Supporting participation in key international forums on human rights by people with disability or their representatives

**Emerging Young Leaders (18 – 30 years of age) Application Guidance**

Applications can only come from disability peak organisations/disability advocacy organisations. If you are interested in a grant you must consult with your disability peak organisation/disability advocacy organisation and they must supply the following information in their application. **Please note:** applications should be a **maximum of 3 pages.**

#### *Information about the disability peak organisation/advocacy organisation*

* Name of organisation
* How the delegate’s participation will positively impact on the work of the disability peak organisation/disability advocacy organisation

#### *Information about the young person*

* Name
* Age
* Gender
* Does the young person have a disability?
* Email
* Phone number
* Qualifications (if any)
* Relevant achievements (e.g. academic or leadership awards)
* Relevant experience in the disability sector
* What the young person thinks they can contribute to the event
* The young person’s knowledge of the UN process, and national implementation and monitoring of the CRPD.
* Preparation and post event reporting plans
* Future aspirations in disability rights

#### *Budget*

* Proposed funding sought
* Other sources of funding available

Funding will be provided directly to successful disability peak organisations/disability advocacy organisations by the Department of Social Services (DSS).

# Further information – Emerging Young Leaders Delegation

Grants are now open for emerging young leaders in the disability sector to attend the 13th session of the Conference of States Parties (COSP) to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) in New York from 9 – 12 June 2020. These grants will provide a unique professional opportunity for the next generation of young disability rights leaders to build their capacity to engage with United Nations (UN) mechanisms and represent the Australian disability sector at the UN.

### What is the Conference of States Parties?

The COSP is an annual event held at the United Nations in New York. It brings together states that have ratified the CRPD. The purpose of the COSP is for states parties to discuss the implementation of the CRPD with respect to a particular theme. The theme of the COSP differs from year to year.

Watch this space for more information: <https://www.un.org/development/desa/disabilities/conference-of-states-parties-to-the-convention-on-the-rights-of-persons-with-disabilities-2.html>

### What will I learn?

Youth delegates will have an opportunity to network with advocates in the international disability movement, learn about strategic advocacy and its application to domestic advocacy and visit important UN organisations.

### How do I apply?

Applications can only come from disability peak organisations/disability advocacy organisations. If you are interested in a grant you must consult with your disability peak organisation/disability advocacy organisation and they must supply the information listed above in their application.

### What is a disability peak organisation or a disability advocacy organisation?

Here is a list of disability peak organisations: <http://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/disability-and-carers/program-services/consultation-and-advocacy/national-disability-peak-bodies>

Here is a list of some advocacy organisations: <https://www.dss.gov.au/disability-and-carers-programs-services-for-people-with-disability-national-disability-advocacy-program-ndap-operational-guidelines/list-of-agencies-funded-under-the-national-disability-advocacy-program>

There are many disability advocacy bodies which are not listed above. If you are unsure as to whether an organisation has a disability peak organisation/disability advocacy organisation status, please contact the organisation.

### I am interested in these grants, can I apply myself?

No, individual applications will not be accepted. All applications must come from a disability peak organisation or disability advocacy organisation. If an individual is interested in this program, please get in touch with a disability peak organisation or disability advocacy organisation to start the application process.

### Will I be required to book my own travel and accommodation?

Yes, delegates will be required to book your own travel and accommodation arrangements. Or you can ask your disability peak organisation or disability advocacy organisation to book your travel and accommodation arrangements for you.

### How many young people can a disability peak organisation/disability advocacy nominate?

Disability peak bodies/disability advocacy organisations can nominate as many young people as they like. Organisations are able to put in group applications.

### I will turn 31 this year. Am I still eligible for this program?

Yes, you are still eligible for this program. These grants target young disability rights advocates between 18 – 30 years of age. However, if your age falls slightly outside of this age range you are still eligible. However, please note that these grants are aimed at building the capacity of young disability rights advocates to participate at the UN.

### When are applications due?

Applications are due **10am (AEDT), Monday 13 January 2020**. No extensions will be given.

### What information do I need to put in my budget?

You will need to draw up a budget for the itinerary along the lines of the sample given here. If you have any disability support requirements, please include this in your budget.

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| **Item** | **Cost** |
| Return flights to Sydney to attend a preparation workshop in April (exact date to be confirmed by the Commission) |  |
| Transport costs (taxi, bus, train) to attend Sydney workshop at 175 Pitt St, Sydney |  |
| Return economy flights to New York |  |
| Accommodation in New York (approximately 6 days) |  |
| Food allowance (approximately 6 days) |  |
| Local travel allowance (approximately 6 days) |  |
| Insurance |  |
| Disability support (if required) |  |
| Misc |  |

### What is the selection process?

The Commission will assess the applications and provide the Department of Social Services (DSS) with a copy of all applications received by the deadline, along with a recommendation as to allocation of funding. DSS will make the final funding decisions. The Commission will provide advice of outcomes to applicants.

If you have further questions about this program, please email: [disability@humanrights.gov.au](mailto:disability@humanrights.gov.au)