

YWC MEMBER ROLE DESCRIPTION



ROLE TITLE	Young Women's Council Member
ROLE DURATION	Two years (until 30 June 2025)
LOCATION	Australia-wide, including regional, rural and remote locations

THE ROLE

Join YWCA's Young Women's Council and contribute to YWCA Australia's advocacy, policy and organisational strategy. Young Women's Council members will make recommendations on advocacy campaigns, strategic directions and policy platforms. Membership of the Young Women's Council offers the opportunity to gain new skills and networks and be part of the global YWCA movement of passionate young people. You'll work for a period of two years with 8 other young women and non-binary people aged 18-30 from all around Australia.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Strategically collaborate in developing and implementing advocacy campaigns to support YWCA's strategic outcomes.
- Collaborate on the development of key improvements from our annual impact insights.
- Contribute to the growth and evolution of the Young Women's Council by annually reviewing the Charter and considering ways to improve the Young Women's Council.
- Contribute to producing content and sharing insights and perspectives on issues of housing insecurity and homelessness instability relating to young people.
- Represent YWCA Australia across various platforms and forums including at events, meetings, media and via online content.
- Undertake any other tasks that may be delegated to the Young Women's Council by the Board from time to time.

MEMBER ATTRIBUTES – WHO ARE YOU?

- You're a young woman or non-binary person aged between 18 and 30 on 1 July 2023.
- You're based anywhere in Australia – urban, regional, rural or remote.
- You're passionate and committed to YWCA's long-term outcomes.
- You share the vision and values of YWCA.
- You may have lived experience with housing instability, housing risk or homelessness.
- You're a member of YWCA Australia. Haven't joined yet? Make sure you do so [here](#).

SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE & EXPERIENCE

There is no specific experience required to be a member of the Young Women's Council. Members are selected for their passion for or even their expertise in young women's leadership and women's housing - YWCA's priority areas for gender equity in Australia.

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You have a passion for a future where young women, women and gender diverse people experience greater safety, security and wellbeing in their homes and communities. You might have worked in or studied this area, or you might just want to know more so you advocate with YWCA for change.

YWCA recognizes the strength and power of voices with lived experience when it comes to advocating for change and Members with lived experience who feel comfortable using their lived experience to inform YWCA's advocacy will do so in a safe space. There is no obligation to share details of your experiences if you do not wish to.

WHAT DO YOU GET OUT OF IT?

This is a voluntary role – you won't receive participation fees for being a part of the Young Women's Council.

In addition to contributing to a movement that seeks to empower young women to lead systemic change for effective housing pathways and social supports for women and their families, Young Women's Council members will also:

- Undertake professional development activities to build your skillset.
- Share your knowledge and experiences with other Council members and YWCA.
- Build connections with a group of like-minded young people who are passionate about the same things you are.

TIME COMMITMENT

The Young Women's Council is expected to meet quarterly (once every three months). All meetings will be held virtually, with one in-person meeting each year, to be held in August. Travel to the in-person meeting is covered by YWCA and Council members must be able to travel to and attend this meeting.

Council members who are unable to attend a scheduled meeting must let the Company Secretary know ahead of time.

The overall time commitment is expected to average out to 6-9 hours per quarter. This includes preparation for meetings, meetings and undertaking any additional tasks delegated to the Young Women's Council.

WHAT ELSE DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

After you submit your application, it will be reviewed by a panel of YWCA Board Directors and the Company Secretary. Successful applicants will be notified that they'll be progressing to the next stage, where YWCA members will vote to elect prospective Young Women's Council members.

If successful, you'll be provided with a volunteer agreement that you'll be expected to abide by, and asked to complete a Working With Children's Check (or relevant check in your State or Territory).

Want to know more about the strategy? Click [here](#) to find out more.

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