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Youth Parliament 2022: Key information

The Youth Parliament programme provides an opportunity to hear from young people from around Aotearoa New Zealand on what is important to them, and for Youth MPs to actively work on topics and issues they are passionate about.

Every MP will select their own Youth MP to represent them and young people in their local electorate for six-months (from 1 March to 31 August 2022), including participating in the two-day Youth Parliament 2022 event at Parliament.

Eligibility criteria:

Youth MPs must be:

- 16 to 18 years of age (inclusive) on 12 November 2021.
- Active in their community or region, or looking for ways to become active in their community or region (even if they have not had experience with politics or activism before, they can still have the opportunity to be chosen as a youth MP).
- Interested in issues affecting young people, politics and/or social change.
- Able to manage the time commitment of being a Youth MP from 1 March 2022 to 31 August 2022, including the Youth Parliament event on 19 - 20 July 2022 (candidates may undertake a community project during the tenure period, although this is not compulsory).
- Prepared to work within Youth Parliament 2022 protocols and behavioural expectations (including signing a Code of Conduct).

Activities for Youth MPs:

- Regional training to prepare for their roles.
- Meeting with the MP who selected them.
- Participating in local activities in association with the MP who selected them, such as attending local engagements with their MP to experience 'a day in the life' of an MP.
- Giving a speech to high school students on the value and importance of voting.
- The opportunity to carry out an individual or group (with other Youth MPs) project on topics / issues of importance to young people.
- Researching the topics to be discussed at Youth Parliament, and consulting peers to understand their views.

Being a Youth MP is a great opportunity for young people from all walks of life to get involved and contribute their perspectives and experiences.

To apply:

Please send me a 3-minute video or a written essay to palmerston.north@parliament.govt.nz. Introduce yourself, tell me what you're passionate about, and what you'd advocate for at Youth Parliament.

I look forward to your application as I begin the search for Palmerston North's next Youth MP.

Kia Manuia

Tangi Utikere, MP for Palmerston North

