



First Nations Youth Advisory Committee

Want to have a say about issues affecting First Nations young people?

The First Nations Youth Advisory Committee gives First Nations young people a chance to share their ideas, experiences, and priorities with the State First Nations Voice to Parliament.

The Committee helps make sure young people's voices are heard when decisions are being made about issues that affect their lives.

Who can be a member?

You can join if you:

- Are a First Nations person
- Are aged between 15 and 25 years
- Live in South Australia
- Have strong connections to your culture, community, and identity
- Are involved in your community, school, work, sport, arts, leadership, advocacy, or other activities

Leadership looks different for everyone. You don't need a formal leadership role to make a valuable contribution.

What does the Committee do?

Committee members:

- Share ideas and advice about issues affecting First Nations young people
- Speak up about what matters in their communities
- Help identify challenges and opportunities for young people
- Support strong connections between young people, Elders, and communities
- Help make sure young people's voices are included in important conversations

How many members are there?

There are 12 members in total.

Each Local First Nations Voice selects:

- One young man
- One young woman

Members cannot also be members of a Local Voice or the State Voice.





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How long do members serve?

- Members serve for up to 2 years at a time
- They may be reappointed for a maximum of 4 years altogether

Who leads the Committee?

The Committee is led by two Joint Chairs:

- One male Chair
- One female Chair

The Chairs help run meetings and represent the Committee when speaking with the State Voice.

Do members get paid?

Yes - members receive:

- Sitting fees for attending meetings
- Reimbursement for approved travel and other expenses

How often does the Committee meet?

- At least twice a year, and up to four times each year
- Meetings can be held online or in person

What is expected of members?

Members are expected to:

- Attend meetings where possible
- Treat others with respect
- Listen to different views
- Keep confidential information private
- Declare any conflicts of interest
- Follow the Committee's Code of Conduct and policies

Support for members

The State Voice and its Secretariat provides support to help members participate, including:

- Cultural and wellbeing support
- Administrative support
- Travel and meeting arrangements

Need more information?

Contact the Voice Secretariat:

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