



St Vincent de Paul Society
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STATE YOUTH REPRESENTATIVE (NSW) ROLE STATEMENT

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OVERVIEW

The State Youth Representative is the representative for Youth on the State Council and is appointed by the State President. It is customary for the outgoing State Youth Representative to lead a transparent nomination and discernment process with the State Youth Team before putting forward a recommendation to the State President. They are appointed to this position for the remainder of that President's term.

The State Youth Representative works closely with the Conference and Member Support Team to develop and implement the Strategic Plan for Youth and to ensure effective support, formation and resourcing is provided to Youth members, volunteers and staff throughout the state. They work closely with the Conference and Member Support Team to communicate, build relationships and ensure that Youth have a voice on general matters of the Society.

The State Youth Representative is responsible to three different areas: to Christ in the poor; to the Society, and; to the State Council. This esteemed position allows a youth member to take an active leadership role and shape the future of the Society in NSW. This includes

1. The State Youth Representative plays a vital role on the State Council; they are the voice of the Society's youth in New South Wales.
2. The State Youth Representative rallies the State Youth Committee in action
3. The State Youth representative keeps the lines of communication open between the State Council, youth and young adult members, the State Support Office and Central Council staff who work closely with Youth and Young Adult members.
4. The State Youth Representative represents the Society's Youth and Young Adult members from NSW at internal and external workshops and events.

ROLE ON THE STATE COUNCIL

The NSW State Council facilitates joint action and communication across the ten Central Councils in NSW and provides resources to assist the effective, efficient and appropriate working of Conferences and Councils. A decision of the NSW Council is binding upon all of the Councils and Conferences within NSW. As a member of this Council, the State Youth Representative makes a significant contribution to the direction of the Society in NSW. This role should not be taken lightly or for granted.

As a member of the State Council of NSW, the State Youth Representative:

1. Acts as the voice of the youth of NSW
2. Participates fully in all State Council meetings and decisions.
3. Provides considered advice on issues relating directly to Youth and Youth development within the Society.
4. Is not just seen as the voice specifically for youth, but also as a voice that should be heard on all matters dealt with, and as such has the power to vote as an appointed member of the State Council.
5. Keeps the Council informed and challenged on youth and young adult issues.

ROLE ON THE STATE YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Youth Committee provides a forum for Youth Representatives across the State to share knowledge, experience and explore possible new opportunities. The Committee also enables members to discuss and offer solutions to issues of common concern.

This Committee is comprised of the State Youth Representative and the Central Council Youth Representatives as appointed by each Central Council throughout NSW. The State Youth Representative

is responsible for chairing this committee. A Spiritual Advisor, Secretary and Vice-President(s) can also be appointed to this Committee at the discretion of the State Youth Representative.

REPORTS TO

State Council President, St Vincent de Paul Society NSW.

TERM OF OFFICE

The term of appointment is aligned to that of the State Council President with a full term being four years.

The actual term will be negotiable between the appointee and the State Council President, with a minimum commitment of 12 months.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Liaise with the State President and State Council members so as to ensure that youth and young adult matters are frequently presented and made readily available for on-going review.
2. Represent and speak on behalf of youth and young adult members of the Society in NSW at:
 - (i) State Council meetings and consultations
 - (ii) National Youth Team meetings
 - (iii) As required by the State President
3. Carry out key duties in accordance with the Strategic Plan as developed by the NSW State Youth Committee, including to:
 - (i) Liaise with and support Youth and Young Adult members, for the benefit of youth and young adults in NSW.
 - (ii) Liaise with and support members of the State Youth Committee in relation to the co-ordination, animation and information sharing of relevant youth issues, programs and directives.
 - (iii) Liaise with the National Youth Representative and the National Youth Team both for the benefit of State issues and assist in the promotion of Vinnies Youth at a National level.
 - (iv) Liaise and work with staff members of the State Support Office so as to offer direction and assistance with all youth issues, programs and directives.
4. Assist in the animation and development of youth in the Society within state-wide networks, working closely with the Central Council Youth Coordinators.
5. Network with other youth organisations throughout NSW and Australia to assist in establishing Vinnies Youth within the broader Youth spaces.
6. Comply with the St Vincent de Paul Society policies, practices and procedures as set out in The Rule, the Manual, and documents endorsed by the State Council of NSW.

KEY QUALITIES AND SKILLS

1. Passion for working with young people and to 'preserve the spirit of youth which is characterized by enthusiasm, adaptability and creative imagination' (The Rule part 1, 3.5).
2. Ability to build rapport and form strong relationships with members and volunteers of all ages and in a diversity of Society works.
3. Ability to manage time, prioritise tasks and deliver responsibilities in a diverse and dynamic work environment.

4. A strong commitment to and understanding of social justice, serving others and the charism and ethos of the Society.
5. Understanding the Society, including the Rule, its structures and policies relating to members and volunteers.
6. Excellent organization and communication skills.
7. Ability to work collaboratively and to lead a team of members and volunteers.
8. Commitment to empowering volunteers and members and supporting their personal and spiritual development.

AVAILABILITY

1. Ability to attend State Youth Team meetings (every 2 months on a Sunday)
2. Ability to work between meetings to plan, track and engage in activities to support the development of the Society in schools
3. Ability to meet with representatives from the Youth and Education Team (staff team) when needed
4. It is expected that this role would include an average of 2-4 hours of volunteer time per week for a 1 year commitment.

SCREENING

All volunteer positions are subject to a Working With Children Check and National Criminal History Check.

OPPORTUNITIES

The State Youth Representative will have the unique opportunity to:

1. Inspire and influence positive change at a strategic level.
2. Build friendships, relationships and professional networks with dynamic people.
3. Grow your leadership skills.
4. Gain insight into the amazing works of members and volunteers across NSW.
5. Be part of a high performance team committed to improving the lives of people in greatest.