

WHAT IS NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT HUI?

The following document is your one stop shop for all your questions to do with our planned replacement for National Council; National Development Hui or NDH! Read on for more!

Wait Where's NC?

National Council, or "NC", was the primary governing authority of UN Youth prior to the introduction of the Board of Directors. NC saw volunteers come together four times a year to meet, discuss the vision of the organisation, share operational reports and make policy decisions. Since the Board of Directors now acts as the governing body of UN Youth, the need for NC to carry out a governance role is no more. NDH will replace NC as an improved way for volunteers from across the country to come together and talk about the future of our organisation.

What's With the Name?

To reflect the fact that the format of National Council is changing, the National Executive decided this was a prime time to change the name of NC as well. After weeks of deliberation (seriously, coming up with a name everyone likes is tough), the title of National Development Hui was born! National Development Hui retains the emphasis that it is a nationwide opportunity for officeholders, whilst also focusing on three critical aspects of development; volunteer, social and visionary development. These will be discussed below. Finally, it allows us to show our pride for the taonga of Te Reo and sets us apart from monolingual UN Youth organisations elsewhere; as well as demonstrates our desire to incorporate opportunities to learn more about tikanga and Te Ao Māori into all future NDHs.

What Does NDH Look Like?

As the name suggests, NDH is heavily focused around the concept of "development". The NX sees NDH has having three strands of development:

- **Volunteer Development.** The NX is dedicated to making 2020 a year focused on volunteer investment. Part of this involves us upskilling officeholders to help them feel increasingly empowered to carry out their roles. NDH will offer workshops aimed at providing officeholders with these precise opportunities.
- **Social Development.** Less time spent delivering reports means more time to get to know each other and have fun! NDH will be an opportunity for just that, with team building games and a social evening lined up after each one, so as to foster a stronger sense of whanaungatanga and manaakitanga within UN Youth.
- **Visionary Development.** Just because NC is gone doesn't mean we don't want volunteers to retain a chance to discuss the future of UN Youth! NDH will create a platform for volunteers to share ideas and address problems facing the organisation via a more casual, round-table discussion approach than the formalised debates of old. NDH will also present an opportunity for face-to-face interaction with our Board of Directors and the National Executive.

How did you come up with this plan?

The NX determined this model with reference to personal experience and to the discussion point at the August 2019 NC in Christchurch titled "The Future of National Council". You can find the

minutes for this discussion at line 142 of the August NC minutes document:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1syvfZ8d4CDpF4Nplvo413p4_fAbdFvZPXldvNhomohE/e/dit?usp=sharing . Our vision for NDH was also proposed and approved by the Board of Directors at their January 2020 meeting. Some consideration was also given to the NC model used by UN Youth Australia, who also have a Board of Directors handling governance.

Can I contribute to the NX Plan for NDH?

No. Nah, of course you can. At the end of each NDH throughout 2020, the National Executive will be running “feedback and progress” sessions for all NDH attendees. We really want attendees to have the chance to shape NDH this year and see huge value in keeping it a flexible model until we have found a shape that suits! Our goal is to see NDH grow and refine itself as the year goes on in accordance with attendee feedback.

Who can attend NDH?

Due to financial constraints on flight caps (we ain't got great bank) and practical constraints on size, NDH will follow the NC model of only being open to members of the following; International Directorships, National Committees, National Working Groups and Regional Councils.

When is NDH?

NDH will be associated with our three National Events; an April NDH in Auckland after AYD, a July NDH in Wellington before or after NZMUN and an August NDH in Christchurch before or after NZMP. NDHs will range between one and two days in length. Unlike VTH, group accommodation will not be provided to ensure the event remains free to attend. You are welcome to arrange your own group accommodation however!

Can I obtain flight subsidies for NDH?

The National Executive will be offering flight subsidies to volunteers eligible to attend. It is up to National Committees, International Directorships and Regional Councils as to whether they wish to offer further financial support to volunteers eligible to attend. Flight subsidies will continue to work as they have in the past.

Wait isn't this just VTH?

I had to put this in here cause I know some of you will ask. No NDH is not a clone of Volunteer Training Hui, for several reasons! Firstly, VTH is held at a fun, centralised location over three days; usually a camp. It has a major emphasis on volunteer bonding, which NDH simply does not have the capacity to carry out. Secondly, NDH will focus substantially on its third element of visionary development. The NX wants NDH to genuinely allow for volunteers to contribute to the vision of UN Youth, something that VTH has not historically focused on.

How do I Join?

If you are eligible (see the criteria above), all you need to do is **fill out the form below on the website!**

Questions?

Forward all your questions, concerns and constructive criticisms straight to me (Mark Howard) at mark.howard@unyouth.org.nz (unless you are reading this in 2021 or later, in which case absolutely do not do this).