

Youthwise, the OECD's Youth Advisory Board, is made up of exceptional young people aged 18–30. They bring their perspectives and ideas to the OECD, while also learning about the work of the Organisation and international policy making. In 2021, the first class of Youthwise engaged with OECD Member countries around the new OECD Vision Statement, brainstormed with OECD experts on the development of the Youth Action Plan, helped design a youth event at the OECD's COP26 Virtual Pavilion, and discussed issues related to the future of work with business leaders, MPs, trade union representatives, members of the Y20 and Ministers at high level events.

Following this highly successful year, we are excited to be launching the call for Youthwise 2022! In line with the OECD's policy priorities, our new cohort will focus on how we can build an inclusive and green future for and with young people.

Why Youthwise?

Young people are a crucial part of the efforts to create a greener, more prosperous, more equitable and more resilient future. Yet young people have been among the hardest hit by the consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic. OECD Members are committed to investing in skills, education, quality jobs and mental health to help them rejuvenate their educational and career prospects. But young people also need to shape the policies that will affect them, so they can bring forward their ideas, energy and attitude to help make the green transition a reality. This is where Youthwise comes in!

Selection process and criteria

Applications open from 10 January to 31 January 2022 (midnight, CET). Applicants must be:

- Between 18 and 30 years of age as of 1 January 2022
- A national from an OECD Member country[1]
- Fluent in English[2]
- Highly interested in national and international debates on how to build a green and inclusive future
- Able to dedicate up to 8 hours per month to Youthwise-related activities (including preparatory reading, group work, meetings, speaking at events, etc.)

1 Applicants with dual nationality are accepted, provided that one of these nationalities is of an OECD Member country. OECD Member countries are: Australia, Austria, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States.

2 While the OECD has two official languages (English and French), Youthwise working sessions, meetings, and communications will be conducted in English, so members need a reasonable level of spoken, written, listening comprehension and reading in English to take part. A report on the cohort's work will be made available in both official languages at the end of 2022.

- Available to participate in the Youthwise programme from March 2022 until December 2022
- Able to access a stable internet connection in order to receive and reply to emails, participate in online meetings and webinars, etc.
- Neither currently affiliated with the OECD, nor have a relative who is currently affiliated with the OECD

Youthwise members will:

- Bring their generation's perspectives, insights and ideas to the OECD
- Take part in closed door meetings and consultations, engaging with a range of topics, themes, and OECD experts, having direct input into discussions on OECD work
- Have the opportunity to speak at events and participate in webinars, providing interventions on behalf of Youthwise
- Create and (co-)author documents, articles, and videos to share Youthwise views
- Join interactive workshops with other youth organisations such as the Y20, meeting youth leaders from around the world
- Network and gain a better understanding of how international policy making functions

How to apply

As well as meeting the application criteria, eligible applicants respectful of different viewpoints, open to learning from others, and able to commit to participating fully to Youthwise activities throughout 2022. The application portal, which will be live from 10 January 2022, can be accessed through the Youthwise webpage. Every candidate must answer the following question, either in a 60-second video or a 500-word text (maximum):

What do you think should be the top priority for governments to ensure an inclusive and green future for young people?

As part of the application, candidates will also need to provide a brief introduction (max. 65 words), plus a short paragraph on why they want to become a Youthwise member (max. 65 words).

Youthwise values

Community: Youthwise members work together, exchanging ideas and solutions with fellow Youthwise members, respectful of each other's perspectives.
Collaboration: Youthwise members share their ideas and opinions with the OECD, in a constructive and honest way.
Openness: Youthwise members work with people from a diverse mix of OECD countries and regions, accepting that there are many perspectives on issues.

An inter-generational OECD jury will review applications, aiming to create a diverse, representative group of young people. Successful applicants will be announced early March 2022. Due to the volume of applications received, only successful applicants will be contacted.



The standard term of appointment will be from March 2022 until December 2022. Currently, given the COVID-19 public health situation, all Youthwise activities will be online. Youthwise members will not be remunerated for their participation.

Want to find out more about the Youthwise class of 2021? Check out the Youthwise webpage for more information. Questions? Contact us at youthwise@oecd.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

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