Youth bring ideas, passion, innovation, along with unique perspectives and experiences to the United Nations. In turn, DPI acknowledges young people as an asset and creative change makers.

In 2009, following the 62nd DPI/NGO Conference (2009), held in Mexico City, the United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) launched the DPI NGO Youth Representatives Programme, aimed at building the capacity, knowledge, and skills of young people working in non-governmental organization (NGOs) associated with the department and those leading youth organizations. This initiative offers space where youth can engage on global platforms, as well as exchange ideas and share best practices on salient issues discussed at the United Nations.

NGOs associated with DPI are allocated two UN grounds passes for youth. Over 500 young people representing 550 NGOs from 100 countries across the globe are benefiting from the programme, giving them a voice on thematic issues of concern to youth. In so doing, young people in civil society are informed and better equipped to interact within civil society spaces at all levels and in their respective organizations. At the same time the NGO Youth Representatives Programme offers DPI a unique advantage to strengthen its various youth platforms.

NGO Youth Representatives to DPI serve as liaisons for the interests of their NGOs, creating opportunities for intergenerational dialogue and mentorship. NGOs based
away from the United Nations Headquarters in New York often rely upon Youth Representatives to capture and relay crucial information.

Building on the increased participation of youth at the 66th DPI/NGO Conference, held last year in Gyeongju, Republic of Korea, DPI established a Youth Steering Committee, whose primary role is to advise the department on effective ways to collaborate with and develop programme for young people.

The DPI NGO Youth Representatives Steering Committee is composed of youth from NGOs associated with DPI, who are selected by a committee for a period of one year. DPI youth activities range from the annual Youth-led Briefing held yearly in the fall, to the design and implementation of social media campaigns on United Nations global initiatives.

**DPI Youth Activities:**
- ECOSOC Youth Forum Side Event: Education and Poverty Eradication: NGO Youth Leaders at the Forefront (31 January)
- Youth Voices from Fukushima: SDGs, Displacement and Disaster Prevention (6 March)
- CSW61 Side Event: Youth Partnerships and the SDGs - Economic Empowerment of Women and Girls (23 March)
- Orientation: DPI NGO Youth Representatives (10 March)
- Together Global Movement Youth Social Media Campaign and Forum (August/September)
- International Youth Day Event (August)
- Inter-generational Dialogues on the Sustainable Development Goals E-consultations (July/August)

**Additional Resources:**
- DPI NGO Youth Representatives Programme
- Secretary-General’s Envoy on Youth
- NGO/DPI Executive Committee Youth
- United Nations Programme on Youth in DESA
- United Nations Youth Delegate Programme
- UN Women With Youth
- UN-Habitat Youth
- UN-Habitat Urban Youth Fund
- UNFPA and Youth
- UNDP and Youth