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# World Health Organization Youth Delegate Toolkit

IFMSA Guide on How to  
Set Up a WHO Youth  
Delegate Program

*"The World Health Organization  
encourages Member States to include  
youth in their national delegations to  
the World Health Assembly."*

- World Health Organization, 2018

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# INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

Dear Reader,

In front of you, you can find the first-ever World Health Organization (WHO) Youth Delegate Toolkit. The aim of this toolkit is to provide you with information, tools, and resources to aid you to start your own WHO Youth Delegate Program (YDP).

The youth, with 1.8 billion young people being one of the biggest demographics on earth, are undoubtedly important agents of positive change in the world. Worldwide, they often lack proper tools and opportunities that enable them to be involved in decision-making processes that affect their lives and future. It is only through access to equal opportunities and active participation that youth are empowered to play a vital role in their own development and that of their communities.

## WHAT IS A YOUTH DELEGATE?

A Youth Delegate is a young person that is formally accredited on a country's official delegation to a WHO high-level meeting such as WHO Executive Board Meetings, WHO Regional Committee Sessions, and the World Health Assembly (WHA) to represent the young people of their country. Youth Delegates participate in the preparation meetings, informal negotiation, may deliver statements and provide assistance in monitoring general debates and drafting reports. They have a mandate to contribute to creating links with youth organizations, to share those inputs with their delegation, and to follow-up on the meeting's results.

The United Nations (UN), for statistical purposes, defines 'youth' as persons between the ages of 15 and 24 years without prejudice to other definitions by Member States (1992). Member States vary with ranges as low as age 7 up to age 35 depending on cultural, social, economic, and political factors. The age range used in a specific youth program should be chosen to meet the objectives of that program as defined by youth in the specific country.

## BACKGROUND TO YDPS

Youth delegates have existed within various UN processes, including at the UN General Assembly, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the functional Commissions for the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), and the Post-2015 Conference of Parties negotiations. They are a relatively new phenomenon at the WHA and other WHO high-level meetings. There is increasing recognition of the value of Youth Delegates within the UN system. There is also increasing recognition of the need for new forms of diplomacy that make use of soft power. The World Program of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond calls upon Member States to: "Include Youth Representatives in their national delegations to the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations meetings, thus enhancing and strengthening the channels of communication through the discussion of youth-related

issues, with a view to finding solutions to the problems confronting youth in the contemporary world.” In 2018, the World Health Organization released a statement: **‘The World Health Organization encourages Member States to include youth in their national delegations to the World Health Assembly.’**

## THE FIRST-EVER WHO YOUTH DELEGATE TOOLKIT

In this toolkit, you will be able to find numerous chapters to aid you in creating your own YDP. Best practices will be presented which will provide a detailed look at successful WHO YDPs. You will be able to find statements from youth delegates on their experiences and be inspired. Moreover, a step-by-step guide is provided with the aim to guide you as well as possible through the process of setting up your own program. Finally, you will find ample resources including a Starting Kit with a support letter, social media, contact information of YDPs, and more.

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We hope you find this toolkit useful and please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.

Happy reading!

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*“The importance of engaging youth and meaningfully including youth voices and ideas in global public health diplomacy cannot be understated. Youth are not only the next generation of leaders, citizens, policymakers, and healthcare professionals – we will be and already are the generation of peoples living in a world shaped by the decisions and actions (and inactions) made by those that came before us. Youth often identify issues with unparalleled passion, understanding, and virtue – when others turn a blind eye or are complacent to the status quo.”*

-Yipeng Ge, Canadian Youth Delegate 2020



# STARTER KIT

In this section, we will cover the parts that will help “start” the process of establishing a YDP in your country. Below you can find 3 tools, you can use in your efforts. Please refer to the next chapter for a ‘Step-by-step Guide’ on how to set up your YDP. Afterward, make sure to check out the ‘Best Practices’ chapter for specific inspiration and advice.:

1- A support letter by IFMSA endorsing the NMO for establishing such a program in its country: [link](#)  
Please note that you can request a personalized version of this letter indicating your specific NMO by emailing the [vpa@ifmsa.org](mailto:vpa@ifmsa.org) with:

Topic: [Support Letter WHO YD] Member State Name

Content: include the name of the person to be addressed as well as the official name of your NMO and Member State within the request.

2- A “Template” that can be provided to the respective government highlighting the responsibilities of the delegate before, during, and after the event, with detailed description and recommendations for each section(found below)

3- A factsheet by IFMSA summarizing our stance on the topic and its urgency for engaging more the youth in advocacy, with concerns about such programs answered as well (found below).



*“The role of youth delegates at WHO assemblies cannot be understated. This is not only about justice and fairness to youth as a major stakeholder in global health. It is also for global health to benefit from youth’s exquisite sensitivity and fresh perspective to some of the most pressing global health issues of our times.”*

- Charles-Antoine Barbeau, Canadian Youth Delegate 2018

## ACTION PLAN TEMPLATE

Concept note on youth involvement at the [event]

Plan of action for the youth delegate in the [country] delegation to the [event] and relevant preparatory work

Purpose of the document

In this document, the responsibilities of the youth delegate to the [event] are explained, for the preparation period, during the event, and as a follow-up to the event.

It is recommended that you present this document to the officials for the YDP, so as to present an organized image for your involvement in the delegation and as an accountability measure. It is also advised that the NMO of the youth delegate offers them assistance in the creation of this plan.

Preparation

Here you can include plans like:

Holding consultations with the youth of the country on topics relevant to the event

Participating in preparatory online meetings

Drafting statements to be delivered during the event (e.g. on youth engagement or a youth-relevant topic)

During the event

Here you can include plans like:

Interventions or statements to be delivered by the youth delegate

Social media coverage

Specific meetings/sessions/side events the youth delegate can join on behalf of the delegation

Organization of meetings with other delegations and youth organizations

Organization of side events / meetings where the delegation can interact with youth from that country that are present at the meeting

Follow up to the event

Here you can include plans like:

Social media coverage after the event

Reporting to national youth organizations, ministry officials, other stakeholders

Activities as well as knowledge and skill transfers to be organized based on the experience gained from the event

Preparing a handover to the next youth delegate

Timeline

Here you can indicate the timeline to be followed for all the actions stated above

Contact information of the youth delegate

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*"The opportunity to participate in multilateral events and global health diplomacy was a learning experience that cannot be matched through courses or mock initiatives. The behind-the-scenes action and delivery of interventions allowed me to observe and learn first-hand how to engage in priority-setting activities and global policy dialogue. I have met and stayed connected with a strong network of folks who I will continue to engage with throughout my career and professional development."*

- Ayah Nayfeh, Canadian Youth Delegate 2019

## FACT SHEET

### What is a WHO Youth Delegate?

- A young person that is formally accredited on a country's official delegation to the World Health Organization's (WHO) World Health Assembly (WHA) or other WHO high-level meeting to represent the young people of their country;
- Youth Delegates participate in the preparation meetings, informal negotiation and provide assistance in monitoring general debates and drafting reports;
- They have a mandate to contribute to creating links with other youth organizations and to share those inputs with their delegation;
- The United Nations, for statistical purposes, defines 'Youth' as those persons between the ages of 15 and 24 years without prejudice to other definitions by Member States (1992). Member States vary with ranges as low as age 7 up to age 35 depending on cultural, social, economic and political factors.

### Background to YDPs

Youth delegates have existed within various UN processes, including at the UN General Assembly, the UNFCCC, UN Commission on the Status of Women, the functional Commissions for the ECOSOC, and the Post-2015 negotiations. They are a relatively new phenomenon at WHO high-level meetings.. There is an increasing recognition of the value of Youth Delegates within the UN system. There is also an increasing recognition for the need for new forms of diplomacy that make use of soft power.

"The opportunity for a young person to represent the youth of their country creates civic role models for other young people to participate more fully in their nation's development as concerned citizens"  
- Nicola Shepard, United Nations Focal Point on Youth

The World Programme of Action for Youth to the Year 2000 and Beyond calls upon Member States to: "Include Youth Representatives in their national delegations to the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations meetings, thus enhancing and strengthening the channels of communication through the discussion of youth related issues, with a view to finding solutions to the problems confronting youth in the contemporary world."

In 2018, the World Health Organization released a statement: **'The World Health Organization encourages Member States to include youth in their national delegations to the World Health Assembly.'**

### What are the benefits of a YDP to WHO high-level meetings?

To Youth	To the Member State
Opportunity to become more engaged and informed in political issues, and an insight into negotiations.	Opportunity to engage with the youth perspective on global health issues and incorporate this into the member state's positions on issues facing young people.
Involve a wider youth constituency in global health decision-making and communicating the reasoning behind governmental decisions to young people.	Assistance in meetings, briefings.
Experience international diplomacy at the highest level whilst developing essential skills and the self-confidence to flourish in these environments.	Youth can be a crucial source of soft power and international influence, promoting democratic values, creativity, and idealism.
Opportunity to engage positively with other youth advocates from around the world.	Provide sustainability by preparing young people for future careers in civil service.



Creation of civic role models for other young people to participate more fully in their nation's development as concerned citizens.	The existence of a national YDP or position is a concrete demonstration by the respective Government of their commitment to young people.
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## Basic principles of a YDP to the World Health Assembly

The exact role of a Youth Delegate to the World Health Assembly can differ from country to country, however a few principles should underpin the program:

- The Youth Delegate should be selected in a fair and transparent way. In no scenarios should it be a permanent position;
- The selection process should be driven by national youth organizations involved in health, relevant national institutions (such as the Ministry of Health or Ministry of Foreign Affairs) in partnership with national youth organizations involved in health or relevant UN country offices in partnership with national youth organizations involved in health;
- The Youth Delegate should be adequately integrated in the delegation including participating in preparatory meetings and on-the-ground coordination meetings;
- The mandate given to the Youth Delegate must be achievable, with clear objectives and for a specific duration of time after which a new delegate will be selected;
- The Youth Delegate should be engaged with a wider youth global health network;
- There should be financial assistance for participation.

## Responding to Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Solution
Can youth delegates be trusted to be part of official government delegations?	Youth delegates with clear rules and regulations have consistently behaved with professional integrity. They fully understand that they are in a country capacity, which means that there are limits to what they can say or do.
Are they qualified to participate?	There are many examples of young professionals taking leadership positions in global health. Objective selection criteria can ensure that the youth involved in the program have the necessary knowledge, skills, and experience.
How much will it cost?	Although some countries directly finance Youth Delegates, there are alternative funding models, including seeking joint funding with sponsoring youth organizations. The fees for the IFMSA Delegation to the Youth Pre World Health Assembly and World Health Assembly including food, venue and accommodation in Geneva are usually between 300 and 500 euros, as reference. Not all youth delegates have been financed in the past, it is important to ensure that they are.

## Examples of successful YDPs

As of November 2020, these are the countries with an established or soon-to-be established YDP: Canada, Denmark, Ireland, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Slovakia, Sudan, Switzerland, Taiwan-China, Hungary (setting-up), and Slovenia (setting up). It is worth noting that pre-established programs had to be put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic in the following countries: Romania, Egypt and Norway.

# STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

## PHASE 1: RESEARCH PHASE

- Recognition of the problem and understanding the need for a Youth delegation program: it all starts from seeing the need for a YDP. Youth, as one of the biggest demographics on earth, is undoubtedly an important agent of positive change in the world. However, there are challenges that withhold us to participate in a meaningful way, It is necessary that we participate in the decisions that directly affect us, including design, implementation, and monitoring of interventions. Establishing a YDP is one of the solutions to this problem, hence its importance;
- Once you understand this, the passion begins from here. Definitely, this passion is contagious, so you need to find people who share this passion and collaborate;
- Approach your NMO president/VPE/member of the EB about this idea with a clear vision and understanding of what you want to achieve. Do your research before approaching them and make sure you are convincing, citing examples of successful YDP in different countries;
- Do a thorough stakeholders' analysis, to understand the right stakeholder to reach out to preferably the ministry working with the youths, student organizations, universities, etc. Your stakeholders should also include possible sources of funding;
- Work with a team in your NMO to develop a well-structured proposal. Make sure to use the tools provided in the Starter Kit of this toolkit;
- Ask the IFMSA liaison officer to the WHO for help and advice and approach the IFMSA Vice President for Activities for the endorsement letter mentioned above. IFMSA is always ready to help therefore carry IFMSA along at every step of the way for every form of support possible;
- Approach other student organizations that have successfully established a YDP and learn from them. Understand that there is always something new to learn from those who have done it successfully, you learn from their struggles and their success stories. Always ask for help and be eager to learn and also teachable;
- It's a WHO YDP; Familiarize yourself with the WHO website. Read through it thoroughly. Understand the WHO's stance on YDP. The website has a lot of information. You need to be adequately informed therefore you have to spend a reasonable amount of time doing your research;
- No one would take you seriously if you do not do comprehensive research before speaking to them because it becomes obvious. Therefore this phase is extremely important. Please use and review the resources in this toolkit to give you a good start.

## PHASE 2: PREPARATION PHASE

- Develop a proposal that defines the youth delegate's mandate, role, term, and responsibilities of the youth delegate. From your research, it is expected that you already know about the roles of the delegate, the responsibilities, and so on, therefore you want to make sure you create a proposal that covers everything about your YDP. This proposal would be taken to stakeholders and partners and so needs to be a good one;
- The proposal should also create a selection process that is transparent to ensure legitimacy and representativeness and clarifies the funding process and continuity. These are very important aspects that should be covered in the proposal;
- Moreover, ensure that the proposal includes a specific outline of a reporting mechanism after each Youth Delegate's effort and sustainable coordination of the program so that the program is durable for years to come;
- Set up an appointment with the stakeholders relevant for starting a YDP, for example the government/ministry of health/ministry of foreign affairs/ministry of youth (depending on each member state). Please refer to the resources in the Starter Kit to support your advocacy;
- Prepare for the meeting as outlined above.

### PHASE 3: ADVOCACY PHASE

- Meet with the Stakeholder; present your idea which you now know from the research phase and preparatory phase;
- Present your case in a simplified and clear form;
- Show examples of how the program is developed in other countries and success stories, this can help convince the stakeholders;
- Advocacy can be a process, it might take longer than expected;
- Have well developed and feasible ideas for funding and look for funding immediately when the program is created.

### PHASE 4: PROMOTION PHASE

- Once you get approval from the ministry, have meetings with the other stakeholders especially student and youth organizations;
- Explain what the YDP is about, let them know how they can participate;
- Come up with ideas for promotion such as Webinars, posters, social media engagement. As much as possible, make it visible, educational, and engaging for young people in the country.

### PHASE 5: IMPLEMENTATION PHASE

- This is the phase your idea is actualized;
- Decide which month of the year your call for a youth delegate would be out;
- Time the call sufficiently early to allow the delegate to prepare for their participation and to engage other youth ahead of the meeting;
- Launch a selection process and ensure it is shared by all stakeholders seeking a representative youth delegate with an interest and expertise in global health;
- The call would detail the purpose of the youth delegate and list the requirements and the dates of all mandatory meetings;
- Ensure you also inform applicants of the selection criteria and the necessary requirements;
- Before the event, meet with the delegates to prepare them and also make them understand the code of conduct before, during, and after the events.
- Ensure proper follow up of all Youth Delegate Efforts. Through reporting, you can create credibility, sustainability, accountability, trust, and ensure that all partners including the government and sponsors remain invested.

*"If young people are affected by policies, then young people must have a seat at the table to shape them"*

- Alicia Maldonado, Peruvian UN Youth Delegate 2020



# BEST PRACTICES

This chapter provides insights from NMOs that have already established successful YDPs. You will be able to find experiences and advice with regards to setting up the program, selecting youth delegates, working towards youth engagement, and what follow-up to establish.

## ESTABLISHING THE PROGRAM

It can be very challenging to set up the program, as it requires national governmental support. Some tips, based on successful YDPs (YDPs), that can be useful:

- Contact relevant national ministries/national governmental delegations to high-level WHO meetings (including WHA; WHO RC Sessions; WHO EB meetings) both before and during the event. Specific emphasis should be given to the advocacy and possible negotiations between IFMSA members/NMO members attending WHA/WHO RC Sessions and respective countries delegations on the spot;
  - Before contacting, do your research and be aware of government priorities and governments possible objectives and goals when establishing this program;
  - For some countries, the relevant contact can be the ministry of health, for others, it can be the ministry of foreign affairs. Make sure to identify your relevant stakeholder (i.e. Ministry that is working in youth issues);
  - It can happen that your NMO members are attending high-level meetings through other means. Just like IFMSA delegations, these students can be of valuable help;
  - It is also important to follow up on the matter and continue to advocate after attending WHA/WHO RC sessions;
  - Suggest a pilot year for the program. In case you are already part of the IFMSA delegation to the WHA/WHO RC Session (or any other member of your NMO) you can approach your government beforehand and propose to be involved in and support their Delegation preparation and efforts at the meeting.
- Design and deliver a concept note (on paper and preferably in person) and include tangible pros (and reasonable cons) to set up the YDP. Make sure to cover the benefits for both sides: country/government and youth as well as relevance towards contributing to the health and well-being of your population;
  - Try to be supported by individuals who represent strong networks (Professors, WHO representatives in your country);
  - Tip: Offering to cover the bulk of the logistics (i.e. selection process, preparation) can be advantageous.
- Contact other national youth organizations with youth representatives and youth delegates to ask for their input;
  - It is important to note that some youth organizations have more relations with the government than others. Therefore, it can be relevant to work jointly on the matter with other youth organizations.
- It is also important to look for funding (it can be very costly to travel for meetings + accommodation).
  - Regardless of their Socioeconomic status, all young people should have the opportunity to become a Youth Delegate (YD).



## SELECTION PROCESS

### Case 1: final selection done by the NMO

- Done by the NMO, through a committee, which is composed of a board member of the NMO and the 2 coordinators of the YDP (specific positions within the NMO). The committee advises NMO EB regarding the final selection since it is their decision to make;
  - The position is promoted locally, reaching not only medical students but also other healthcare-related students (pharmacy, biomedical science). Anyone can apply - no need to be part of NMO;
  - Timeline:
    - deadline for applicants at the end of September;
    - the selection committee would have one week for selecting 5 people based on letter and CV and a short essay (based on the previously established scoring system);
    - the selection committee interviews these 5 people (or even organizes a debate between candidates) and advises the EB. Selection criteria as communicated to applicants.
- Selection criteria:
  - Passion for Global Health
  - Motivated to involve students in international health policy
  - Dutch and English (speaking and writing)
  - Dutch citizen
  - Student (bachelor, master, in between)
  - Available to attend WHA [specific dates]

### Case 2: final selection done by the Ministry/governmental entities

#### 2.1 Partially done by the Ministry

- Call open to students and young professionals in medicine and health sciences-related fields, age 18-30, is circulated across partner organizations:
  - The call is also presented at events such as the Global Health Summit for Students and Young Professionals;
- A committee of stakeholders (youth delegates + nominated individuals amongst partner organizations) assesses the candidatures:
  - A scoring system allows a neutral assessment of candidates;
  - Each candidature is scored by two evaluators;
  - A call is held with the committee where candidates with score discrepancies are discussed (to remove conflicting ranking).
- Top ranking candidates are discussed amongst the committee members, who come up with a selection of 3 to 5 candidates;
- Government delegation does the final review and selection;
- For details please see: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fctc7Jk275Np14A6Ku7kWaRztpXTjDkJ/view>.

#### 2.2 All done by the Ministry

- National call for young people between the ages of 18 and 23 years old;
- 2 delegates selected (female and male) and 2 persons to replace if needed (female and male);
- Selection criteria:
  - English (speaking and writing)
  - CV
  - Plan of action.

*"The discussions during the WHA make me realize once again that what is being discussed here, with all the political and economic interests involved, will ultimately affect all of us, and certainly my future patients. That is why it is so incredibly important that doctors and medical students also make themselves heard on this global platform."*

- Ayla Bouwman, Dutch Youth Delegate 2018-2019.



## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

### Before the High-level Event

- Meetings with the government delegation to provide written feedback and ideas for specific points of the agenda;
- Government mentorship to update on the EB meetings and processes.

### During the High-level Event

- Accompany the Member State's delegation in plenaries, taking note of the participation and statements of other member states, and deliver statements as youth delegate;
- If applicable, attend closed sessions for policy drafting;
- Attend side-events, with a possibility to coalesce with other youth delegates in making interventions at these events (e.g. statement on climate change with the Netherlands youth delegate);
- Organize national masterclasses on specific focus topics to convey Global Health Diplomacy to the wider audience of high-level interested students;
- Be a speaker either at side-events, pre-WHA, or other events during WHA;
- Social media coverage (Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Twitter) to convey updates and summary content to other youth, students, and young professionals;
- Write and deliver a statement on behalf of your country.

### Youth follow-up: what to offer?

- Good handover to the new youth delegates;
- Report writing;
- Follow-up discussions with other youth organizations;
- Presentations to the youth surrounding their role, or global health talks around topics you covered at the WHA/WHO RC Session;
- Providing interviews for media articles;
- Blog posts:
  - <https://yipeng.ca/journal-entries/>;
  - <https://www.ccghr.ca/canadas-youth-delegate-world-health-assembly-experience-lifetime/>;
- Reports:
  - <https://drive.google.com/file/d/12O6RoFyCDFXzroaRdw4CLY4l3w6dzJbu/view>;
- Create social media for the YDs to make the program visible and share actions with youth;
- Active role (for example through surveys) in gathering youth perspective and input for upcoming meetings.



*"In the past year, I was given the incredible opportunity to be the IFMSA-NL youth delegate at the WHO. Because of this, I have learned a lot about global health (policy), I have been able to build capacity in fellow students on the WHO and I have been able to let the voice of youth be heard in different ways in the global health debate. As a youth delegate, your role is very broad and it provides amazing opportunities to learn a lot yourself as well and enthuse others for global health." [translated from Dutch]*

- Philip Elders, Dutch Youth Delegate 2019-2020.

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

In this section, we have listed a number of resources that you can visit for additional background information including specific resources from successful YDPs.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

One YDP, from IFMSA-NL, has regular updates on social media channels. Please follow them through these links:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/youthdelegateNL>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/youthdelegatenl/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/youthdelegateNL>

The Romanian WHO YDP works together with the UN YDP. You can find their Instagram account here: <https://www.instagram.com/unyouthdelegateromania/>

## CONTACT INFORMATION AND WEBSITES

Current and previous youth delegates as well as program coordinators from across the world were gracious to extend their contact information. This contact information is only to be used for specific questions by the NMO representative in charge of setting up the YDP. In case you would like to be connected to current and/or previous youth delegates beyond those listed here, please make a request through [lwho@ifmsa.org](mailto:lwho@ifmsa.org).

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YDP IFMSA-NL	Coordinators	<a href="http://www.ifmsa.nl/youthdelegate">www.ifmsa.nl/youthdelegate</a> <a href="mailto:youthdelegate@ifmsa.nl">youthdelegate@ifmsa.nl</a>
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*"As a youth delegate, I hope to raise awareness among students about Global Health policy and to let their voices be heard during the World Health Assembly. The decisions made there have a major impact on future healthcare professionals and the health of their patients"*

- Femke van Wanrooij, Dutch Youth Delegate 2020-2021.

# CONCLUSION

Dear Reader,

Hereby you have reached the end of the toolkit. In this toolkit, we aimed to present the multiple aspects that come into play when setting up a YDP and to provide you with tools to take those different steps. Moreover, we hope the details presented from previous and current successful YDPs have brought you inspiration and motivation. We hope the information has been useful to you. If you have any questions, comments, concerns or feedback do not hesitate to send us an email.

Again, we would like to thank everyone that has contributed to this toolkit.

We wish you the best of luck in setting up your own YDP and working towards sustainable and meaningful engagement of young people everywhere!

With warm regards,

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*"Recognizing that youth have a different perspective on the world is crucial for all political institutions around the world. Youth participation in policymaking is crucial to ensure that the world of tomorrow reflects the values and aspirations of those that will live in it. Youth have the capacity of bringing long-term thinking and depoliticizing certain debates by highlighting the underlying common aspiration that all of humanity has. The WHO YDP is one small step in realizing those goals."*

- Yassen Tcholakov, Canadian YDP co-founder 2013-2015









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