide for your engagement and understanding off UN Youth

## General

- I have read and will follow and respect the UN Youth New Zealand [Codes of Conduct](#) and the other provisions of the [Welfare Protocols](#), and will comply with any sanctions imposed on me as a result of my breach of the Welfare Protocols.
- I grant permission to UN Youth New Zealand to use my photograph and/or comments and/or a video recording of me in print, broadcast, online and social media, without further consent and free of charge, at this or any other date, acknowledging UN Youth New Zealand's right to crop or treat the photograph at its discretion and waiving any right to inspect or approve the finished product, including written copy, wherein my likeness or comments appear;
- I acknowledge and agree that, subject to UN Youth New Zealand complying with applicable privacy and health records legislation, UN Youth New Zealand may collect and

store my personal information, and contact me using my personal information in order to organise the Event, or conduct any post-Event selection, or to solicit feedback or inquiries, or advise me of events, special offers and other like activities offered by UN Youth New Zealand except where permitted or required by law.

- I agree to release, hold harmless, defend and indemnify UN Youth New Zealand, and its Volunteers, from and against any damage, liability, loss or claim which in any way may arise from or relate to my participation in the Event.

### Honesty and Integrity

High School Ambassadors are committed and loyal to the vision, values and goals of UN Youth New Zealand. They inspire trust and behave honestly, ethically and with integrity.

- I agree to not engage in activities that may bring UN Youth New Zealand into disrepute, or damage the relationship of trust and confidence between UN Youth New Zealand and your school, its teachers, our delegates/participants, and their parents.
- I agree to take responsibility for my own actions and decisions.

### Loyalty, Good faith, Professionalism

High School Ambassadors have a duty of trust. They are committed to carrying out faithfully the duties and obligations of their role for in an efficient, competent and loyal manner, and avoid behaviour that might impair their effectiveness.

- I agree to act professionally at all times and am aware of the impact of my behaviour and decisions.
- I agree to not disclose any confidential information about delegates or other staff members, to any person outside of their team of officeholders (Regional Council or Event Committee) and UN Youth New Zealand National Executive.
- I agree to comply with UN Youth operational procedures and approvals processes as much as possible.

### Respect for People

All High School Ambassadors understand that their role will put them in direct contact with people from a diverse range of backgrounds, including different ethnicities, nationalities, and religions. It is therefore imperative that they treat all people with dignity and respect.

- I agree to be fair and just in carrying out my role, irrespective of my personal beliefs, values and philosophies.
- I agree to not use discriminating behaviour or language.

### Rights and Responsibilities

High School Ambassadors will be of no greater status than other delegates at high school events. Ambassadors are not to use their role to position themselves higher than fellow students or expect special treatment from office holders.

- I agree to work within the rules of my school in order to develop the best relationship possible with UN Youth. For example, following the rules of where posters can be placed, when it is appropriate to leave class, etc.
- I agree to inform and promote opportunities with UN Youth to all the appropriate students at their school, and not neglect or discriminate any group or individual student for any reason.
- I accept there will be regular support and communication from my Regional Council. Likewise, I acknowledge my responsibility to regularly liaise with the Regional Council liaison and maintain a dialogue between UN Youth and their high school.
- I expect to be treated with equal respect to any other office holder in the organisation.

Should the Regional Council or National Executive have reason to suspect that a HSA has committed a breach of the Code of Conduct, it may immediately remove them from their obligations pending a reasonable inquiry. The Regional Council or National Executive reserves the right to dismiss a HSA from their role if the breach is found to be true.