NSWALC's inaugural Youth Advisory Committee

Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)

APPLICATION FORM 2024-2026

YOU CAN BE THE NEXT MEMBER OF NSWALC'S YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council

Please read the following information and then complete the form below.

Who is NSWALC?

As the State's peak representative body in Aboriginal Affairs, the New South Wales Aboriginal Land Council (**NSWALC**) aims to protect the interests and further the aspirations of its members and the broader Aboriginal community. NSWALC is the largest member based Aboriginal organisation in NSW.

NSWALC is committed to ensuring a better future for Aboriginal people by working for the return of culturally significant and economically viable land, pursuing cultural, social and economic independence for its people and being politically proactive and voicing the position of Aboriginal people on issues that affect them.

Who are we looking for to join the YAC?

NSWALC is looking for young people who:

- are Aboriginal person between 18 and 25 years of age
- are a member of a Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) in NSW
- are currently living/working/studying in the region of their LALC
- can demonstrate a commitment to actively participate on the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC), including travelling and attending Regional and State-wide meetings
- is an advocate for the rights and interests of Aboriginal peoples
- can demonstrate a willingness to learning and personal development

We strongly encourage applications from, people with disability and LGBTIQA+ people.

What is the role of the YAC?

The Youth Advisory Committee provides young Aboriginal people with a chance to be heard and develop their leadership skills in a 2-year term. This includes an objective to engage with our youth and membership across the land rights network.

The NSWALC Youth Advisory Committee will provide advice & recommendations to NSWALC on:

» Policy, programs and services which impact young Aboriginal people with a focus on Aboriginal Land Rights in NSW;

» Engaging with youth groups across NSW;

» Current and emerging issues and concerns of importance to young Aboriginal people to improve awareness of NSWALC of a range of issues which affect young Aboriginal people;

» Issues impacting young Aboriginal people across local and regional contexts;

» Opportunities and strategies to increase the participation of young Aboriginal people in the Land Rights Network; and

» Discussions and consultations to raise the awareness of young Aboriginal people regarding Land Rights in NSW.

What are the Benefits?

NSWALC is committed to supporting our YAC members throughout their 2-year term and beyond as you embark on your career. NSWALC will:

» Assist Youth Advisory Committee members fulfil their roles and responsibilities through the provision of high level support;

» Assist Youth Advisory Committee members develop their skills and knowledge through the provision of training and mentoring;

» Work cooperatively with the Youth Advisory Committee at all times; and

» Provide a safe and respectful environment for open two-way dialogue by and with the Youth Advisory Committee.

Applicant Information

Name _____

Address _____

Suburb _____ Postcode _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile _____

Email _____

Date of Birth _____ Age now _____

Gender

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other (please advise) _____

Do you identify as an Aboriginal young person?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Which Local Aboriginal Land Council are you a member of?

_____

Which of the following describes you (tick all boxes that apply)?

☐ Level of schooling completed (year)

☐ Studying at TAFE (course name)

☐ Studying at University (course and university)

☐ Working (fulltime, part time, casual)

☐ Seeking employment

Resume

Please provide your most recent resume.

Selection Criteria

Please address the following Selection Criteria (no more than 150 words per Criteria).

Why do you want to be a member of the NSWALC Youth Advisory Committee?

What skills or experience can you bring to the NSWALC Youth Advisory Committee?

Are you or have you been a member of other youth groups/committees (please advise)?

In your opinion, what are the main issues impacting on Aboriginal youth?

How have you worked towards addressing issues that impact Aboriginal communities?

How would you address these issues through the NSWALC Youth Advisory Committee?

How would you encourage other Aboriginal youth to become members of Local Aboriginal Land Councils?

Other Information

Conduct of Members

The NSWALC requires all members of the Youth Advisory Committee to adhere to a strict code of conduct in relation to their activities as representatives of the NSWALC.

Training and Development

As a member of the NSWALC Youth Advisory Committee you will have the opportunity to undertake training and development in relation to the role (provided by NSWALC). Do you agree to undertake Training and Development?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Travel

As a member of the NSWALC Youth Advisory Committee you will have the opportunity to travel to meetings, for training and development, promotion of the NSWALC Youth Advisory Committee and potentially overseas travel. You will also be required to obtain an Australian Passport. Do you agree to travel as required?

☐ Yes ☐ No

*Where travel is required; NSWALC will provide financial assistance to Youth Advisory Committee members.

Meeting Attendance

The NSWALC Youth Advisory Committee will meet approximately four (4) times per year. To remain a member of the NSWALC Youth Advisory Committee you must attend four (4) meetings per year (except for health, medical or other unforeseen circumstances). Do you agree to attend four (4) meetings per year?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Participate in Media Opportunities

As a member of the NSWALC Youth Advisory Committee you may be required (on occasion) to participate in various media opportunities. This could include having your photo taken, being interviewed (print media), offering your opinion or telling your story (film media); or other forms of media. Do you agree to participate in various media opportunities as discuss?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Signatures Required

NSWALC Youth Advisory Committee Applicant signature.

Print Name _____ Signature _____

Local Aboriginal Land Council _____ Date _____

CEO Local Aboriginal Land Council support.

I support / do not support this application for the NSWALC Youth Advisory Committee

Print Name _____ Signature _____

Local Aboriginal Land Council _____ Date _____

Checklist

- [ ] Have you completed all your personal/contact details?
- [ ] Have you addressed all the Selection Criteria?
- [ ] Have you read the Youth Committee Terms of Reference?
- [ ] Have you attached your Resume?
- [ ] Has the CEO of your Local Aboriginal Land Council signed your Application?

Where to send your completed application

It is preferred that applications are received by email at: policy.research@alc.org.au

However, applications will also be accepted by post:

NSW Aboriginal Land Council
PO Box 1125 Parramatta NSW 2124

If you have any questions or comments regarding your application or the NSWALC Youth Advisory Committee, please contact the Strategy and Policy Unit via email at: policy.research@alc.org.au

Application closes on 13 November 2024