

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS NEW ZEALAND DELEGATE TO THE Y20 SUMMIT

What is Y20?

Y20 is the Youth Summit which links into the wider G20 leaders' summit to be held later in 2014 in Brisbane, Australia. The Y20 Summit is the official platform for young people from across G20 countries to engage in policy discussions on the most pressing global economic challenges and generate innovative solutions which will be presented to the G20 Leaders Summit for consideration in their discussions.

What is G20?

The Group of Twenty (G20) is a forum for international economic cooperation and decision making. It is made up of 19 countries plus the European Union. It meets regularly to discuss ways to strengthen the global economy, discuss economic reform and improve financial regulation.

Who is involved?

All G20 member states will have five youth representatives at Y20. The nations are:

- Argentina
- Australia
- Brazil
- Canada
- China
- France
- Germany
- India
- Indonesia
- Italy
- Japan
- Korea
- Mexico
- Russia
- Saudi Arabia
- South Africa
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States
- European Union

Invited guest nations have been allocated two places each. The guest nations are:

- New Zealand
- Head of the African Union
- Myanmar
- Senegal
- Singapore
- Spain

How is New Zealand involved?

As an invited guest nation to the G20 2014, New Zealand is eligible to have two representatives at the Y20 Summit.

When and where is Y20?

The Youth 20 Summit will be held in Sydney, Australia from 12-15 July 2014. The youth delegate role is year-long role involving consultation with a wide range of young people before and after the Summit.

What does the role require?

The successful applicants will be representing New Zealand on the international stage. This means that the delegation must consult with a wide range of young New Zealanders prior to the summit.

The delegation must be available to travel to Sydney, Australia for the summit and also take part in pre and post-summit meetings with other nation's delegations.

At the conclusion of the summit there may be a role in the future development and follow up of the action plans from the summit. This will depend on New Zealand's future commitments within both Y20 and G20.

What costs are involved?

The Australian Government will cover costs while in Australia, including; food, accommodation and internal travel.

The successful applicant must pay for their travel to and from Sydney, Australia, demonstrate they have travel insurance and meet their own requirements for personal spending money.

Who can apply?

Applicant requirements:

- Aged 18-30
- A New Zealand Citizen who currently lives in New Zealand
- Knowledge in Economics and Financial Institutions and Systems is preferred but not necessary
- The expectation is that the successful applicants will be active in engaging young people, fully participate in all parts of the programme and be prepared
- Proficiency in written and verbal English
- Fully commit to participate enthusiastically in all the sessions of the Y20 summit
- Have an understanding of the G20, the Leaders' Summit and the Y20 Summit.