



CCYP

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM 2022

Information Sheet

Who is the Commissioner for Children and Young People?

Hello, my name is Leanne McLean. 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

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.

In 2022, I am welcoming new members to the CCYP Ambassador Program.

CCYP Ambassadors range in age from 10 to 17 years and come from a range of backgrounds and geographic locations around the State.

More information about the CCYP Ambassador Program can be found on my website:

<https://www.childcomm.tas.gov.au>

Who are the CCYP Ambassadors and what is their role?

CCYP Ambassadors come from all walks of life and from across Tasmania, including the islands.

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

Ambassadors meet with me to:

1. Help me understand what life is like for Tasmanian children and young people
2. Have a say and be heard on matters that are important to them
3. Help to influence decisions that affect children and young people
4. Learn about the rights that children and young people have under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

Who can apply to be a CCYP Ambassador?

The CCYP Ambassador Program is open to Tasmanian children and young people who are 10-17 years old.

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

How long is membership for?

CCYP Ambassadors will be appointed for two calendar years or until they turn 18 (whichever is the earliest). Ambassadors may discontinue their membership at any time.



How much time is involved?

CCYP Ambassadors will be required to attend at least two rounds of meetings during 2022. The meeting dates and times are set out below:

March Round — (Venues TBC)	
Hobart 1	Monday 21st, 4:00–6:00pm
Devonport	Tuesday 22nd, 4:00–6:00pm
Launceston	Wednesday 23rd, 4:00–6:00pm
Online	Friday 24th, 4:00–5:00pm
Hobart 2	Monday 28th, 4:00–6:00pm

June Round — (Venues TBC)	
Hobart 1	Monday 20th, 4.00–6.00pm
Burnie	Tuesday 21st, 4.00–6.00pm
Launceston	Wednesday 22nd, 4.00–6.00pm
Online	Friday 24th, 4:00–5:00pm
Hobart 2	Monday 27th, 4:00–6:00pm

August Round — (Venues TBC)	
Hobart 1	Monday 22nd, 4.00–6.00pm
Devonport	Tuesday 23rd, 4.00–6.00pm
Launceston	Wednesday 24th, 4.00–6.00pm
Online	Friday 26th, 4:00–5:00pm
Hobart 2	Monday 29th, 4:00–6:00pm

October Round — (Venues TBC)	
Launceston	Thurs 13th, 10:00am–3:00pm Full day (All)

How do CCYP Ambassadors get to meetings?

CCYP Ambassadors have to make their own way to meetings. If you have to rely on someone such as your parent/guardian to help you get to meetings, please check with them before you apply to see whether they can help you get to at least two of these meetings. If you anticipate any problems attending meetings, please email the CCYP Ambassador team to discuss how they can assist you at:

ccyp.ambassadors@childcomm.tas.gov.au.

Can't commit to two meetings? That's okay, there are other ways you can have a say!

I understand that life gets busy. If you decide that you are unable to commit to taking part in at least two rounds of meetings or you are too young to apply, you may be interested in being added to the CCYP Your Engagement Place (YEP!) program. This means that we will tell you about other engagement opportunities that are coming up that do not require as big a commitment (e.g., notifications about one-off surveys, video chats, focus groups, opportunities to do things with other organisations, etc.). If you would like to join YEP! and receive this information, please go to:

ccyp.ambassadors@childcomm.tas.gov.au.

What supports will be available to CCYP Ambassadors?

CCYP Ambassadors will be supported to participate in the program by the CCYP office and we will give CCYP Ambassadors information to learn about my role as the Commissioner and children's rights. Many CCYP Ambassadors are also supported by their schools to participate in the program.

CCYP Ambassadors will be able to chat with me, members of the CCYP Ambassador team and with each other at meetings.

