

# Media Release

**The Hon Ros Spence MP**  
Minister for Multicultural Affairs  
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Minister for Youth



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## CALL OUT FOR YOUNG LEADERS TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT

If you're a young Victorian aged 12-25, the Victorian Government wants to hear from you – with applications now open for the 2022 Victorian Youth Congress.

Minister for Youth Ros Spence today announced that the Government is seeking young people who are keen to make their voice heard on issues that matter to young Victorians.

The Victorian Youth Congress is the Minister for Youth's advisory group of young people who work with government to put young people's ideas and experiences at the centre of government decision-making.

The 2022 Victorian Youth Congress provides an exciting opportunity to get involved in the implementation of Victoria's new youth strategy, due to be released later in 2021.

The new youth strategy is being developed following extensive consultation with young people, including the current Victorian Youth Congress and youth sector. It will set a long-term vision to make Victoria the best place to be for all young people.

Young people from diverse backgrounds and ages, and from across both regional Victoria and Melbourne, are encouraged to apply to be part of the 2022 Victorian Youth Congress and represent their communities.

Applicants do not need previous experience working with government. Successful applicants will gain valuable insight into how government works, how policies are made and what you can do to influence the process.

Members of the Victorian Youth Congress are provided with opportunities and supports to develop leadership and teamwork skills and try a range of new experiences.

Applications are open from 9 August to 13 September. To apply or for more information, visit [youthcentral.vic.gov.au/get-involved/youth-programs-and-events/victorian-youth-congress](https://youthcentral.vic.gov.au/get-involved/youth-programs-and-events/victorian-youth-congress).

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Youth Ros Spence

*"With young people around the world facing the unprecedented challenges of the pandemic, there has never been a more important time for government to listen to young people's voices."*

*"This is a great opportunity for young Victorians to build their leadership skills and gain an understanding of how government works."*

*"If you are aged 12-25 and want to share your perspective on the issues that matter to you, I encourage you to apply for this life-changing experience."*