

MALTESE YOUTH DELEGATE TO THE UN

CALL FOR APPLICATION

The Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade (MFET) in cooperation with the Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations are offering the unique opportunity to represent Malta's 'future generation' at the United Nations headquarters in New York

The position pertains to the participation by a Maltese youth in international fora dealing with various issues relevant to 'future generations' (all operating under the auspices of the UN), in which more than 40 nations are represented by youth delegates.

The delegate will have the opportunity to be assigned to the Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations in New York during the fulfilment of their mandate and will participate in relevant meetings of the United Nations. The youth delegate will be required to write and deliver speeches, negotiate statements and resolutions and proactively liaise with the media. In addition, the representative may be required to participate and support events organized by the Permanent Mission of Malta to the United Nations in New York.

The delegate will share his/her experience with relevant target audiences, deliver talks on campuses and be available for media interviews.

Terms & Conditions:

The youth delegate's position is for a period of 24 months and will be invited to attend various events relating to their mandate, Participation in virtual or in person meetings may be required in other EU and/or UN fora in New York, Brussels, Geneva or Vienna. While participating in meetings abroad, the selected candidate will be paid a per diem rate, which will cover subsistence and accommodation.

Interested parties should apply by email to mtyd.mfet@gov.mt attaching the following

- Curriculum Vitae
- Motivation letter (in English) outlining why you should be chosen as the next Maltese UN Youth Delegate (not longer than two A4 pages in Times New Roman Font size 12).
- Contact information for two references.

The deadline for applications is **25th February 2024**. A Selection Board will evaluate all applications and shortlisted applicants will be called for an interview. The selected Maltese Youth Delegate will be announced in the Media.

For any further information please contact the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade (MFET) on the following e-mail address: mtyd.mfet@gov.mt.

Criteria:

- Applicants must be Maltese citizens aged 18-25.
- Team players, willing to work with multiple stakeholders.
- Intellectually curious and able to have meaningful conversations with high-level leaders.

- Enthusiastic about engaging with young foreign counterparts.
- Passionate about youth issues and the international political structure, especially regarding the United Nations.
- Interested in international affairs and solving today's most pressing global challenges.

Institutional knowledge: Knowledge of the United Nations and of international affairs is a must. A University degree in international affairs is not essential but would be considered an asset. Relevant knowledge about youth issues, sustainable development and/or climate issues is important as is previous experience on global or national advocacy issues.

Engagement with youth processes nationally: Youth delegates are often expected to inform on resolutions and other recommendations regarding youth policies and programmes, therefore the most effective delegates are those who are familiar with current national youth policies, linked to youth organizations, structures or networks and who are knowledgeable on the key issues.

Language skills: It is important that the selected youth delegates be fluent in English, Maltese and preferably fluent in another official UN language in order to be able to interact effectively at intergovernmental meetings.

Role of the Youth Delegate

Prior to the General Assembly: The Youth Delegate is expected to engage with young people in Malta and abroad, also in online dialogue and through student and youth organisations, on the work of the United Nations and international issues, in addition to elevating youth voices in the global conversation, capturing their concerns.

At the General Assembly: The youth Delegate attends meetings and side events at UN events, to fulfil their obligations as a UN Youth Delegate. He or she is involved in the Mission's work, including accompanying diplomats from our Mission to learn about global policy issues. The youth delegate will discuss issues with youth delegates from other countries in coordination with the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York.

When returning home: The youth delegate will share experiences with diverse audiences, reporting back on the state of global issues, how young people can make an impact and acts as a voice for youth and a portal to the UN via his or her online presence. The youth observer attends institutions such as MEDAC, conference and events related to global issues.