



Youth Advisory Council

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Join the Telstra Foundation Youth Advisory Council: Shape your digital future

Are you passionate about
creating a digital world
that truly understands
and caters to the needs
of young people?

The Telstra Foundation is thrilled to announce the next round of its Youth Advisory Council, powered by PROJECT ROCKIT. We want to harness the vibrant diversity, insightful perspectives, and boundless creativity of young people like you.

Apply today!

**Applications close
Monday 23 Feb 2026**



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What is the opportunity?

We know that the best way to understand the needs and interests of young people is by including them directly in conversation.

So, we're inviting up to 24 young people, aged 12 to 18, to come together regularly to help steer the direction of Telstra Foundation's work. Your job will include coming up with ideas, giving feedback on projects, creating content that helps and resonates with other young people. You'll also have the opportunity to take part in events and be featured in media.

The Telstra Foundation Youth Advisory Council will be an important platform where your ideas can influence how the Telstra Foundation supports the digital lives of young people. If you're eager to make your mark and contribute to shaping a digital world that reflects the aspirations and needs of young people, we want to hear from you.

Check out the position description for more information.

Curious about the kinds of opportunities you could have as a Council member? Check out some of the incredible work from the 2025 Council.

Last year, the Council explored how living in the digital world shapes their rest and wellbeing. They took part in a Sleep Challenge where members tracked their habits, experimented with healthier routines, and shared their [insights for all young people](#).

They led a major [Digital Skills Project](#) exploring skills like AI prompting, coding, digital art, music production gaming community management, and web app design. Their hands-on and youth-led research highlighted the range of digital creativity and collaboration happening outside formal education.

Here's what past council members had to say about their experience



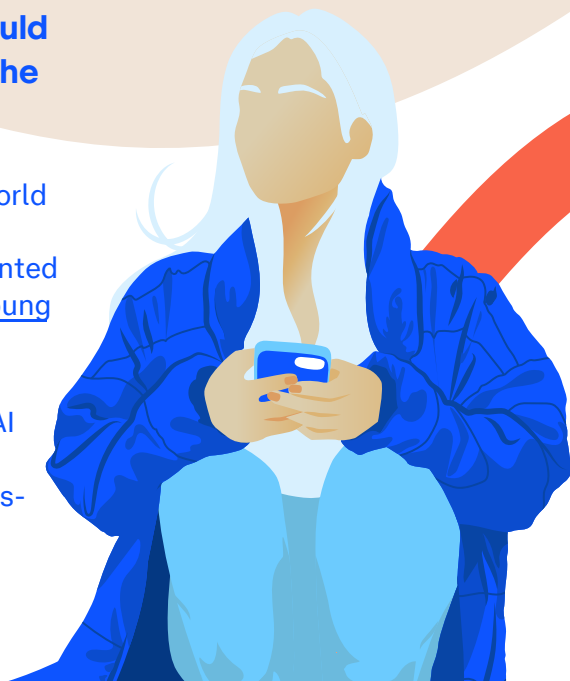
Being a council member was incredibly rewarding. I was part of a supportive, respectful team where young people's voices were genuinely valued. Overall, being part of the TF YAC helped me grow in confidence, develop new skills, and feel connected to a community that is passionate about creating positive change for young people.

Sienna, 17



I had never joined a Youth Council before and the very first time I joined a meeting, I was met with such warmth and joy. It was a fun group to be a part of and we really connected in different ways like music or art. I really loved this whole year with the council and can't wait to do it all again next year!

Eshan, 13



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How to apply?

You will need to submit a video no longer than 3 minutes. It does not have to be fancy production, just you speaking to the camera and answering the questions below. If you have any questions as a young person or as a parent about the application process, please contact

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You can then upload the video, and fill out the required information in this form:
<https://driveuploader.com/upload/DkcnkZILK9/>

The questions to answer are:

1. Why do you want to be part of the Youth Advisory Council?
2. What strengths, skills or perspectives would you bring to the Youth Advisory Council?
3. What excites you most about digital technology?
4. If you could change one thing to better support young people in the digital world, what would it be and why?

To apply, upload your video to the link provided above and fill out the form that appears after the upload is complete.

We look forward to receiving your application and hopefully chatting to you in the near future.

Key dates

- Applications
open **Friday 6th February 2026**, close
Friday 20th February 2026.
- Interviews
commence **Friday 13th February 2026**,
end **Friday 27th February 2026**.

About us

Telstra Foundation

Backed by Telstra for more than two decades, Telstra Foundation is an Australian charity that's part of a movement to make Australia one of the best places in the world for children and young people to go online. By 2030, we are committed to empowering one million children and young people to thrive in safe, inclusive digital spaces and to shape their own futures. [Learn more here.](#)

PROJECT ROCKIT

PROJECT ROCKIT is Australia's youth-driven movement against bullying, hate and prejudice. Established in 2006, PROJECT ROCKIT balances a 19+ year track record of creating positive impact in mainstream school settings alongside the passion and innovation of a growing team of young movers and shakers. We're a mixed bag of individuals brought together by a shared dream of creating inclusive spaces and opportunities for young people to be their best selves.