

FACTSHEET AND FAQs ON YOUTH PANELS

From our Forward SG engagements with youths, there is significant and sustained interest from youths to have a voice in national issues. Youths would like to better understand the considerations and trade-offs behind different policies, and to shape the development of these policies.

To involve more youths in policymaking, MCCY and the National Youth Council (NYC) will introduce youth panels to provide youths with the opportunity to co-create recommendations with government agencies on policy issues.

MCCY and NYC aim to set up two to three panels this year, each working on a different policy issue co-identified with youths. Each panel will comprise youths from diverse backgrounds who have the experience and interest in the identified policy topics. They will have the opportunity to understand and examine policy trade-offs, conduct research and engagement with stakeholders, and develop recommendations on the policy issues. The youth panels will be youth-led and supported by MCCY and NYC.

| What will a youth panel do? |
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| Each youth panel will review a policy area by conducting research and engaging stakeholders. It will then consider trade-offs, including between different segments of Singapore's society, and develop a set of recommendations that will be submitted to the Government. To ensure the robustness of the recommendations, the youth panel will also seek views from the broader youth population as well as the rest of society, in developing its recommendations. |
| What policy issues will be studied by the inaugural youth panels? |
| The policy issues will be co-identified with youths. MCCY and NYC are currently engaging youths to identify suitable policy issues. Generally, these issues will reflect youth interests and concerns, as well as areas where the Government would benefit strongly from youth involvement in policy development. More details will be shared in the coming months. |

Who can be part of the youth panels? How can youths be involved?

More details on how youths can be involved in the youth panels will be shared when ready. In general, youths can be involved in different ways.

Youths who possess deeper subject matter expertise and are willing and able to commit their time may participate as panel members to study the policy issues and propose recommendations.

Others who are interested in the identified policy issues will be invited to provide their views and suggestions by participating in engagements conducted by the panels in the course of their work, which will shape the recommendations put forth on the relevant policy issues.

Involving our youths through various means will encourage diversity of representation and ensure that youths are given adequate opportunities to be engaged.

What is the age range for youths who can participate in youth panels?

Youths aged 15 - 35 years old may participate in youth panels, in line with the definition of “youths” adopted by MCCY and NYC.

How long will the youth panels take to come up with their recommendations?

Generally, the panels will deliver their recommendations within a year, although this would depend on the policy issue identified.

How will the Government follow-up on the youth panels’ recommendations after submission?

Recommendations from the youth panels will be seriously considered. Where appropriate, selected recommendations may be surfaced in Parliament for debate, and could also be adopted and implemented by government agencies or partners.