



Education Report: YAG's attendance at the Global Citizenship Education Forum

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Purpose of Report

1. This report seeks your approval for the Youth Advisory Group (YAG) to attend *Step up to the world | Te Māia ki te ao* – a forum on Global Citizenship Education (GCED).

Proactive Release

2. **Agree** that the Ministry of Education release this briefing in full once it has been considered by you.

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree

Recommended Actions

The Ministry of Education recommends you:

- a. **approve** the request for YAG to attend *Step up to the world | Te Māia ki te ao* in Auckland from 11 – 13 September. This would replace their third meeting of the year, which was tentatively scheduled to take place in Wellington from 4 – 6 September.

☒ Agree ☐ Disagree

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Background

3. *Step up to the world – Tū māia ki te ao* is a 3-day forum on GCED from 11 – 13 September in Auckland. The Centres of Asia Pacific Excellence, in association with Education New Zealand and SIEBA are hosting it.
4. You, alongside your Youth Advisory Group were invited to attend. We have been advised by your office that you are unavailable.
5. After meeting with officials and gaining an understanding of the programme, we think it would be a beneficial opportunity for the YAG to attend.

About the forum

6. The forum is a 3-day event that will bring together expertise and practice in GCED. Participants will be inspired to think critically, be empowered to transform and be equipped with tools and strategies.
7. Key ideas and contexts discussed in the forum sessions will include:
 - a. Understanding what GCED is and why it's important
 - b. Unpacking global citizenship concepts from a te ao Māori perspective
 - c. Exploring regional and international trends in the development of GCED
 - d. Making links between key frameworks and strategies and the NZ context
 - e. Exploring questions and solutions in education, including critical thinking, ethics, technology, sustainable development, climate change, inclusion, and equity

Benefits of the YAG attending

8. GCED encourages young people to think critically about the challenges facing our world today. And respond in ways that create a more equitable, inclusive and sustainable future. Attending the forum is a good development opportunity for members.
9. As the primary receivers of global citizenship education, YAG can provide insights on their needs, concerns and aspirations. It's an opportunity to take an active role in shaping their own education and future.
10. Young people often offer creative solutions to challenges. Their perspectives could inspire new approaches to GCED and provide ideas for tackling global issues. It's also a chance for meaningful intergenerational dialogue between youth and adult stakeholders. Exchanging ideas and cooperation could lead to more effective outcomes.
11. In the YAG terms of reference, there is scope for them to bring additional youth issues and opportunities to the table for consideration. We know that it's an area the YAG have an interest in. It aligns with one of their key priorities outlined at the beginning of 2023 – "the impact of international issues on students."

What we're recommending

12. YAG were due to meet one more time in Wellington in 2023. This was tentatively scheduled with your office from 4 – 6 September. We haven't yet made any travel arrangements.
13. There are also limited work programmes for the YAG to provide advice on at this time.
14. Should you agree to YAG attending the GCED forum, we propose cancelling their Wellington visit. They would attend the forum in its place.
15. We will work with the relevant persons to arrange travel and accommodation in Auckland.

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