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**the Y Northern Territory**  
**YOUTH PARLIAMENT**  
**Team Application Pack 2023**

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**Applications close 9am Tuesday 13 June 2023**

## WELCOME

G'day and thank you for downloading the Y Northern Territory Youth Parliament Team Application Pack 2023.

In 2023, the Northern Territory Youth Parliament offers 50 young people, aged 16 to 25, in 10 teams of five, to develop a proposed piece of legislation on an issue that they are passionate about, and debate it in Parliament House over the September school holidays, whilst on a leadership development camp just outside of Garramilla (Darwin).

Youth Parliament seeks to represent the geographic and demographic make-up of young Territorians and provide them an opportunity to stand up and make a change.

Nationally, Youth Parliament has operated across nearly every state for almost 40 years, and over that time, more than 100 bills have been taken up by the government of the day and have become law.

This includes legislation providing access to gender neutral school uniforms, prohibiting glass being used in nightclubs, recycling schemes, raising the age of out-of-home care support from 18 to 21, and much more.

More than this however is the transformative social experience Youth Parliament offers young people as they transition from adolescence to active citizens with rights and responsibilities. As a program entrenched in experiential learning that encourages critical thinking, self-reflection, empathy and creativity, Youth Parliament has offered thousands of young Australians a supportive environment to challenge themselves and recognise their potential.

Alongside Youth Parliament, a concurrent Youth Press Gallery of young aspiring journalists will work with teams to understand their bills, their communities and their individual stories, and produce media which shows the invaluable contribution of young people to all in the Northern Territory and beyond.

Youth Parliament is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to make our world a better place, and has been many young peoples' first step into a lifetime of purpose. Please read this application pack carefully, follow the instructions to apply, and please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions.

I look forward to meeting you later this year.

Kindly,

Kergen Angel  
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*At the Y, we envision a better world, with and for young people.*

## KEY DETAILS

### WHEN

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
2023**

Training Weekend Camp

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September  
2023**

Week of Youth Parliament Camp

### WHERE

Residential camp (Training Weekend &  
Week of Youth Parliament)  
Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre  
71 Kirra Crescent, Batchelor NT 0845

Parliament House debate days  
Monday 25, Tuesday 26 & Thursday 28  
September  
*Parliament House, 15 Mitchell St, Darwin  
City 0800*

### COST

\$4100 (exc. GST) per team (\$820 per team member)

*The Y is a non-profit organisation and Northern Territory Youth Parliament runs at-cost with funding support.*

What each Youth Parliamentarian receives:

- Three-months of continuous mentoring support in the lead-up to Youth Parliament
- 9-days of catering and accommodation with all amenities
  - Three-day Training Weekend Camp
  - Six-day Week of Youth Parliament Camp
- Travel to and from Darwin CBD to campsite
- Commemorative t-shirt
- (If available) Reception at Government House

A single invoice will be sent to the nominated contact in the Application Form. Please note: the Y will not invoice a person under the age of 18 and we would prefer to invoice an organisation over an individual.

*Cost is not inclusive of transport or accommodation to and from camp, aside from a bus drop-off and pick-up from Darwin CBD to Batchelor Outdoor Education Centre on the first and last days of camp. If cost is a concern, please get in touch with Kergen at [kergen.angel@ynt.org.au](mailto:kergen.angel@ynt.org.au) to discuss funding support and cost options.*

## WHO SHOULD APPLY?

The person applying should be capable of recruiting, coordinating and supporting a team of five Youth Parliamentarians for the length of the program, known as a **Team Coordinator**.

A good Team Coordinator is typically a teacher, youth worker or someone who regularly engages with young people as part of an organisation who would enjoy the Youth Parliament experience. Their responsibilities over the course of the program are:

- Submit an application form
- Sign the Letter of Offer if successful in their application
- Submit the invoice for payment
- Recruit five young people to join the team
- Support those five young people to complete their registration form by the deadline
- Host meetings between the Youth Parliament team and their allocated mentor to develop their Bill between July and September
- Liaise with the Program Director on their team's engagement and support needs and communicate program updates with the team
- Manage team withdrawals and replacements, and communicating updates in a timely way with the Program Director
- Evaluate their experience in the program in October

*A Team Coordinator is not a member of the team unless there is a specific arrangement approved by the Program Director. Please contact Kergen Angel at [kergen.angel@ynt.org.au](mailto:kergen.angel@ynt.org.au) with any questions.*

## WHO IS A YOUTH PARLIAMENTARIAN?

A Youth Parliamentarian is someone who is a member of a team of five young people, aged 16 to 25 at the time of the camping programs, who contributes to a Bill and debates it in the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly.

The qualities of a Youth Parliamentarian are:

- Aged 16 to 25 between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023
- Lives in the Northern Territory
- Can commit 2 hours a week from **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023** to **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023** to attend team meetings and work independently on their team Bill
- Can commit to attending the entirety of the Training Weekend Camp and Week of Youth Parliament Camp
- Is brave, open-minded, and has potential to step outside their comfort zone
- Would like to make a difference

A Youth Parliamentarian is not ready-made and does not need to have any experience in public speaking, debating or civics. Youth Parliamentarians will be supported throughout the entire program through this exciting leadership and personal development opportunity.

## PROGRAM DATES

<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact Kergen Angel at <a href="mailto:kergen.angel@ynt.org.au">kergen.angel@ynt.org.au</a> to discuss interest in program and ask any questions</li> <li>• Attend Northern Territory Youth Parliament online information session at <b>5:30pm ACST Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b></li> </ul>
<b>June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the application form by <b>9am Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b></li> <li>• If successful: the Team Coordinator will be sent a Letter of Offer to sign and return to Kergen Angel at <a href="mailto:kergen.angel@ynt.org.au">kergen.angel@ynt.org.au</a> by <b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023</b></li> </ul>
<b>July</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Team Coordinator to complete the Team Details Form by <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b></li> <li>• Team invoice will be due by <b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b></li> <li>• Team Coordinator to host first meeting to induct team members and brainstorm Bill topics</li> </ul>
<b>August</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Parliamentarians to complete the individual Registration Form by <b>9am Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2023</b></li> <li>• Bill topics to be confirmed by <b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023</b></li> <li>• Team Coordinator to host 2-3 meetings between their team and Youth Parliament mentor over August</li> </ul>
<b>September</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bills to be finalised by <b>9am Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b></li> <li>• Youth Parliamentarians attend Training Weekend Camp held from <b>6:30pm Friday 8<sup>th</sup> to 2pm Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b></li> <li>• Youth Parliamentarians attend Week of Youth Parliament Camp held from <b>12pm Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> to 2pm Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All community members are welcome to attend Youth Parliament held at the Northern Territory Legislative Assembly on <b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> &amp; Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2023</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>2023+</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make a change!</li> </ul>

**Complete this application form by 9am Tuesday 13 June 2023:**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/bkeYiG1pdX>