



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. Following two highly successful years, we are launching the call for applications to the Youthwise class of 2023.

Why Youthwise?

Young people are a crucial part of the efforts to create an equitable, sustainable and prosperous future. Yet they have been among the hardest hit by the pandemic's impact, and by the cost-of-living crisis. OECD Members are committed to investing in young people's futures to help them rejuvenate their educational and career prospects. In this context, it's important for young people to have a voice in policy discussions that will affect them, so they can bring forward their ideas, energy and experiences, and gain greater understanding of the issues at hand. This is where Youthwise comes in!

Youthwise members will:

- Bring their generation's perspectives, insights and ideas to the OECD
- Gain a greater understanding of key policy issues that affect their generation
- Take part in closed door meetings and consultations, engaging on a range of topics, themes, with OECD experts and external stakeholders
- Have the opportunity to speak at events and participate in webinars 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

Some Youthwise achievements so far:

In 2021, Youthwise contributed to the development of the [Youth Action Plan](#) and the OECD Vision Statement. They shared their insights on the future of work with OECD members and experts in a [closing declaration](#). The Class of 2022 was invited to share their views on climate, digital and social mobility at three Ministerial meetings, including the Ministerial Council Meeting (MCM), the OECD's highest-level meeting. On the margins of the MCM, Youthwise brought together 70+ youth delegates from OECD countries, who collectively developed a [manifesto on The Future Youth Want](#)¹.

Selection process and criteria

Applications are open from 12 December 2022 to 22 January 2023. Successful applicants will be contacted by the beginning of March and Youthwise 2023 will officially kick off in April 2023.

Applicants must be:

- Between 18 and 30 years of age as of 15 March 2023

¹ For a full overview of Youthwise activities in 2021 and 2022, please visit the [Youthwise site](#).

- A national of an OECD Member country²
- Fluent in English³
- Highly interested in national and international debates on building an inclusive future through the green and digital transitions
- Able to be diplomatic, understanding and open to different ideas and perspectives when discussing potentially divisive topics
- Able to dedicate up to 8 hours per month to Youthwise-related activities (including preparatory reading, group work, meetings, speaking at events, etc.)
- Committed to participate fully in the programme from March '23 until March '24
- Able to access an internet connection (to join online meetings) and email account to stay in contact.
- Neither currently affiliated with the OECD, nor have a relative who is currently OECD-affiliated⁴

Application Process

As well as meeting the application criteria, eligible applicants will be respectful of different viewpoints, open to learning from others, and able to commit to participating fully in Youthwise activities throughout the mandate. The application portal, which will be live from 12 December 2022, can be accessed through the [Youthwise webpage](#). Every candidate must answer the following question in a 90-second video: **What policy area are you most interested in and what unique perspectives can you bring to discussions on this topic?**

As part of the application, candidates will also need to briefly introduce themselves (600 characters) and tell us about the impact they hope to have as a member of

Youthwise (900 characters). These answers will not only form the basis for application evaluation but may also be referred to when nominating successful members to speak or work on certain topics.

An inter-generational OECD jury will review applications to create a diverse, representative group of young people. Due to the volume of applications, only successful applicants will be contacted. The standard term of appointment will be from April 2023 until March 2024. Youthwise activities will principally take place online, though member(s) may be invited to in-person events, for which travel costs will be covered. A high level of attendance and participation is expected from all members; in the instance of unavailability, members are expected to notify the team in advance. Youthwise members aren't remunerated for their participation.

Want to find out more about the current and previous Classes of Youthwise? Check out the [Youthwise webpage](#) for more information. Questions? Contact us at youthwise@oecd.org. We look forward to receiving your application!

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.

² Applicants with dual nationality are accepted, provided that one of these nationalities is of an OECD Member country. OECD Member countries are: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Türkiye, United Kingdom, United States.

³ While the OECD has two official languages (English and French), Youthwise working sessions, meetings, and communications will be conducted in English, so members need to be comfortable making verbal contributions and presentations in both public and internal meetings, writing documents and doing background reading in English. A report on the cohort's work will be made available in both official languages at the end of 2022.

⁴ 'Affiliation' includes: current/former members of staff (official, temporary or intern) for the OECD, its delegations, or any OECD subsidiary. A relative includes: the spouse or co-habitee, or any ascendant, descendant, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, first cousin, nephew, niece or in-law of the applicant.