

EVATT TOUR 2019

DELEGATE INFORMATION PACK



For any questions relating to the Evatt Tour, or the competition itself, please contact the Director, Ayush Sharma at ayush.sharma@unyouth.org.nz.

ABOUT THE EVATT COMPETITION

Step up. Challenge yourself. Represent Aotearoa at UN Youth Australia's premier Model Security Council conference - the Evatt Competition!

The Evatt Competition is run by our mates over in UN Youth Australia. It is a simulation of the UN Security Council (UNSC), one of the principal organs of the United Nations and the body charged with the maintenance of international peace and security. Delegates represent member states in pairs. Each Australian state holds preliminary competitions at various times in the year. The top-performing teams from each state progress to the National Finals, which is held in late November.

UN Youth Australia reserves two team slots (four students) out of the 30 teams in the National Finals for UN Youth New Zealand. We send four secondary school students to compete at the Evatt National Finals.

The aim of a team in the Evatt Competition is simple: achieve their nation's goals through diplomacy. The arena is the UN Security Council, convened to consider a draft resolution. Each team of two must use all the tools of the Security Council to mould the resolution to advance their assigned country's interests: formal speeches, amendments, debating, negotiation, parliamentary procedure, and, of course, lots of back-room wheeling and dealing. The students judged the most effective diplomats proceed to the next round.

Additionally, there will be workshops from experts in their field and inspiring speaker sessions. Overall, Evatt educates young people about the world and empowers them as active citizens by developing public speaking, negotiation, teamwork, research, and diplomatic skills.

The Security Council's procedure is based on the premise that representatives do this full time (which is fair, since it's their job). Sadly, we don't have that luxury, and so an Evatt Security Council simulation runs on rules of procedure developed specifically for the competition. The rules are complicated, but shouldn't be too unfamiliar to students who have past Model UN experience. You can also find more information on UN Youth Australia's [Guide to Procedure](#) and [Procedure Cheat Sheet](#).

This year, we endeavour to use feedback from previous NZ delegates to guide the training and will organise training sessions with previous delegates involved. The Australian rules are somewhat different to what you might have come across before so make sure you check them out!

HOW EVATT WORKS

The competition takes the form of a mock session of the UN Security Council. Teams of two students debate, amend, and vote on a prepared resolution from the perspective of their assigned nation. The students judged the most effective diplomats proceed to the next round. There are four prepared, and three impromptu committee sessions; so the ability to gather ideas and formulate argument within a short time frame is crucial! Be prepared to think on your feet!

UN Security Council Procedure

Evatt Security Council simulation runs on rules of procedure developed specifically for the competition. The New Zealand delegates will have to work hard to learn the rules and prepare to ensure they are not a disadvantage. The Australian rules are somewhat different to what you might have come across before so make sure you check out UN Youth Australia's [Guide to Procedure](#) and [Procedure Cheat Sheet](#).

Speaking/Debating

Evatt speeches change the diplomatic conversation by making short, memorable, original, relevant, and logical points. Points of information (questions) must persuade the audience, either supporting allies or undermining an opposing argument through brief and pertinent questions or answers.

Negotiation

Listening and drawing one's counterpart towards agreement through reasoned, persuasive argument defines negotiation. This element also requires efficient use of Security Council procedure; delegates should manage their limited time to focus on their member state's highest priorities.

Teamwork

In an Evatt team, both partners participate in all parts of the competition and work harmoniously together. They recognise and take advantage of their complementary strengths and distinctive intellectual contributions through clear team strategy.

Research

Evatt teams reflect their state's policies, priorities, and agenda in their advocacy with reasonable accuracy. Teams apply their research to demonstrate understanding of their nation and the issues under discussion.

A Diplomatic Manner

Diplomacy is characterised by a manner of constructive engagement, where disagreement is channelled towards productive results through mature deliberation. In particular, teams must engage with their counterparts as if they would continue to do so long into the future, avoiding tactics like bullying that produce a short-term result at a high long-term cost.



DETAILS

We are looking for four outstanding High School students to represent their country at this year's Evatt Completion. Departing New Zealand for Brisbane at the end of November, students will be competing in a competitive Model Security Council experience like no other. Applicants will need to demonstrate strong skills in the areas of speaking, negotiation and research.

The delegates will be accompanied to the conference by a Volunteer from UN Youth who will help them prepare for the competition and support them in Brisbane. Delegates will also be cared for at the conference by a full team of Facilitators and Welfare Officers from UN Youth Australia.

SUMMARY

Dates: 25th November - 1st December 2019

Departing from Auckland.

Destination: Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

Cost (Delegate Fee): \$2000 (exact price subject to change)

DIRECTOR

Your director was selected by the UN Youth NZ National Executive. If you require any further information, please feel free to get in touch with Ayush at ayush.sharma@unyouth.org.nz.



Kia ora! My name is Ayush and I am super excited to be the Director for the 2019 Evatt Tour! I am currently a 3rd year Bachelor of Health Sciences and Laws conjoint student at the University of Auckland, and attended Rutherford College out West, My very first exposure to UN Youth was Auckland Model United Nations 2016, and I have been involved ever since. I was fortunate enough to have been part of a range of regional and national events as a high schooler, and was honoured to even step up onto the international stage, as part of the inaugural Global Development Tour delegation in early 2017. I have held a range of volunteering positions since, including being the Marketing Manager for Kaiarahi mō Āpōpō: Auckland Politics Summit 2017, team member of the Communications division of the National Operations Team, Auckland Marketing & Public Relations Manager in 2018 and Auckland Vice-President for Universities, along with Volunteers & Equity Officer for NZ Model UN this year. Along with this, I have volunteered at countless regional and national events.

I am privileged to be able to step up my volunteering to the international level, and take four of our best and brightest to represent Aotearoa at the Evatt National Finals in Brisbane later this year! Best of luck with your application.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

The estimated delegate fee for the Evatt Competition is **\$2000**. UN Youth New Zealand reserves the right to vary the delegate fee within 10% of the quoted value.

Payment of the delegate fee must be received on or before the dates specified below. If the first payment is late without notice, delegates will be removed from the delegation and their place will be offered to other applications from the waitlist. If subsequent payments are more than one month late, delegates may be removed from the delegation at the discretion of UN Youth. **All payments are non-refundable**. Where a delegate withdraws before the start of the trip a claim should be made through the travel insurance provider.

When selected, delegates will receive invoice for each of the following monthly payments:

Date:	Amount:
30th September 2019	\$600
30th October 2019	\$1000
20th November 2019	\$400

What the delegate fee covers:

- International Flights + Airport Transfers.
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance.
- Accommodation in Australia.
- Food in Australia.
- Evatt Competition Registration Fee.

What the delegate fee does NOT cover: (these are some examples of additional costs that you will need to bear)

- Transport to and from Auckland Airport for the start and end of the trip.
- Any fees associated with passport or visa applications.
- Personal shopping.

SPONSORSHIP

UN Youth will provide support to the delegates to find sponsorship for the trip, providing reference letters and information packs about the competition where needed. However, the responsibility for finding sponsorship will be on the delegates.

Sources of funding that delegates could consider are:

- Schools
- Community grants, foundations and charities
- Local members of Parliament and government departments
- Businesses

If you have any questions relating to financial matters, please do not hesitate to contact the Director at ayush.sharma@unyouth.org.nz.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply to be part of the Evatt Competition 2017 Delegation, you must fill out the short form questions on the website. You must read through all the information in this information pack before submitting your application.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to attend the trip, a participant must be:

- Be enrolled at a High School in New Zealand at the time of the application;
- Be at least 15 years of age at the time of application;
- Be able to obtain a current passport before the start of the trip; and
- Have no criminal convictions.

Preference will be given to students who have experience with Model UN, debating or negotiation. Please note because of the travel dates, Global Development Tour 2020 delegates will not be eligible to apply.

JOINT APPLICATIONS/TEAMS OF TWO (Optional)

In Australia the pairs that participate in the competition are from the same school. This promotes stronger teamwork as the pairs have more opportunities to work and practice together.

As such, this year as part of the short form application form we are asking applicants to note the names of any other students they would like to be paired up with. These students must be from the same city as you and preferably the same school.

This is completely optional and not an expectation. There is no guarantee that both you and your preferred partner will be selected.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Stage One: Short form application

A written application must be submitted through the [UN Youth website form](#) by **11.59pm, Monday 26 August**.

Stage Two: Long form application

Shortlisted applications will be invited to submit a more detailed written application. This stage of the application process is dependent on the level of interest received during the short form application period. At its discretion UN Youth may decide to go straight to Stage Three.

Stage Three: Interview

Short-listed applications will be invited to have a 20-minute interview over Skype. UN Youth will select the delegates after all the interviews have been completed. Delegates will be notified whether or not they have been successful 3-4 days following interviews.