

Media Release

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INSPIRING YOUNG PEOPLE TO JOIN VICTORIAN YOUTH CONGRESS

The Andrews Labor Government is calling on young Victorians to have their say on the things that matter most to them.

Minister for Youth Ros Spence today opened applications for the 2023 Victorian Youth Congress, with the opportunity to join existing members continuing for a second term in the program.

The Victorian Youth Congress is an advisory body of young Victorians aged between 12 and 25. The congress provides advice to inform and shape Victorian Government policy and programs for young people.

Members of the Victorian Youth Congress have played a pivotal role in the development of Victoria's Youth Strategy *Our Promise, Your Future*. Successful new applicants will help to drive the implementation of the five-year plan.

The Victorian Youth Strategy, launched in August of this year, aims to improve the health, wellbeing and future of all young Victorians and to ensure young people's voices are at the centre of decision making across government.

The Government thanks outgoing members of the Congress who have made substantial contributions to Victoria's Youth Strategy, along with other government programs.

Previous experience is not required and young, diverse Victorians from rural, regional and metropolitan areas are encouraged to apply to join the congress.

Applications open on Monday 17 October and close on Friday 11 November 2022.

For more information or to apply, visit youthcentral.vic.gov.au.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Youth Ros Spence

"It is such an exciting time to join Victorian Youth Congress, with the opportunity to shape the implementation of Victoria's Youth Strategy."

"The Victorian Youth Congress gives young Victorians a meaningful opportunity to work together, share their unique insights and lived experiences and help create a better Victoria for all."