



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.