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OF WORK  
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# YOUTHWISE



The COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted how we live, learn and work. It has profoundly affected our physical and mental health, our social lives and our economies. The impact on young people has been especially hard. Now is the time to reflect deeply on the future we want after the crisis. What should our post-COVID world look like? We must harness this unique moment to reinvent how we learn and how we work.

At the OECD, our mission is to help develop better policies for better lives and we need young peoples' perspective and ideas to help us do this.

In 2021, we are renewing our OECD Youth Action Plan in order to place young people's concerns at the centre of the recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. Together, we can build a transformative recovery, one that makes our economies and societies more resilient, more green and more inclusive. To do this, we need every generation's experience, skills and vision.

This why the OECD is launching Youthwise, a new Youth Advisory Board to bring young people's insights and ideas to the OECD, as well as expose them to the work of the OECD and the role of international organisations in policy making.

## Selection process and criteria

Applications will open on 5 February 2021 and close on 5 March 2021.

### Applicants must be:

- between 18 and 30 years as of 1 January 2021
- from an OECD country\*
- fluent in English\*\*
- highly interested in national and international debates on education and job policies, as shown by their social media activities, school/academic projects and personal interests
- committed to participating in a number of group activities in 2021
- able to receive and reply to emails

\*Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, United States

## As a Youthwise delegate, you will:

- **Have a voice in the OECD Youth Action Plan**, by bringing your generation's insights to the OECD and its stakeholders
- **Participate in webinars and consultations with member states and engage with OECD experts and members of the OECD Global Parliamentary Network**, thus gaining a better understanding of how the OECD functions
- **Take part in the OECD *I am the Future of Work* campaign**, by leading local events, mobilising your networks and gathering insights to inform OECD work
- **Join interactive workshops with the Y20**, meeting youth leaders from around the world



## Interested in joining Youthwise?

If you're passionate about how the world of work is changing, respectful of different viewpoints, open to learning from others, and able to commit to participating fully throughout the year, then we want to hear from you! Applications for Youthwise will open on 5 February and close on 5 March, and may be submitted through [futureofwork.oecd.org](https://futureofwork.oecd.org).

Candidates will be asked to answer the following question:

**What do you think is the most important action that political leaders should take to help young people thrive in their professional lives?**

An intergenerational jury of OECD professionals from the Public affairs and Communications and the Public Governance directorates will review applications, aiming to create a diverse, representative group of young people. Members will be announced mid-March; please note that only successful applicants will be contacted.

## Terms of appointment

The standard term of appointment for each member will be from March until December 2021. Members commit to attend regular meetings with Youthwise members and contribute in meetings with OECD experts. Some reading to do ahead of time (approximately one hour per meeting) will be considered. Members will be provided with travel to and from meetings, along with catering and accommodation, if such are required. Please note that, given the COVID-19 public health crisis, all Youthwise activities are currently planned as virtual events, without travel involved, though this may change as the health situation evolves.



## Youthwise principles

**Contribution:** bring your ideas to OECD work and amplify OECD insights in your own networks

**Community:** work with people from a diverse mix of OECD countries and regions

**Collaboration:** exchange ideas and solutions with international organisations, academic institutions, the private sector and trade unions