

# National Youth Council

The National Youth Council (NYC) is a corporate body under the aegis of the Ministry of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Recreation. It has been established under the NYC Act 1998 to serve as a bridge between the government and the youth. It grants affiliation to National Youth Organisations and also functions as an advisory board to the Minister on the development and implementation of programmes to integrate youth in all sectors of national development.

## Vision

To create a responsible youth citizenship imbued with multidisciplinary skills that would contribute efficiently and effectively in all spheres of the development of Mauritius.

## Mission

To be an effective communication vehicle that would foster sustainable youth development through appropriate empowerment programmes, networking, good governance and advocacy.

## Objectives

The main objectives of the National Youth Council are:

- To establish and maintain effective communication between government and youth organisations
- To ensure coordination of activities of youth organisations
- To assist in the implementation and evaluation of government policies in relation to youth needs
- To initiate youth development projects and activities with the aim of encouraging the active participation of young people in the process of their own empowerment.
- To attain its objectives, the National Youth Council has to examine and evaluate the contribution of youth to the various sectors of development in the light of national needs and priorities and also study specific areas where the participation of youth should be invited or strengthened.

## Functions of the National Youth Council

As per the National Youth Council Act 1998, the National Youth Council is administered by a board comprising 9 members and has to:

- Advise the Minister on the development and implementation of programmes to integrate youth in all sectors of national development.
- Grant affiliation to National Youth Organisations.
- Allocate grants to Regional Youth Councils.

National Youth Council Act 1998 can be viewed under publication.

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