**Youth Policy-Makers Hub Application**

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| OCIC’s Youth Policy-Makers Hub (YPH) is a dynamic space for youth ages 18-35 from across Ontario to meaningfully engage, build their capacity and make an impact on policy-making and advocacy efforts towards achieving gender equality and the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).  Are you:   * Between the ages of 18-35 and living in Ontario? * Passionate about gender equality, social and environmental justice issues? * Keen on utilizing your experience and ideas to contribute to advocacy and policy processes occurring at sub-national, national, and international levels?   For more information, go to: <https://www.ocic.on.ca/programs/youth-policy-makers-hub/>  Applications from youth representing historically marginalized communities and those who are mis- or under-represented in policy and advocacy spaces will have priority focus, as well as those located outside the Greater Toronto Area.  As an equity seeking organization, OCIC encourages applications from individuals who represent the full diversity of communities in Canada, including complexities of intersecting identities such as ability, age, class, gender, race and sexual orientation. Please let us know if you have any needs for accommodation throughout the process at info@ocic.on.ca  Applications close on Tuesday, July 27 at 11:59PM EST. Application takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. |

Please find the questions asked in the OCIC YPH Membership Application below, and submit your answers using the form linked [here](https://forms.gle/PF5gkTCHHx4AHMTGA) and on our [website](https://www.ocic.on.ca/programs/youth-policy-makers-hub/).

Note that the form does not save drafts of answers, and it must be submitted without reloading or revisiting the page. Applicants are encouraged to write their answers in a separate document to be copied onto the form.

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| **About You** |
| First name: |
| Last name: |
| Pronouns:   * She/her * He/him * They/them * Other: |
| Email: |
| Phone number: |
| Age (as of October 1, 2021): |
| What is your gender identity?   * Woman * Man * Non-binary * Choose not to indicate * Other: |
| Please identify any other aspects of your identity that you would like to share: |
| Place of Residence in 2021-2022 (e.g., City/Region): |
| Do you have access to a stable internet or phone connection?   * Yes * I will need support with this |
| Please provide any social media links you would like to share (Twitter, LinkedIn, etc.): |

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| **Lived Experience & Issues of Focus** |
| Which of the Sustainable Development Goals align with your interests or advocacy the most (choose your top 3):   * Goal 1: No Poverty * Goal 2: Zero Hunger * Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being * Goal 4: Quality Education * Goal 5: Gender Equality * Goal 6: Clean Water & Sanitation * Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy * Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth * Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure * Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities * Gaol 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities * Goal 12: Responsible Consumption and Production * Goal 13: Climate Action * Goal 14: Life Below Water * Goal 15: Life on Land * Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions * Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals |
| Please explain your selection. How does your lived experience, values, education and/or work align with the SDGs that are most important to you? (150-250 words) |
| What impact would you like to make towards gender equality, social/environmental change locally and/or globally? (150-250 words) |
| Why are you interested in policy-making and advocacy? (100-150 words) |
| What would you like to gain from being part of OCIC’s Youth Policy-Makers Hub and how will you bring back what you learn to your community? (100-150 words) |
| Please list any relevant networks, community groups, organizations and/or initiatives you are or have been connected to. |
| Are you being nominated by an OCIC member organization?   * Yes (if you select this option, you will need to complete the next section) * No (if you select this option, your application is complete) |

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| **OCIC Member Nomination**  Applicants nominated by OCIC organizational or network members are candidates for both nominated and general membership to the YPH. When an applicant is nominated, the organization recognizes that applicant in their network and verifies their participation as declared in this form. |
| Name of Organization: |
| Reference Contact Information (Name, Position; Email; Phone number): |
| Please briefly outline your involvement with this organization (100-150 words): |