

2023-2026

# ACTIVITY PLAN

## Premier's Youth Council



## MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL

As Co-Chair of the Premier's Youth Council, and in accordance with the requirements of the **Transparency and Accountability Act**, I hereby submit the Council's Activity Plan for April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2026.

Members of the Council are appointed to provide advice to the Premier and Provincial Government, bringing a youth perspective to select topics important to youth and government's agenda. Membership comes from throughout the province and aims to reflect Newfoundland and Labrador's diversity.

This Activity Plan provides an overview of the work the Council will undertake during the next three years to fulfil its mandate. Members of the Council are responsible for the preparation of this Activity Plan and are accountable for the achievement of its objective. The Council has considered the strategic directions of government during the preparation of this Activity Plan.

Sincerely,



Katherine Dibbon, Co-Chair

On behalf of the members of the Premier's Youth Council

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## Overview

In 2017, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador created the Premier's Youth Council (PYC) to ensure a mechanism for receiving feedback and input from young Newfoundlanders and Labradorians. The committee consists of members between the ages of 16 and 24 at the time of appointment, balanced for gender, regional and other considerations such as disability, Indigenous identity, 2SLGBTQQIA+ identity, and racial minority communities.

Each member will serve a one-year term, with the opportunity for reappointment for an additional year.

The most recently appointed members of the Council are:

- Noah Briffett
- Mira Buckle
- Blake Colbran
- Michael Coombs
- Katherine Dibbon (Co-Chair)
- Elliott Dicks
- Andrew Dogurga
- Sarah Duraid
- Julian Edwards
- Nicholas Ellis
- Erica Evelyn
- Leann Goodyear
- Shealah Hart
- Amelia Jones
- Emily Laite
- Ryan McFarlane
- Kirby Moulard
- Benjamin Oates (Co-Chair)

- Joslyn Park
- Lesley Pilgrim
- Courtney Roberts
- Emma Whelan
- Jack White
- Julia White
- Nathan Young

Members receive no remuneration for their service, however members are reimbursed for expenses incurred to attend meetings in accordance with established Treasury Board guidelines. To fulfill its mandate, the Council relies on administrative, strategic, and financial support from the Office of the Executive Council.

Members of the Council meet regularly to fulfill their mandate, typically once in person and approximately eight times per year via video and/or teleconference. For more information please see, [www.gov.nl.ca/pep/pyc/](http://www.gov.nl.ca/pep/pyc/).

## **Mandate**

The mandate of the Premier's Youth Council is to provide advice to the Premier, bringing a youth perspective to select topics important to the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador.

## **Vision**

The PYC has a vision of a dynamic, forward-looking, inclusive and innovative province where there is an abundance of opportunities for young people to contribute to their communities and the prosperity of the province. This vision includes a society where the opinion of youth are equal in value to the opinions of others and where the inclusion of youth voices in public policy processes is normal.

## Values

Members of the council are dedicated to inclusiveness, respect, collaboration, innovation and commitment. The action statements below demonstrate how these values are reflected in the conduct of PYC members.

**Inclusiveness**      Appreciating all viewpoints and recognizing that diversity is crucial to the advancement of Newfoundland and Labrador.

**Respect**              Allowing others to express their views openly and honestly without fear of conflict or alienation and discussing differences of opinion while maintaining the dignity of all.

**Collaboration**      Understanding that multiple persons or groups acting together is the best way to address complex issues and that partnerships and cooperation are strengths that lead to better outcomes.

**Innovation**          Being open to, and actively seeking, novel ideas and creative approaches to problem solving.

**Commitment**        Recognizing that in order to ensure effective representation of youth voices, active participation is required from Council members.

## Objective

Provide advice to the Premier and government departments and agencies on issues that are of interest and importance to the Provincial Government.

The following objective and indicators apply to the 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26 fiscal years and progress will be reported in the relevant annual reports.

**Objective:** By March 31 of 2024, 2025, and 2026, the Council will provide advice, in writing or in-person, to the Premier and/or departments and agencies on issues of importance identified by the Provincial Government.

## Indicators

- Number and nature of meetings held to discuss and deliberate - these meetings may include Council members and/or representatives from government or external stakeholders identified by government.
- Research and other preparatory work carried out to facilitate meetings and the formulation of advice - this may include such things as attending relevant workshops, forums or training, as well as consultations with stakeholders.
- Advice - in-person or in writing, provided to the Provincial Government.



