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PACIFIC LEADERSHIP TOUR 2020
APPLICATION PACK &
DELEGATE INFORMATION



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THE PACIFIC LEADERSHIP TOUR

Pacific Leadership Tour is a trip like no other: a world-class youth conference followed by an educational and cultural trip to Vanuatu where we will visit different organisations who are driving development, trade, innovation, and combating climate change in the Pacific.

As a delegate, you will join 11 other carefully selected high school students from across the country and two Directors for this incredible trip. We'll be able to get to know each other as a group on the first day in Auckland where we will have a training day before heading to UN Youth Australia's National Conference in Sydney. At National Conference, you will be challenged to think critically about global issues and grow your leadership skills. Following that you will learn how New Zealand and Vanuatu fit into local, national, and global ideas of democracy, as well as learning more about yourself, and making lifelong friends.

Then it's time to take everything you learn at National Conference and travel to Vanuatu for a week of learning, as we focus on economic development, climate change and disaster relief, and visit various organisations like the New Zealand High Commission, CARE International, Oxfam and more. There will also be opportunities to exchange culture with the local community, and downtime for tourist activities.

Pacific Leadership Tour is unique among the opportunities offered by UN Youth in terms of allowing delegates a truly first-hand experience with the ideas and issues we often discuss. It supports our delegates to meet like minded global citizens and create long lasting friendships.

Pacific Leadership Tour will run from 1 – 18 July 2020 and is for secondary school students.



UN YOUTH AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL CONFERENCE

National Conference brings together over 100 of the brightest and most engaged delegates from across Australia and the Asia-Pacific region for an incredible week of discussion, debate, and so much more. It is Australia's largest annual residential youth conference, and is consistently recognised by their government as Australia's premier conference for young people.

During the conference, delegates will represent a UN member state and engage with global issues from this perspective. However, National Conference is about much more than Model United Nations. Delegates will hear from a range of fascinating international experts, participate in workshops and interactive problem solving scenarios and have the chance to offer their own opinions on a range of topics.

The conference will also be full of fun activities and plenty of time to socialise with delegates from across Australia and Asia. National Conference is an incredible opportunity to make Trans-Tasman friendships that will last for years to come. This year's National Conference theme is Environmental Justice and it will educate and empower delegates to not only learn about the environment around them but encourage them to take action in their own communities.

This year's National Conference will be held in Sydney, providing delegates with a unique opportunity to discover the beauty and charm of New South Wales.



VANUATU

This year we will return to Vanuatu for the Pacific leg of the trip. This part of the project will act not just as a cultural exchange but an opportunity for leadership development, learning and a chance for students to engage in locally driven innovation and opportunities.

The delegation will stay in Pango village, where we will learn about local culture and village life. Students will also have the opportunity to reflect on and share their own culture.

Delegates will visit a variety of organisations working in and around Port Vila, including the New Zealand High Commission and NGOs. We will be focusing on four key factors of our theme including diplomacy, climate change, development and intercultural competency. Each visit, meeting and experience throughout the tour will fit into one of these branches and we will spend time doing reflection sessions to flesh out exactly what we gained from our experience. This will provide an opportunity to learn and think critically about different approaches to development in the region and the role that New Zealand plays.

We will be visiting the National Museum in Vanuatu to educate ourselves on historical technology and design as well as innovation from the present. There will also be time for everyone to relax and enjoy the beauty of Vanuatu with tourist activities such as bush walks and a day cruise.



DRAFT ITINERARY

Date	What	Notes
Wednesday 1 July	Domestic flights to Auckland	Training workshops
Thursday 2 July	Fly to Sydney	Sydney Aquarium/NGO Visit
Friday 3 July	Facilitators training day	Fun Activities in Sydney
Saturday 4 July	National Conference Day 1	Delegates Arrive Scavenger Hunt Open Ceremony
Sunday 5 July	National Conference Day 2	Keynote Speaker Workshop + Interactive Problem Solving
Monday 6 July	National Conference Day 3	Speakers Panel Workshop / Youth Representative
Tuesday 7 July	National Conference Day 4	Inspiration Breakfast Committee Debates Bloc Dinners
Wednesday 8 July	National Conference Day 5	Climate Change Expert Session Negotiation Workshop Movie Night
Thursday 9 July	National Conference Day 6	General Assembly Final Night Dinner
Friday 10 July	National Conference Day 7 Afternoon Flights	Delegations Leaving
Saturday 11 July	Vanuatu Day 1	Vanuatu EcoTours Oxfam
Sunday 12 July	Vanuatu Day 2	CARE International NZ High Commission in Vanuatu
Monday 13 July	Vanuatu Day 3	Vanuatu's National Advisory Board on Climate Change & Disaster Risk Reduction (NAB)
Tuesday 14 July	Vanuatu Day 4	Vanuatu National Eye Centre by the Fred Hollows Foundation Farm Support Association
Wednesday 15 July	Vanuatu Day 5	UNICEF Vanuatu Museum
Thursday 16 July	Vanuatu Day 6	350 Pacific Vanuatu Further Arts
Friday 17 July	Vanuatu Day 7	Sail Away One-Day Cruise Vila Outdoor Markets
Saturday 18 July	Flights	Flights back to Auckland Domestic flights

Note: This is a draft itinerary, this may be subject to change. Any changes will be communicated to the participants and their parents.

FINANCES

The estimated delegate fee for the Pacific Leadership Tour is \$4,800 NZD.

Payment of delegation fees must be received on or before the dates specified below. Late payments may incur additional administrative fees and, if payments are more than two weeks, late delegates may be removed from the delegation at the discretion of UN Youth New Zealand.

Date Due	Amount
1 April	\$500.00
1 May	\$1,500.00
24 May	\$1,400.00
13 June	\$1,400.00
TOTAL	\$4,800.00

UN Youth New Zealand reserves the right to vary these amounts to within 10% of the quoted value. Delegates will be made aware of any cost changes as early as possible. Delegates will also need to bring a small amount of personal spending money.

The first payment is non-refundable. Delegates are eligible for a refund of the third payment up until 20 June 2020. After this, no refunds will be issued. We understand that the Pacific Leadership Tour trip is a large financial commitment. If there is a surplus at the end of the trip, it will be divided and refunded to delegates and parents.

INDIVIDUAL SPONSORSHIP AND FUNDING

In order to relieve the costs on delegates, we will provide a sponsorship pack with a proposal, templates and letters of support to help you apply for individual sponsorship. We will also provide a fundraising toolbox with a guide, and ideas for initiatives you can undertake. The Pacific Leadership Tour Directors will be on hand for advice and support.

Success in seeking financial support is often proportional to the effort invested and having the right attitude – in the past, delegates have been able to find funding for the entire cost of their trip.

PAYMENT DEADLINES

If for any reason, you are unable to meet any of the payment deadlines, please contact the Pacific Leadership Tour Director, Ishie Sharma, at ishie.sharma@unyouth.org.nz

HOW TO APPLY

To apply to be part of the Pacific Leadership Tour in July 2020, you must read through all the information in this application pack before making your application.

Applications open 27 January 2020 and close 27 February 2020. If you are successful in your written application, you will receive an interview invitation in early March.

You and your parents/guardians must read through all the attached material carefully before submitting an application. The application form must be signed your parents/guardians.

APPLICATION PROCESS

The application process is broken into three parts:

Stage 1: Written Application

A written application and all supporting documents must be submitted on the UN Youth website by the deadline.

Stage 2: Interview

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for a 20 minute interview via Google Hangouts. The interview period will be during early March. You are expected to make yourself available for an interview during this period at a time agreed between yourself and the Directors. If this is going to be a problem, please let us know at the earliest stage (e.g. in your written application or as soon as you find out).

Stage 3: Offer

Successful applicants from the interview round will be offered a place on the delegation by end of March. You will need to get onto sending back your contracts that we would have sent you and get ready to pay your first instalment.

The Directors suggest you start early to ensure you have enough time to prepare you application.

WRITTEN APPLICATION

In your application, please fill out the application form online here and upload:

- Answer the application questions
- A passport style photo
- A copy of your current passport (or birth certificate if passport unavailable, but note that you will require a passport that is valid for six months after the arrival date in Vanuatu if selected, in order to participate)
- Contact details for a personal referee (i.e., name, phone number and email address for an employer, teacher, coach or someone outside of school)
- Curriculum Vitae

You must also agree to the Terms & Conditions of Participation as specified on the online form. Do not add any additional materials, as they will not be read. Only applications with all the requested information will be accepted.

MEET THE DIRECTORSHIP!

ISHIE SHARMA - DIRECTOR

Ishie is currently in her third year of a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Global Studies conjoint (majoring in International Relations and Business) degree at The University of Auckland. Having been involved with UN Youth since 2017, Ishie has held a variety of positions in the organisation, including being: 2019 High school Ambassador Programme Coordinator for the UN Youth Auckland Region, the 2019 Regional Welfare Officer for Auckland region, on regional event committees as an Assistant Director, and alongside her director role is the Head of Welfare for Aotearoa Youth Declaration 2020. Ishie also has a vast range of experience in facilitating youth groups and organising events.

Aside from UN Youth, Ishie is a Resident Advisor for the second year in a row at the University of Auckland accommodation services and has lots of experience in pastoral care. She also enjoys going to beach, eating ice cream and treating herself to a show at the Civic here and there.



ABBY WONG - ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Born and raised half her life in Singapore, Abby is currently studying towards a Bachelor of Law and Arts at the University of Auckland, majoring in Sociology and Politics. Her UN Youth involvement began as a delegate in Auckland Model United Nations during her final year of high school. Shortly afterwards, she joined Pacific Project as a delegate herself in 2017. Abby has since then volunteered as a Conference Assistant at various high school events and was appointed as the Auckland Tertiary Case Competition Finance Officer for 2019. With her new role as Assistant Director for the Pacific Leadership Tour, she is excited to revisit this tour with her firsthand experience and enhance the perception abroad that New Zealand youth are socially engaged, intelligent and empathetic.

Alongside UN Youth, Abby has served in a number of mentorship roles, most recently in the Asia Savvy Conference committee. She is very much open to movie recommendations and has made it a goal to find the best shaved ice dessert place in Auckland.



TESTIMONIALS

VICTORIA (2018)

For me, Pacific Project was what really solidified my passion for people and becoming involved in my community. It showed me an entire new way of life, and it taught me the importance of fostering relationships with people. I wouldn't swap this experience for the world! National Conference was something that undoubtedly changed my life for the better. The quality of educational content was incredible, and the quality of the people there was insurmountable, I definitely know I've met lifelong friends and had my mind opened to so many new facets of life.

ABBY (2017)

Pacific Project was the best time of my life. Coming from rural New Zealand meant I hadn't had the chance to interact with like-minded people before. Getting to know new people and learn about super interesting content in a new environment was incredible. Coming away from the trip I left with friends I am sure I will have forever, some of which I am living in university halls with. I am reminded daily of the amazing time we had together travelling to Perth and Vanuatu.

ELLA (2017)

Pacific Project was life changing for me. I made lifelong friends with passionate teenagers from all over the world. The trip encouraged me to make the most of every opportunity that comes my way, and to listen and learn with every experience. The time I spent in Perth and Vanuatu was packed with learning and the skills I gained from the experience will last a lifetime.

HOGAN (2014)

Pacific Project was an utterly unforgettable experience which served to deliver the best of two worlds – the opportunity to interact with like-minded people, empowering youth to tackle the challenges of today, and the chance to see first-hand the developments that are being made in less developed countries. It was a trip of lifetime that I will never forget!

HANSEUL (2013)

The inspirational speakers and all of the debates made me really think critically about the world's current issues in ways I had never considered before, and brought out my passions on different issues. Following up the experience of Nat Con with Vanuatu really contrasted how different our worlds were, despite the relatively short physical distance. Through this trip, I was able to learn a lot about the world, and myself - it was an experience I would never exchange for anything else!

NOTE: Pacific Leadership Tour was previously called Pacific Project.

UN YOUTH SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS

UN Youth is active on social media! Keep updated on PLT 2020 and other opportunities at the following links:

- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/unyouthnz/>
- Website - <https://unyouth.org.nz/>
- Blog - <https://unyouth.org.nz/blog/>
- Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/unyouthnz/>
- Snapchat - unyouthnz
- Youtube - <https://www.youtube.com/user/unyouthnz>