

Call for Applications

10 Group Facilitators of the

European Union Youth Conference

27th – 30th September, Dublin, Ireland

Between 1st July and 31st December 2026, Ireland will hold the Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI) and the Department of Education and Youth (DEY) are working to support the upcoming Irish EU Presidency and its activities, including the European Union Youth Conference (EUYC) which will be held in Dublin in September.

NYCI is looking for 10 Group Facilitators to guide the workshops during the European Youth Conference.

1. Background Information

The EU Youth Dialogue (EUYD) is a consultation mechanism for young people in the EU and beyond. It is a forum for continuous joint reflection and discussion on topics that matter to young people. This participatory process involves young people, youth organisations, policy and decision-makers, as well as experts, researchers and civil society actors. The EU Youth Dialogue enables a partnership in the development and implementation of policy recommendations at local, regional, national and European level. This process supports the implementation of the EU Youth Strategy.

2. About the 12th Cycle of the EU Youth Dialogue

The EU Youth Dialogue is organised in 18-month work cycles. The 12th cycle runs from July 2026 to December 2027 covering the Irish, Lithuanian and Greek EU Trio Presidencies. The topic of the 12th cycle is based on the Youth Goal #4 of the EU Youth Strategy, focused on [Information and Constructive Dialogue](#). The EUYD is governed by the European Steering Group, composed of the Ministries and

National Youth Councils of the Trio Presidencies, the European Youth Forum and the European Commission.

A Youth Dialogue Cycle is divided into two main phases:

- the Consultation (or Dialogue) phase
- the Implementation phase.

During the Dialogue phase, consultations are held to gather the opinions, needs and solutions of young people on the covered topic (the Youth Goal). Then, the Implementation phase aims to implement the consultation results into concrete activities and actions at local level. EU Youth Conferences (EUYC) are a key element of the EU Youth Dialogue. They are organised by each Presidency and bring together up to 300 young people and political decision-makers at national and European levels. These conferences serve as key opportunities to gather ideas and demands on the EU Youth Dialogue at a European level, exchange good practices and advice, collect consultation results, and formulate specific political demands. The content of the three EU Youth Conferences of one cycle builds on each other.

3. European Union Youth Conference in Dublin

The EU Youth Conference during the Irish Presidency will take place from the 27th to the 30th of September 2026 in Dublin. The conference is an integral part of the consultation, bringing together young people (18+) from across the EU and beyond to discuss how Youth Goal #4 could be implemented at a European level and the European Youth Goals are also being revised. During the Irish presidency and the EU Youth Conference in Ireland, the dialogue will focus on empowering young people to be critical and responsible users and producers of information. For three days, delegations of young people and policymakers from almost 40 countries will work together to come up with actionable recommendations. Experts and decision-makers will be invited to give input on the topic and support this process. Outcomes of the EUYC will feed into Council Conclusions.

There will be five workshops exploring the cycle of Youth Dialogue on Goal 4: Information and Constructive Dialogue, and five workshops on revising the Youth Goals.

4. Thematic areas and Workshops

The following topics will be priorities at the Irish Youth Conference:

- Building trustworthy information environments, strengthening youth-led spaces and intergenerational dialogue on information.

- Reinforcing the importance of safe, accessible physical youth spaces for young people to come together, engage and connect.
- Empowering young people to navigate and meaningfully participate in information environments through constructive engagement in dialogue and broader public discourse.
- Redeveloping the European Youth Goals for inclusion in the EU Youth Strategy
- Equipping young people to be critical and responsible producers of information.

Group facilitators will be responsible for guiding the process in their working group and ensure that the objectives and outcomes of their working group are achieved. Group facilitators will be assisted by harvesters. Group harvesters (separate call for applications) will be responsible for keeping track of the outcomes of working groups through notetaking and use of digital tools. Facilitators and harvesters should work as a team and collaborate with researchers and EUYC organisers to provide input for EUYC documents.

5. Tasks

Specific tasks of a group facilitator are:

- Facilitation of working group sessions assisting in issue prioritisation and development of recommendations.
- Implementation of a common methodology and flexible adaptation to circumstances if needed.
- Facilitation of participants of diverse backgrounds through engaging methodologies.
- Facilitation of groups that include young people, experts and policymakers.
- Creating a safe space for participation and engaging all participants in the discussions.
- Guiding and supporting delegates throughout the conference.

Shared tasks for group facilitators and harvesters:

1. Attending scheduled preparatory meeting(s):
 - a. Online preparation meetings (exact dates will be announced once the selection process is completed).
 - b. Travel on 25th September to Ireland. In-person briefing on 26th September for the whole team and final preparations in Dublin, Ireland.

2. Preparing for working groups based on the preparatory meeting and lead EUYC facilitators' (European facilitator and National facilitator) instructions.
3. Following the plenary sessions of the conference.
4. Working in close cooperation with the lead facilitators, the editing team as well as with the organising and communication team of the event and the researchers.
5. Providing constant feedback on the improvement of the EUYC.

6. Profile

The ideal candidate should:

Experience

- Have experience in facilitating workshops and other sessions with groups by using interactive and innovative methods.
- Have experience in leading groups comprised of participants with different levels of knowledge and diverse profiles (young people, NGO representatives, ministerial delegates, experts, policymakers).
- Have intercultural sensitivity and experience in working with international groups.
- Knowledge of youth policy and the youth field in Europe, especially in the chosen theme related to the EU Youth Strategy, Youth Goals etc. with focus on Youth Goal 4 in particular (see point: Thematic areas and Workshops) will be considered an advantage.
- Previous involvement with the EU Youth Dialogue (former EU Structured Dialogue) or as a facilitator/harvester of a European Youth Conference will be considered an advantage.

Competencies

- Having a good sense of organisation and being able to work under pressure and with tight deadlines.
- Being able to create and hold a safe space where all participants feel comfortable and included, allowing for meaningful participation.
- Working with online and offline tools.
- Showing initiative, flexibility and creativity.
- Having good problem-solving and teamwork skills.
- Having excellent communication skills with young people.
- Being able to summarise and present information in a clear way.

- Excellent command of the English language (facilitation will be conducted in English).
- Be an EU/EEA/Swiss/UK citizen (or otherwise have the legal right to work in Ireland without requiring a work permit).

7. Fees and costs

The daily fee will be €350 (including taxes).

Travel, Food and Accommodation will be provided (Friday 25th Accommodation covered subject into funding).

6 days' work including preparatory briefings

8. Online Application

Please access the online application at youth.ie.

1. Fill in the form including personal details and answer the following:
 - a. What is your employment, training and unpaid/voluntary work experience in relation to large activities or policy events at local, national or European level?
 - b. What is your experience of harvesting/facilitating? Please give specific examples. Highlighting any relevance to youth participation, the theme of 'Information and Constructive Dialogue', EU Youth Strategy & EU Youth Dialogue?
2. A short video of yourself (maximum 3 minutes) explaining how your experience matches the profile, answering the following three questions:
 - a. What is your motivation for applying?
 - b. What are the key skills you would bring to the role?
 - c. What are some of the challenges you anticipate and how you would address them?

Save and upload the file with the filename YOURNAME_Facilitator

Please upload your video to WeTransfer [here](#). You can see a guide on uploading to a file request on WeTransfer [here](#).

Deadline for applications: **Sunday June 7th at 23:59 IST.**

In anticipation of a high level of applications only successful applicants will be contacted.

9. Child Safeguarding:

Keeping children and young people safe is integral to the work that NYCI does. To be certain we, and any contractors we employ, meet our safeguarding and child protection responsibilities we have a number of measures in place to ensure that the health and well-being of children and young people is of paramount importance when we engage with them. Should your application be successful you will be required to read and sign the documents below as well as engaging in a short e-learning that introduces Child Safeguarding in an Irish context:

[NYCI's Child Safeguarding Statement](#) (first document on page)

[NYCI's Code of Behaviour](#) (second document on same page)

10. Equal Opportunities

NYCI has an equal opportunities policy, which all employees and contractors are expected to develop an understanding of, with a commitment to equality of opportunities.

NYCI is committed to fostering an inclusive and collaborative work environment that values all identities, perspectives, and experiences, and provides opportunities for learning and growth. We especially welcome applications from people from all ethnic minority and migrant backgrounds, from women, nonbinary, LGBTQI+ and other working-class backgrounds, and people from other traditionally marginalised backgrounds.