



# Guidelines and criteria for selection of Youth MPs

**In order to ensure that the selection of Youth MPs for Youth Parliament 2010 runs smoothly, the Ministry has developed the following guidelines and criteria for selection:**

## ***Guidelines***

The Ministry would like to remind MPs of the following guidelines in relation to the selection of Youth MPs:

- Each MP is entitled to select **one** young person to be their Youth MP.
- Electorate MPs are asked to select a young person from their electorate.
- List MPs are asked to nominate an electorate to select their Youth MP from.
- List and Electorate MPs selecting a Youth MP from the same electorate are asked to communicate and work together to avoid any potential confusion.
- The Ministry is limited in the promotion we are able to undertake to promote being a Youth MP, MPs are encouraged to promote the opportunity as widely as possible.

## ***Criteria***

The Ministry would like to invite MPs to consider the following criteria when selecting Youth MPs, Youth MPs should be:

- 16–18 years old (inclusive) at the time of Youth Parliament 2010
- active in their community or region
- committed to contributing their best for Youth Parliament 2010
- passionate about youth issues, politics and/or social change
- reflect the diversity of New Zealand's youth population
- able to seek the views, opinions and ideas of their peers and represent these at Youth Parliament 2010
- able to undertake the time commitment of being a Youth MP.