

ORANGA TAMARIKI

YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

Oranga Tamariki—Ministry for Children is looking for young people who are in, or have been in, the care of the Chief Executive, Oranga Tamariki, and are aged 18 to 24 years, to be part of our Youth Advisory Group. This is an opportunity to have your say on ways we can improve the lives of children and young people who come into contact with our care and protection and youth justice services.

How to become a member

You need to apply to be a member of the Youth Advisory Group, or be nominated by someone (with your approval). We're looking for young people who:

- are aged 18 to 24 years
- are in, or have been in, the care of the Chief Executive, Oranga Tamariki, including care or youth justice
- have an interest in, and are confident about, providing perspectives and advice on Oranga Tamariki policies, practices, and services
- have people in their lives who can provide them with practical and personal support during their time on the Youth Advisory Group.

Of those young people selected to be interviewed, ten will be chosen to be part of the Youth Advisory Group. Applicants who are not selected for the Youth Advisory Group will have other opportunities to have a voice on matters related to Oranga Tamariki.

What the role involves

You'll serve as part of the Youth Advisory Group for a term of two-years.

You'll be required to attend two-day meetings every two months. The meetings may take place in Wellington or virtually as agreed by the Youth Advisory Group and the Secretariat. The first meeting will take place 5-6 October 2020.

How we'll support you

We'll work with you to understand your work and life interests and look for ways we can provide you with development opportunities in the areas that matter to you. We'll also support you with any personal issues that might arise while you're on the Youth Advisory Group.



Payment for members

A daily rate of \$230 gross will be paid to members of the Youth Advisory Group. Co-chairs will be paid a daily rate of \$260 gross. As part of this payment, members will be expected to prepare for meetings, such as reading the meeting agenda and other documents.

We'll arrange and pay for travel to and from Wellington, and cover food and accommodation costs.

What the group will advise on

We'll provide the Youth Advisory Group with a list of areas that Oranga Tamariki would like the Group's advice on. Members of the Youth Advisory Group will then collectively decide which areas they're interested in and would like to contribute to. There will also be an expectation that the Group continues to work on some key projects that the previous Youth Advisory Group committed to.

Your privacy will be protected

Protecting your information is important to us. There will be guidelines on information sharing. No information will be shared outside the Group without consent from its members.

We want you to feel safe and comfortable providing your perspectives. Some members may like to share their personal experiences, while others may prefer not to. We'll encourage and support you to provide your perspectives in a way that works for you.

What you'll gain from the experience

We want this to be an opportunity for Youth Advisory Group members to influence and help improve the care and youth justice systems in New Zealand.

We'll help members to make meaningful contributions to Oranga Tamariki work and at the same time, provide them with a strong foundation for further cultural, professional and personal development.

Making a difference

It's our responsibility to demonstrate to the Youth Advisory Group how its advice has made a difference to Oranga Tamariki policies, practices and services.

If you feel that we're not listening to you, you'll be able to talk directly to leaders including the Minister for Children and the Chief Executive, Oranga Tamariki.

Further information

For further information contact Awhina Buchanan, Senior Advisor, Child Centred Engagement on DDI 04 918 9075. Or you can email at yag@ot.govt.nz.

NOMINATION FORM YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

Please fill in this form **ONLY** if you are nominating a young person to be on the Youth Advisory Group.

Note: The information you provide about yourself and the young person will be confidential and only used for recruiting members to the Youth Advisory Group.

Nominations close 12 August 2020 at 5pm

Section 1: Your details	
Name:	
Email address:	Phone number:
Address:	Organisation (if applicable):
What is your relationship to the young person you are nominating?	
Section 2: Details of the young person you are nominating	
Name:	
Email address:	Phone number:
Home address:	



	Tick for yes
The young person I am nominating wishes to be on the Youth Advisory Group	
The young person is aged 18 to 24 years	
The young person has been in, or is currently in, the care of the Chief Executive, Oranga Tamariki	
The young person has an interest in providing perspectives and advice on Oranga Tamariki policies, practices, and services	
The young person has a person in their life who can provide them with practical and personal support during the term of the Youth Advisory Group (two years from October 2020)	
We are looking for young people from diverse backgrounds. The following questions will assist us with our short-listing process.	
1. How old is the young person?	
2. What is the young person's ethnicity/ethnicities?	
3. If the young person is Māori, what iwi do they belong to?	
4. What gender does the young person identify with?	
5. Does the young person have a disability/disabilities?	
6. If you answered yes to question 5, please tell us what support the young person would need to be able to participate fully in Youth Advisory Group matters.	



Please tell us a bit about the young person you are nominating:

Why do you think the young person should be selected to be part of the Youth Advisory Group?

Please submit your nomination form to yag@ot.govt.nz or email us if you have any questions.

APPLICATION FORM YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

Please fill in this form **ONLY** if you are applying to be on the Youth Advisory Group.

Note: The information you provide will be kept confidential and will only be used for recruiting members to the Youth Advisory Group.

Applications close 12 August 2020 at 5pm

Name:	Date of birth:
Email address:	Home address:
Phone number:	How you would like to be contacted? (phone/email):

	Tick if your answer is yes
I am aged 18 to 24 years	
I have been in, or am currently in, the care of the Chief Executive, Oranga Tamariki	
I am confident I have the skills to do the tasks that are required of the role	
I am interested in providing perspectives and advice on Oranga Tamariki policies, practices, and services	
I have someone in my life who can provide me with practical and personal support during the term of the Youth Advisory Group (two years from October 2020)	
We are looking for young people from diverse backgrounds. The following questions will help us with our short-listing process.	
1. How old are you?	
2. What is your ethnicity/ethnicities?	



3. If you are Māori, what is your iwi?	
4. What gender do you most identify with?	
5. Do you have a disability/ disabilities?	
6. If you answered yes to question 5, please tell us what support you would need from us to enable you to participate fully in Youth Advisory Group matters.	

Please tell us why you want to be part of the Youth Advisory Group:

Please submit your application form to yag@ot.govt.nz or email us if you have any questions.

Next Steps

We'll be in touch with you 2-3 weeks after the closing date of the applications (12 August 2020) to let you know whether you have been selected to participate in an interview.

If you are selected to be interviewed, we will contact you about a time and a way to conduct the interview e.g. over the phone or face-to-face.

During the interview we want to learn more about you and ask you questions about your interest in the role. This will be a chance for you to also ask us questions.

If you are selected to be on the Youth Advisory Group, you will need to be available for the first meeting 5-6 October 2020.