

2021 AUCKLAND HIGH SCHOOL AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE APPLICATION PACK



UN Youth Auckland is looking for motivated and diligent volunteers to take on positions on the High School Ambassadors Committee in 2021.

Applications are due with a copy of your CV by 11:59PM on Sunday 13th December to Na-Young Kim, the HSA Programme Coordinator, at nayoung.kim@unyouth.org.nz. Any questions or queries may also be directed to Na-Young.

OVERVIEW OF THE HIGH SCHOOL AMBASSADORS PROGRAMME

The Auckland High School Ambassadors (HSA) Programme was created over seven years ago and up until 2017, the programme was overseen by the Vice-President for High Schools. The programme quickly became the largest programme operated by UN Youth Auckland as we appointed more ambassadors and held more in-school events. Accordingly, an HSA Programme Coordinator role was established.

The first HSA Committee, made up of four first-year tertiary students, was established in 2018 and led by the HSA Programme Coordinator. The goal of the committee was to create new educational content for ambassadors to utilise and provide better oversight over the programme. Both the 2018 and 2019 committees have seen the programme grow and the ambassadors have responded with positive feedback. 2020 was impacted

by COVID-19, and so we're excited to reinvigorate the programme with some exciting new plans for 2021!

We are seeking a 2021 committee to continue developing this impactful programme. In particular, the committee should have a focus on community engagement and outreach and approach schools that do not have an established UN Youth presence. Relationships with these schools need to be maintained and the committee should keep in touch throughout the year. It is encouraged to run in-school Model United Nations events at these schools with tertiary volunteer facilitation. In 2019, a range of in-school Model United Nations events were held throughout the year. Over 90 HSAs collaborated or worked individually to organise 15 in-school Model United Nations events, engaging over 650 students - which is a testament to the proactive approach taken by last year's committee.

High School Ambassadors themselves are responsible for establishing a UN Youth club at school, promoting UN Youth events, running in-school lunchtime workshops and organising their own in-school Model United Nations often in collaboration with neighbouring schools. Ambassadors attend several training sessions throughout the year and we aim to develop their leadership and professional skills.

IN-SCHOOL WORKSHOPS AND MODEL UNITED NATIONS EVENTS

The in-school lunchtime workshops have been designed to run during schooltime. The 2019 committee created materials for various workshops on topics including the sustainable development goals, media bias, the art of persuasion and our place in Aotearoa.

The in-school Model United Nations events are designed as one-day events to be run over the weekend. The 2019 committee created materials for five Model United Nations committee sessions on topics including mental health, indigenous people, freedom of the press and women and youth in conflict.

Additionally, facilitative materials such as a high school ambassador information pack, event proposal template, chairperson scripts and debate charts were provided for the ambassadors to utilise.

Additionally, the Mahi Tahī Hui in July of 2019 was an event that saw HSAs and participants interact with delegations from UN Youth Australia and the Tokyo Board of Education. The event provided workshops on identity, Tikanga, Māori in the justice system, Māori in the health care system and Māori in the education system. This event was overseen by the HSA programme coordinator and facilitated by the HSA committee.

The 2021 committee will have the freedom to develop educational content on topics of their choosing and try out new formats in consultation with and approval of the Auckland Regional Council.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMITTEE

- Appointing and interviewing ambassador applicants
- Fostering a warm, friendly and inclusive culture amongst HSAs
- Training ambassadors on UN Youth processes, welfare considerations and the expectations of their leadership role
- Overseeing a certain number of ambassadors to support them in promoting UN Youth events and running their own in-school workshops and events
- Creating new educational and promotional content throughout the year for ambassadors to utilise during in-school workshops and events
- Liaising with schools and teachers to provide information about the programme and details on how they can support their ambassadors
- Promoting the programme to schools that do not have an established UN Youth presence

COMMITTEE EXPECTATIONS

QUALITIES WE ARE SEEKING

- Passion for the work of UN Youth
- Team-working skills
- Efficient time management
- Organisation and event management skills
- Transparent communication
- Confidence

WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT OF AUCKLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL

- Respect and trust
- Professionalism
- Mentorship and guidance at every step of the way
- Recognition of work accomplished (including references)

WHAT WE EXPECT OF THE HSA COMMITTEE

- Respect and trust
- Professionalism
- Honesty about the level of work you can commit to
- Representation of UN Youth in accordance with the values of our organisation
- Attendance at weekly committee meetings and completion of assigned tasks
- Commitment to seeing all aspects of the event through to completion
- Consulting Auckland Regional Council throughout the organising process

TIKANGA MAORI POLICY

At UN Youth, we believe it is important to incorporate Tikanga Maori principles into our operations as a way of cultivating an equitable and inclusive environment for tangata whenua. We encourage you to browse our Tikanga Maori Policy before applying and consider how you wish to realise its principles should your application be successful:

<https://unyouth.org.nz/about/tikanga-maori/>.

APPLICATION PROCESS

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The Auckland Regional Council may interview some or all candidates before appointing the committee. If you are selected for an interview, we will contact you soon after applications close.

The email subject line should read "HSA Committee - [INSERT FULL NAME]". The personal details we require and questions we would like you to answer can be found below. Please ensure your response to the questions do not exceed three typed pages in total. Applications should also be submitted in PDF format.

We look forward to reading your application!



PERSONAL DETAILS

- a. Full name
- b. Age
- c. Email address
- d. Mobile number
- e. University/institution
- f. Year at University
- g. Course of study/majors
- h. Student ID number if known

QUESTIONS

1. Why are you interested in the committee and the role?
2. Why do you think the High School Ambassadors Programme is important?
3. What skills do you have to offer in the role(s) you have applied for? Please provide examples of how these skills have been utilised in past experiences/roles.
4. COVID-19 has presented unique challenges to the HSA programme, what ideas do you have to keep HSAs engaged?
5. Please list your previous relevant experience, including but not limited to all UN Youth experience.