

Work Instructions for the Finnish Red Cross Network of Young Advocates

Network of Young Advocates

Status and tasks

The Network of Young Advocates is an online advisory body and a channel of influence. The network is open to all Finnish Red Cross members and volunteers under the age of 29, increasing their opportunities for interaction within our organisation. The task of the network is to serve as a continuous platform for influencing issues of interest to young people and to strengthen their interest and expertise in participating in the positions of trust in our organisation. Network members create and develop the network's activities with the support and guidance of the committee of the Network of Young Advocates.

Youth Meeting and Youth Assembly

The Youth Meeting and Youth Assembly is an event organised by the organisation and the committee of the Network of Young Advocates for members and volunteers of our organisation under the age of 29. The purpose of the Youth Meeting and Youth Assembly is to offer our members and volunteers under the age of 29 training and opportunities for influencing the matters discussed in the General Assembly.

Time and convening

The Network of Young Advocates convenes the Youth Meeting and Youth Assembly every three years ahead of the General Assembly of the Finnish Red Cross. The event is scheduled to allow for time to provide the decisions for processing by the organisation before the General Assembly. The invitation to the Youth Meeting and Youth Assembly shall be provided to the members of the Network of Young Advocates at least two months before the event.

Tasks of the Youth Meeting

The Youth Meeting is tasked with:

- highlighting the viewpoints of young people on the matters discussed in the General Assembly;
- supporting suitable candidates for positions of trust assigned at the General Assembly;
- drafting initiatives and resolutions to the General Assembly;
- appointing a work group to prepare the appointment of the next committee of the Network of Young Advocates; and
- proposing amendments to these Work Instructions on the basis of the proposal of the committee of the Network of Young Advocates.

The Youth Meeting also receives a report by the committee of the Network of Young Advocates on the ongoing policy period.

Participants and voting rights

All members, volunteers and employees of the organisation may attend and vote in the Youth Meeting and Youth Assembly.

All members of the organisation under the age of 29 have voting rights in the Youth Assembly held in connection with the Youth Meeting. Each participant represents themselves in the Youth Assembly. In addition to members present who are entitled to vote, the members of the Board of the organisation, the Secretary General and those entitled to speak by decision of the Youth Assembly shall have the right to speak at the Youth Assembly.

Execution of decisions

The decisions of the Youth Assembly shall be presented to the Secretary General, who shall present them to the Board of the organisation for decision if necessary.

Committee of the Network of Young Advocates

The Committee of the Network of Young Advocates is an advisory body that coordinates the activities of the Network of Young Advocates and participates in the organisation's development work to increase the influence of young people. The committee is appointed by the organisation's Board.

Selection

The Vice-Chair of the Board of the organisation, under 29 years of age and appointed in the General Assembly, shall convene the workgroup appointed by the Youth Assembly, which presents its proposal of the members of the committee of the Network of Young Advocates to the Secretary General. The workgroup may decide to open the application for candidates in a manner of its choosing. The Secretary General shall decide on the draft composition of the committee and its tasks, and present them to the Board for decision. The Vice-Chair of the Board of the organisation under 29 years of age shall serve as the chair of the committee.

The members of the committee must be under 29 years of age and members of the Finnish Red Cross. The committee shall come to order after the Board decision, appoint a vice-chair from among its members and assign suitable areas of responsibility for its members.

Tasks

The committee is tasked with:

- coordinating and developing the activities of the Network of Young Advocates;
- advocating for the members and volunteers of the organisation under the age of 29, e.g. by distributing proposals and opinions by the Network of Young Advocates and commenting on matters that are important to young people;
- organising the Youth Meeting and Youth Assembly; and
- representing the young people of the Finnish Red Cross.

Because the committee is appointed by the Finnish Red Cross, the Board may assign other tasks to the committee.