

# CCYP AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Information Sheet



**CCYP**  
Commissioner for Children  
and Young People Tasmania

## Who is the Commissioner for Children and Young People?

Hello, my name is **Leanne McLean** and I am the Commissioner for Children and Young People in Tasmania.

I am an independent person who speaks up for all Tasmanian children and young people under 18 years of age to help make sure Tasmania is a better place for them.

An important part of my job is to make sure that adult decision-makers take the needs and views of children and young people into account when making decisions that affect them.

## The CCYP Ambassador Program 2019

In 2019, I will be starting a CCYP Ambassador Program. The CCYP Ambassador Program is an opportunity for children and young people to have their voices heard on how things could be improved for children and young people in Tasmania.

Ambassadors will help me to understand what is important for children and young people and will be provided with opportunities to come together to discuss key issues and influence decision-makers.

## What will CCYP Ambassadors do?

Ambassadors will have the opportunity to meet with me to:

- Share their opinions and ideas about what is important to them to help me be a strong advocate for Tasmanian children and young people.
- Learn about and promote the rights that children and young people have under the *UN Convention on the Rights of the Child*.
- Complete special projects. These projects will be developed through conversations with CCYP Ambassadors and will inform my work on behalf of children and young people in Tasmania.

## How much time is involved?

CCYP Ambassadors will attend two regional meetings and one full day event during 2019. The meeting dates and times are set out below:

### June

<b>Devonport</b>	Tuesday 11th, 3.30–5.30pm
<b>Launceston</b>	Wednesday 12th, 3.30–5.30pm
<b>Hobart</b>	Friday 14th, 3.30–5.30pm

### August

<b>Devonport</b>	Monday 19th, 3.30–5.30pm
<b>Launceston</b>	Tuesday 20th, 3.30–5.30pm
<b>Hobart</b>	Wednesday 21st, 3.30–5.30pm

### October

<b>Venue TBC</b>	Friday 4th, Full day (All)
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## How do CCYP Ambassadors get to meetings?

CCYP Ambassadors will be required to make their own transport arrangements to attend meetings. If this poses difficulties, or Ambassadors have particular needs to be able to participate, please contact my office to discuss how we may be able help.

## How long is membership for?

CCYP Ambassadors will be appointed for the calendar year. Members will be invited to roll over their membership into the new calendar year provided they have not yet turned 18. Members may discontinue their membership at any time. Membership ceases at age 18.

## What supports will be available to CCYP Ambassadors?

CCYP Ambassadors will be supported to participate in the program by my office and provided with resources to help them learn about my role and children's rights.

CCYP Ambassadors will be able to communicate with me and each other at meetings and through an online community which will be developed during 2019.

## WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A CCYP AMBASSADOR?

- Greater awareness and understanding of children's rights and the role of CCYP
- Leadership opportunities
- Opportunities to meet and work with other young people from across Tasmania on key issues.
- Opportunities to speak with key decision makers in Tasmania

## WHAT SKILLS WILL CCYP AMBASSADORS DEVELOP?

- Communication
- Coordination
- Advocacy
- Problem solving
- Decision making
- Cultural awareness
- Media engagement
- Confidence
- Facilitation



## Who can apply to be a CCYP Ambassador?

In 2019, the CCYP Ambassador Program is open to children and young people from 9 years of age. Applicants need to be aged less than 18 years of age.

Applications are encouraged from children and young people from different locations, backgrounds and life experiences.



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## How do I apply to be a CCYP Ambassador?

There are a few ways you can apply to be a CCYP Ambassador, which are listed below. All applications will be due by **5pm on Friday 17th May 2019**.

**By online form:** You can fill out a short online form at [www.childcomm.tas.gov.au](http://www.childcomm.tas.gov.au)

**By email:** You can email me at [ccyp.ambassadors@childcomm.tas.gov.au](mailto:ccyp.ambassadors@childcomm.tas.gov.au) with your name, age, school, which part of Tasmania you are located and your answers to three questions:

1. Why you are interested in becoming a CCYP Ambassador and what skills/life experiences you would bring to the role? If you would prefer to do this as an audio or video piece you can just include the link when you apply.
2. Tell me one thing you think could be changed or improved to make Tasmania a better place for children and young people.
3. Let me know of any other councils, committees or groups that you have been a part of.

**Another way:** If you want to apply but do not feel comfortable using the online form or email, you can get in touch with us so that we find a way that is accessible for you.

We are committed to upholding the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations. Should you have any questions or concerns in relation to child safety, please contact my office on (03) 61661366 or email us at:

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I look forward to receiving your applications.

### Leanne McLean

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