



Join Cuso's Youth Engagement Advisory Group

Applications now open!



Apply by September 30th, 2021

Cuso International Youth Engagement Advisor Application

Building on lessons learned and good practices, the Cuso International Youth Engagement Advisors group (CYEA) is all about creating a vibrant space to inform, engage and inspire young Canadians about Cuso's anti-poverty and equity work in international development.

Currently the world has the largest number of young people in history, half of all people are under the age of 30 and never has there been a more relevant time to meaningfully engage youth for the development of themselves and their societies, around pressing global problems.

The role of (CYEA) leadership will include informing through knowledge-sharing to raise awareness of Canada's international development efforts. This will be done through sharing curated content (online content, public forums, research, etc.) and participating in meaningful dialogue around problems and program solutions Cuso is involved in.

Are you:

- Between the ages of 18-25 and living in Canada?
- Passionate about international development matters, gender equality, youth economic empowerment and helping to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals by harnessing the power of volunteerism?
- Enthusiastic about having a voice?
- Eager to share your ideas by contributing to public engagement initiatives using digital platforms?



As a member of (CYEA), you will have the chance to gain from:

- Monthly virtual exchanges and project management sessions to plan strategies, agendas, and activities for public engagement
- Directing the conversations on themes of the members interest, (aligned with Cuso's work).
- Connecting and working alongside other CYEA youth members from across Canada
- Initiating and leading virtual public engagement dialogues / events and other digital engagement activities between September 2021 and March 31, 2022.
- Participating in Cuso's fundraising efforts in support of our projects on three continents
- Attending Cuso's virtual events
- Sharing feedback and contributing to evaluating the advisory program

Criteria and Selection Process:

The (CYEA) members will be selected by a committee composed of Cuso staff from the communications and marketing and international programs departments.

The importance of public engagement for Cuso International is significant to allow for the voices of youth to be heard as well have their input and influence on what dialogues take place around international development issues while including a wider audience to promote greater participation of young Canadians.

We invite youth with diversity experiences and from diverse communities and will prioritize participation from populations that have not been equally represented including Indigenous, Black and People of Colour, LGBTQ2+, women, gender non-conforming, and persons living with a disability and meet the following minimum requirements:

- Be between the ages of 18-25 as of September 30th, 2021, and living in Canada
- Commit to attending a minimum of seven meetings, one meeting per month from September 2021 - March 2022
- Participate by sharing your ideas and having your voices heard, contributing to public engagement initiatives using digital platforms.

We invite you to apply and to let us know if you need support throughout the application process.



To Apply:

Please apply to be a member of Cuso's Youth Engagement Advisory by completing this **application form by September 30, 2021, at 11:59 PM EDT.**

Please submit your completed form via email to: tina.sweeney@cusointernational.org

First name:	
Last name:	
Preferred pronoun: She/Her, He/ Him, They/Their, Other	
Contact Email, Phone number	
Age as of September 30 th , 2021.	
Gender identity: Woman, Man, Non-binary, Choose not to indicate	
<i>Cuso is committed to ensuring participation from and inclusion of diverse communities. We invite you to share with us any additional aspects of your identity that would help the advisory group to be better informed and representative of this diversity.</i>	
<i>Where do you live? (City / Region)</i>	
Do you have a stable internet connection or access to one for virtual meetings? Yes / No	
What clubs, committees, community groups do you belong to?	
Please share your social media affiliations (e.g., Twitter handle, LinkedIn, Facebook, tik tok etc.)	
What International Development issues are you most passion about, and be interested in helping to curate a dialogue on? <i>(Select top 2 only)</i>	
<i>Goal 1: No Poverty</i>	

<p><i>Goal 3: Good Health and Well-being</i></p> <p><i>Goal 4: Quality Education</i></p> <p><i>Goal 5: Gender Equality</i></p> <p><i>Goal 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth</i></p> <p><i>Goal 10: Reduced Inequalities</i></p> <p><i>Goal 13: Climate Action</i></p> <p><i>Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions</i></p> <p><i>Goal 17: Partnerships for the Goals</i></p>	
<p><i>Please describe why you selected the issues you did and how they align with your values? (100 words max.)</i></p>	
<p><i>Why are you applying to be a member for Cuso's Youth Engagement Advisory (100 words max.)</i></p>	
<p><i>What national or regional impact would you like to make by joining the (CYEA)? (100 words max.)</i></p>	

Advantages of being on Cuso's Youth Engagement Advisory

- Gain knowledge and experience in public engagement
- Connect and collaborate with diverse youth from across Canada
- Great experience for job and school applications
- Advance your understanding of advance understanding of development and impact of the work that Cuso and other NGOs are doing
- References can be provided upon request

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