



Global Youth Network for Quality and Excellence (GYNQE)

Membership Categories and Requirements

Different Contexts... Shared Aspirations for Quality, Excellence, and Future Foresight

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Membership Requirements

Membership in the Global Youth Network for Quality and Excellence is available according to clear and equitable criteria that ensure openness to young people from diverse countries, cultures, and contexts, while preserving the Network's identity, mission, values, and standards of participation. Membership is based on the principles of free basic membership, respect for diversity, adherence to the Network Charter and Code of Conduct, data protection, respect for intellectual property, and positive and responsible participation.

First: General Membership Requirements

Applicants must:

1. Complete the online membership application accurately and in full.
2. Provide accurate and up-to-date information, including their name, country, role, institution or affiliation, and areas of interest.
3. Have an active email address that can be used for identity verification and official communication.
4. Demonstrate an interest in quality and excellence, education, innovation, foresight, youth development, or other areas related to the Network's work.
5. Agree to the Network Charter, Code of Conduct, Privacy Policy, and Data Protection Policy.
6. Respect the cultural, geographical, intellectual, and linguistic diversity of Network members.
7. Commit to positive and responsible participation and refrain from any offensive or discriminatory content or behaviour.
8. Respect intellectual property rights and refrain from using the work or ideas of others without proper attribution.
9. Adhere to ethical standards in research, publishing, and voluntary work.
10. Refrain from using Network membership for personal, commercial, or political purposes that conflict with its mission.

11. Refrain from representing the Network or speaking officially on its behalf unless formally appointed or authorised.
12. Maintain the confidentiality of information and documents not intended for publication.
13. Use the digital platform and communication channels safely and responsibly.
14. Update personal and professional information whenever a material change occurs.
15. Comply with child and youth safeguarding requirements when participating in activities involving individuals below the legal age of adulthood.

Second: Requirements for Youth Members

Youth members must:

- Fall within the age range approved by the Network.
- Be a student, researcher, teacher, young professional, innovator, entrepreneur, youth leader, or an individual interested in the Network's areas of work.
- Select at least one primary Network track.
- Participate, according to their capacity, in surveys, programmes, dialogues, or working groups.
- Maintain an acceptable level of engagement throughout the membership period.
- Observe the ethics of dialogue and respect the opinions of others.

Third: Requirements for Founding Members

Founding Member status is granted to individuals who:

- Complete their registration during the initial launch period specified by the Network.
- Meet the general membership requirements.
- Verify their email address and complete their member profile.
- Agree to the Network Charter, Code of Conduct, and Privacy Policy.
- Participate in the Youth Voice Survey or the first founding activity.
- Maintain their status in accordance with the rules established by the Network.

Founding Member status recognises participation during the Network's establishment phase and does not automatically grant its holder any administrative or representative authority.

Fourth: Requirements for Network Ambassadors

Applicants for Network Ambassador status must:

1. Be registered and active members of the Network.
2. Have documented experience or participation in youth, community, or institutional work.
3. Possess communication, representation, and relationship-building skills.
4. Be able to organise introductory or dialogue-based activities in their country, university, or institution.
5. Submit a concise plan outlining the activities they intend to implement during their term.
6. Adhere to the Network's institutional identity and Ambassadors' Guide.
7. Submit periodic reports on activities and results.
8. Avoid conflicts of interest.
9. Successfully complete the selection, interview, or assessment process approved by the Network.
10. Acknowledge that the Ambassador role is a fixed-term appointment and not a permanent position.

Fifth: Requirements for Global Youth Council Membership

Candidates for membership in the Council must:

- Be active Network members with clear contributions to its programmes.
- Have experience in youth leadership, international engagement, or initiative management.
- Be capable of representing the voices of young people in their region rather than solely their personal interests.
- Commit to attending meetings and contributing to the preparation of plans and recommendations.
- Possess an appropriate level of dialogue and teamwork skills.
- Uphold diversity, equity, and inclusion.

- Declare any potential conflicts of interest.
- Commit to the membership term and applicable evaluation and accountability mechanisms.
- Meet selection criteria that ensure geographical, gender, cultural, and linguistic balance.
- Submit a brief profile and a motivation statement or proposal outlining their intended contribution to the Council.

Sixth: Requirements for Experts and Mentors

Experts and mentors must:

- Have documented academic or professional experience in one or more areas of the Network's work.
- Commit to supporting youth leadership without replacing or overriding it.
- Provide guidance professionally and impartially.
- Maintain the confidentiality of members' ideas and projects.
- Disclose any conflicts of interest.
- Respect the intellectual property rights of youth-led initiatives.
- Refrain from exploiting the mentoring relationship for personal or commercial benefit.
- Comply with safeguarding policies and professional standards of conduct.
- Accept periodic evaluation of the quality of their mentoring and guidance.

Seventh: Requirements for Institutional Partners

An entity seeking to join as an Institutional Partner must:

1. Be a legally recognised entity or institution.
2. Have a mission and activities aligned with the Network's objectives and values.
3. Clearly specify the proposed area of partnership or support.
4. Refrain from using the Network's name or logo without prior written approval.
5. Respect the Network's independence and youth-led governance.

6. Comply with data protection and ethical policies.
7. Disclose funding sources associated with the partnership when required.
8. Ensure that its activities and practices do not conflict with universal human values or the Center's mission.
9. Sign a memorandum of understanding or cooperation agreement when required by the nature of the partnership.
10. Provide reports on joint activities, resources, or results.

Eighth: Membership Admission Procedures

The membership admission process comprises the following stages:

1. Submission of the membership application.
2. Verification of the applicant's email address.
3. Review of the completeness of the submitted information.
4. Acceptance of the Network's governing documents.
5. Automated or administrative review of the application.
6. Approval of the application or a request for additional information.
7. Issuance of a membership number.
8. Delivery of a welcome message.
9. Issuance of a membership certificate, as applicable to the membership category.
10. Account activation and access to the platform and programmes.

General membership may be approved immediately following verification, while Ambassador, Council, Expert, and Institutional Partner memberships are subject to additional selection and review procedures.

Ninth: Members' Rights

Members have the right to:

- Participate in programmes, dialogues, and events.
- Join the Youth Club and shared-interest groups.
- Apply to participate in working groups and initiatives.
- Access available resources and opportunities.
- Receive a digital membership certificate or card.
- Submit proposals, opinions, and complaints.
- Access and amend their personal data.
- Request account deletion or withdrawal from the Network.
- Receive equitable access to opportunities according to published criteria.
- Benefit from training, mentoring, and international networking.
- Participate in the Network's surveys and reports.
- Seek nomination for leadership roles in accordance with the applicable requirements.

Tenth: Members' Responsibilities

Members must:

- Protect the Network's reputation.
- Respect all members.
- Participate meaningfully according to their capacity.
- Refrain from publishing unreliable news or data.
- Refrain from sharing other members' information without their consent.
- Refrain from using the platform for unauthorised advertising or promotion.

- Report any abuse or violation.
- Cooperate with moderators and relevant committees.
- Respond to requests to update their information.
- Comply with approved rules and instructions.
- Document their contributions when participating on behalf of the Network.
- Submit materials or reports associated with an official assignment within the specified deadlines.

Eleventh: Suspension or Termination of Membership

Membership may be suspended or terminated in the following cases:

- Providing false or misleading information.
- Violating the Network Charter or Code of Conduct.
- Engaging in abuse, discrimination, harassment, or hate speech.
- Using the Network's name or logo without authorisation.
- Falsely claiming official status or representing the Network without formal appointment.
- Violating privacy or disclosing confidential data.
- Infringing intellectual property rights.
- Exploiting membership to obtain unlawful benefits.
- Repeated violations despite prior warnings.
- Intentionally damaging the reputation of the Network or its members.
- Failing to fulfil the requirements of a leadership or representative role.
- A member's request to terminate their membership.

The relevant procedures must include:

- Documenting the violation.
- Notifying the member.

- Providing the member with an opportunity to respond, except in urgent safeguarding or security cases.
- Issuing a reasoned decision.
- Providing an opportunity to submit a grievance or appeal through an established mechanism.

Twelfth: Membership Duration and Renewal

- Basic membership remains valid as long as the member complies with the applicable requirements.
- Leadership and representative roles are subject to fixed terms.
- Members' information and activity may be reviewed annually.
- Membership may be designated as inactive following an extended period of non-participation.
- Membership may be reactivated after the member updates their information and confirms their intention to continue.
- The terms of membership for Ambassadors, Council members, and committee members shall be specified in the relevant regulatory guides.

Membership in the Global Youth Network for Quality and Excellence is granted to applicants who meet the registration requirements and commit to the Network Charter, Code of Conduct, Privacy Policy, and the values of diversity, inclusion, integrity, responsible participation, and respect for intellectual property. Ambassador, Global Youth Council, Expert, and Institutional Partner categories are subject to additional selection criteria. The Network reserves the right to suspend or terminate membership in the event of any violation of its approved policies and regulations.