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Aotearoa Leadership Tour 2015







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Welcome

Ki Ora,

UN Youth Australia would like to invite you to participate in an unforgettable experience without equal.

UN Youth Australia's Aotearoa Leadership Tour in 2015 offers the opportunity for sixteen young Australians to take part in a **comparative tour exploring the response of post-colonial Australia and New Zealand in engaging with their respective indigenous peoples.**

In July 2015, the Aotearoa Leadership Tour will be travelling to **Auckland, Wellington and Melbourne.** During the tour you will have the opportunity to meet and talk to politicians, members of government departments, non-governmental organisations and other community organisations about the work they do with indigenous people in both countries.

The theme of the Aotearoa Leadership Tour is **Reconciling Our Institutions.** We hope to provide delegates with the chance to explore how civil institutions such as government and the judicial system, as well as cultural institutions like the arts and sports, engage with the indigenous peoples of Australia and New Zealand.

During our stay in New Zealand, delegates will also get the opportunity to take part in the New Zealand Model United Nations (NZMUN), a four day conference run by UN Youth New Zealand. At NZMUN delegates will participate in Model United Nations simulations, where they will represent one of the member states of the United Nations and have the opportunity to engage

with other young people and discuss some of the issues explored on the Aotearoa Leadership Tour.

The tour will be led by a group of experienced UN Youth facilitators.

This pack is going to give you a range of information that you may need before applying for the Aotearoa Leadership Tour. You will find some information on the itinerary for the tour, the organisers, the costs and some of the policies that we have in place to ensure that UN Youth Australia's sector-leading safety expectations are met.

If you have any more questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at thomas.spedding@unyouth.org.au

I look forward to you joining us on the Aotearoa Leadership Tour!

THOMAS SPEDDING

Convenor

UN Youth Aotearoa Leadership Tour 2015



About UN Youth Australia

UN Youth Australia is a not-for-profit organisation, which runs educational workshops, competitions, conferences and tours for high school and tertiary students. We are focused on educating young people about domestic and international issues, giving students the skills and confidence to voice their opinions, as well as the opportunity to make a difference in their communities.

Through its eight divisions in each state and territory, UN Youth Australia provides an impressive array of events each year for secondary and tertiary students centred on global affairs. We believe on the value of peer to peer education and have been inspiring students for decades.

UN Youth Australia is entirely run by volunteers under the age of 25. Our members are united by a passion for education, empowering and inspiring young people to engage with the world around them in a meaningful way.

For more information about UN Youth Australia, visit www.unyouth.org.au



About the Tour

Sixteen students from around Australia will be selected to attend the Aotearoa Leadership Tour.

From the 29th of June to the 11th of July, students will travel to Auckland and Wellington in New Zealand and Melbourne, learning about both countries' pre and post-colonial history, government policy in regards to indigenous affairs and the issues that indigenous people face in the twenty first century.

Reconciling Our Institutions

The theme of the Aotearoa Leadership Tour is Reconciling Our Institutions.

As the Australian Parliament is developing a proposal to amend the Australian Constitution to recognise indigenous Australians, the tour's main focus will be on comparing how effective each country's civil and cultural institutions have engaged with indigenous people and critically analyse the results of such engagement.

During the tour students will be spend four days involved with the New Zealand Model United Nations (NZMUN), New Zealand's biggest Model United Nations. NZMUN is a fantastic opportunity for the delegates to deepen their knowledge of the United Nations system and discuss the tour's theme with young New Zealanders.

The tours educational aims will be met by providing students with the opportunity to meet a variety of stakeholders in indigenous

affairs in both Australia and New Zealand from politicians to community organisation. Additionally to this, the tour will consist of a number of workshops designed by UN Youth Australia that go beyond a simple lecture or reading from a book.

Educational Aims

By taking part in the Aotearoa Leadership Tour, students will be introduced to, and begin to compare and contrast, broad cultural similarities and differences between Indigenous Australians and Maori New Zealanders. Students will also develop an understanding of the social, cultural, economic, political and legal issues that affect the indigenous populations of Australia and New Zealand with a particular emphasis on land rights, recognition in the law and governmental programs to address disadvantage in both countries.

Students on Aotearoa Leadership Tour will meet and engage with a range of stakeholders in Australia and New Zealand involved in indigenous affairs including as academics, politicians, public servants and non-government organisations.



About Your Facilitators



THOMAS SPEDDING

Convenor

Thomas is a vowed Territorian hailing from tropical Darwin. He now lives in Adelaide studying a Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Laws at the University of Adelaide. Thomas has been involved with UN Youth since he began attending events as a delegate in 2010.

Thomas is interested in comparative indigenous affairs and is a self-declared constitutional law nerd. He was previously a Deputy Convenor of the inaugural ALT in 2013.



EVE BRAMLEY

Deputy Convenor

Eve is studying a Bachelor of Laws / International Relations at Bond University on the Gold Coast, though she calls Perth home.

Eve is passionate about the upholding of human rights obligations and the way in which societies change and adapt in this increasingly integrated and connected globalised world.



EDWARD VONG

Deputy Convenor

Edward studies political science and French at the University of Melbourne. He began his UN Youth journey as a delegate in 2009, and is currently the Vice-President of Victoria.

In the very rare moments that he has spare time, Edward partakes in musicals, umpires the Australian Open and teaches French.

The Tour will also be joined by a third deputy convenor.



Cost and Payment Schedule

The total cost of the Aotearoa Leadership Tour is estimated to be a total of \$2300AUD.

It is important to note that this cost is an estimate and may change depending on flights costs increasing or other unforeseen circumstances.

This will be paid according to the following schedule. Should you have problems adhering to this payment plan, please be in contact with the facilitation team and we can discuss alternative options.

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| March | Deposit | \$800 |
| 24 th April | Instalment 1 | \$800 |
| 29 th May | Instalment 2 | Remainder |

Please note that the initial deposit is not refundable.

This price includes:

- All flights (return from your nearest capital city to Melbourne, a flight to Auckland and a flight from Wellington to Melbourne).
- All breakfasts and dinners
- All accommodation
- All ground transport
- All scheduled activities

We recommend bringing some personal spending money to cover souvenirs and personal items, snack food, and lunches. You should not need more than \$250AUD. We will also provide a detailed sponsorship guide to aid delegates in seeking individual financial support for their tour fees.

At UN Youth Australia we strive to keep costs low and to help make our tours as accessible as possible for students.

If this cost presents a barrier to your participation in the Aotearoa Leadership Tour, please do not hesitate to contact the Convenor, Thomas Spedding at thomas.spedding@unyouth.org.au!



Itinerary

Auckland: 29th June – 3rd July 2015

Auckland or the City of Sails is the largest city in New Zealand with a population of 1.4 million (roughly a third of NZ's entire population). It will be the first place the delegation will meet in full and is a fantastic place for the delegation to get to know New Zealand. Our time in Auckland will include visits to places like the Australian Consulate in New Zealand, the Auckland Museum and War Memorial and Auckland Art Museum which will all provide an introduction into the relationship between Maori New Zealanders and Pāhekā (Maori word for New Zealanders of European descent, now applied to all non-Maori New Zealanders). Also planned are consultations with New Zealand police, the New Zealand Director of Public Prosecutions and the New Zealand Attorney-General to see how the New Zealand legal system approaches indigenous issues including regard to policing, the criminal justice system and land rights.

Wellington: 3rd July – 5th July 2015

Next we move on to New Zealand's capital Wellington. With the highest number of cafés per square kilometre of any city of the world, Windy Wellington will provide a great opportunity for the delegation to engage with government stakeholders and representatives of New Zealand's various political parties to discover the policies and programs New Zealand runs to better Maori communities

NZMUN: 6th July – 9th July 2015

New Zealand Model United Nations or NZMUN, which is held in Wellington every July, is UN Youth New Zealand's flagship event and the largest Model United Nations held in New Zealand. NZMUN will provide delegates with a fantastic opportunity to engage with other young people on broader world issues as well as improve their public speaking, negotiation and research skills. One of the best aspects of NZMUN is the fact that it caters for a very broad range of Model UN experience, from complete beginners experiencing Model UN for the first time to those who have honed diplomacy to an exact science from previous Model UN experience

Melbourne: 10th July – 11th July 2015

The last leg of Aotearoa Leadership Tour will take place back in Australia in Melbourne, Victoria. Once back in Australia, the tour will shift its focus to Australian indigenous affairs, allowing delegates to compare each countries' unique response to indigenous issues. While in Melbourne we will visit the Koori courts and engage with government and NGOs working in the field of indigenous advancement. The Melbourne leg will provide delegates with opportunities to get further involved in organisations and campaigns that focus on issues related to indigenous affairs.



Delegate Welfare

UN Youth Australia and your Aotearoa Leadership Team take welfare very seriously. All four members of the Leadership Team will have current Senior First Aid qualifications and two will possess Mental Health First Aid at the time of the tour.

UN Youth Australia has comprehensive welfare policies, and we will be following them strictly. We are committed to making the Aotearoa Leadership Tour a fun, inclusive and safe environment.

It is a requirement that all delegates agree to and complete the delegate code of conduct and first aid consent form as part of their online application. Also included in the application are the Welfare Arbitration Procedures that we use in the event of a breach of the Welfare Policy.

The welfare policies are there to ensure that both facilitators and delegates have the best possible time on the Aotearoa Leadership Tour, that we all stay healthy and able to enjoy ourselves to the greatest possible extent.

It is crucially important that you understand your rights and responsibilities as per the Welfare Policy – if you or your parents have any questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

The full UN Youth Australia Welfare policies are available in the application form (and it is a requirement that you read them), but we have summarised the important content here.

Discrimination and Harassment

UN Youth has a non-discrimination and anti-harassment policy. Delegates are expected to treat each other with respect and dignity, in the

knowledge that any form of discrimination or harassment (sexual or otherwise) will not be tolerated.

Directions of the Leadership Team

It is expected that all reasonable direction of the Leadership team (and any sanctions imposed under the welfare arbitration procedures will be followed by delegates.

Participation

Delegates must be on time for all activities and participate as a member of the delegation.

Alcohol, tobacco and other substances

Delegates (and facilitators) are not permitted to drink and/or smoke throughout the tour, regardless of whether it is permissible under local law. (E.g. 18-year-old delegates must not consume alcohol in Australia.) Drugs and other substances not legal in Australia are not to be consumed by delegates, regardless of local laws.

Medication

If delegates are on any regular or prescription medicine, this needs to be brought to the attention of the Leadership Team. Delegates are advised to discuss taking medications out of the country with their doctor prior to departure if they plan to do so. Be aware that it may be difficult to obtain prescription medications after leaving Australia.



Delegate Welfare

Consent for medical treatment

As part of the registration process, you will need to consent to the Leadership Team performing first aid or seeking further medical treatment as required. Travel insurance is included in the cost of the trip, so this should not result in out-of-pocket expenses.

Breaking the Rules

Delegates who breach the welfare policy and/or delegate agreement will be subject to arbitration under the Welfare Policy. In short, this process has three stages:

1. The leadership team takes action to ensure/restore the health and safety of delegates.
2. An inquiry into the nature of the welfare policy breach is conducted by the leadership team.
3. Sanctions are considered. There exists a three-tier classification of sanctions. The following list is not exhaustive but indicates the progression of severity:

ONE: warning, asked to apologise, conflicted away from other delegate/s

TWO: removed from group or activities, parents informed

THREE: delegate sent home (at own expense)

The system is designed such that the higher tiers are subject to review by UN Youth prior to being enacted. It is unlikely for an issue serious enough to warrant tier two or three sanctions would occur. The Welfare Policy requires records of any issues be kept for ten years. These are confidential.



How do I apply?

If you're as excited as we are to go on the Aotearoa Leadership Tour, head over to www.unyouth.org.au/international.

Aspiring delegates will first submit an online written application, which (if successful) will be followed by an interview stage (by telephone or in-person, at the panel's discretion).

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