

Information Sheet for Applicants

What is the Youth Legacy Ambassadors programme?

The Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games are an exciting opportunity for young people aged 14 - 21 to make a difference to Scotland's future. Scotland's role as host nation can help deliver a lasting legacy that benefits everyone in Scotland. The legacy is the lasting benefits that the Games will give to Scotland's people. While the Commonwealth Games will last for 11 days the Games Legacy for Scotland will last forever.

It's made up of 4 key themes that aim to get the country more:

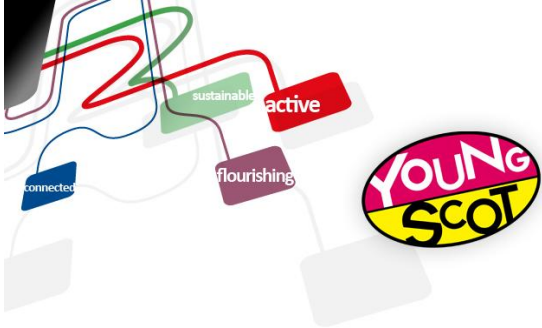
- **Active** - help everyone in Scotland become more active. The 'Active Nation' programme will encourage people to participate in more sports and other activities to make the nation healthier
- **Connected** - people in Scotland will learn more about other countries; increase their cultural activities and create strong international links.
- **Sustainable** - people in Scotland will strive to lead greener lifestyles; everyone in Scotland will take more responsibility over their local, national and global environment
- **Flourishing** - people will contribute to a positive image of Scotland as a place to live, visit, work, learn, invest and do business

The Youth Legacy Ambassadors programme will give four young people from each Local Authority the chance to play an active role in helping raise awareness and promote the legacy themes in their local communities.

What will the Youth Legacy Ambassadors actually do?

Supported by a local Legacy Lead and Young Scot, the Youth Legacy Ambassadors will create a plan to promote the legacy themes in their area. Examples of the Youth Legacy Ambassadors' potential work could be:

- Identifying locations and events in local areas where the legacy themes can be promoted
- Promote the legacy themes at the previously specified events
- Raise awareness of the Active Nation programme and encourage everyone in their local communities to participate
- Record their activities using online blogs and video diaries
- Use websites to promote key legacy activities that are happening in their local communities
- Ensure they work hard to include everyone in the community so the legacy themes reach people with different backgrounds and experiences
- Produce an annual report which details the work they have done, their experiences and the outcomes their work has had on their local area. The format of this report is flexible and Legacy Ambassadors can be as creative as they like in delivering it
- Help to recruit the successive Legacy Ambassadors.



Support

The work of the Legacy Ambassadors will be profiled on Young Scot's social networking pages as well as its websites.

An online discussion forum will be set up so that the Legacy Ambassadors can communicate with each other, share ideas and collaborate.

Where the Legacy Ambassadors are attending key events in their local communities to promote the legacy, Young Scot's Outreach Team and CG2014 branded Infomobiles will also help provide support.

The Youth Legacy Ambassadors will be provided with full training to undertake this programme of work.

Background & Interests

Applications are welcome from young people of every background. A previous involvement or current interest in at least one of the legacy areas would be useful:

- A history of actively encouraging others to increase their participation in sport or physical activity
- An interest in learning about other cultures
- An interest in establishing or participating in international links or exchanges
- Have significant previous volunteering experience
- Involvement in local, national or international projects that have helped to improve the environment
- Involvement in local, national or community projects that encourage sustainable transport, energy use or recycling/waste reduction
- High level participation in sport or physical activity
- Helping to secure improved sport, leisure or other facilities for the benefit of their local community

Consent

If you are under 16 at the time of application you will have to get consent from your parent/ guardian when applying. You will also need consent from your school if you're still in full time education and legacy activities fall during school hours. It would also be a good idea to talk about the application with a teacher, parent, youth worker or friend to make sure you have their support in taking your application forward.

More information

If you would like more information before completing your application form, please contact Ben Peggie on 0131 313 2488 or benp@youngscot.org