

What is Aotearoa Youth Declaration?

Aotearoa Youth Declaration is UN Youth's flagship civics education conference. The conference aims to equip participating youth from all across Aotearoa with a deeper understanding of their place within their community and the ways they can actively contribute to it. Participants are guided by facilitators in small groups (focus groups), each centred around a different policy area.

What is UN Youth New Zealand?

UN Youth New Zealand is a non-profit organisation that provides civics education outside the traditional classroom context. Through fun workshops, Model UN, and outreach events, we engage high school and tertiary students in the most pressing affairs of their country and the international community.

What is the dress code?

The dress code for the duration of the event is smart casual. School uniforms and cultural dress are welcomed. For the Outreach Programme, some groups will be walking to their venues, for this reason good walking shoes are recommended for the second day.

Can I wear high-heels?

We do not recommend the wearing of high-heels due to the long days and walking that you may be required to do.

Where is the conference taking place?

The conference will be held at the University of Auckland's City Campus, with majority of the conference taking place in the Owen G Glenn Building on Grafton Road. Any other locations used on campus will be clearly signposted and directions given by Conference Assistants. No parking is available at the conference venue.

If I have a medical condition or dietary requirement who should I tell?

If you declared it on your application form, don't worry we have got it noted. If not, please get in contact with Julia on the email below as soon as possible.

Are the meals provided during the conference?

Yes, the meals during the days are provided. This may include, morning/afternoon tea and lunch. We also recommend bringing a drink bottle with you during the day as the days are often long.

Who will be attending?

350 of New Zealand's rangitahi. All with the common purpose of coming together to create positive change for the better. Everyone will be of high-school age from all across Aotearoa and all walks of life.

What time is the conference?

Day 1 is from 9am-6pm, Day 2 is from 8:30am to 7:30pm, Day 3 is from 8:30am to 6pm and Day 4 is from 9am to 6pm. The timetables for each day can be found in your participant handbook.

What support will I have access to at the conference?

We have a dedicated welfare team who is there 24/7 for your welfare needs during the conference. They look after your mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health. You can text, call or go and see them at any point during the conference. We also have MPI (Maori and Pacific Islander) and LGBTQIA+ Liaisons attending who you are welcome to talk to at any time.

If I have questions who can I contact?

Julia, our registrations officer at julia.caulfield@unyouth.org.nz