



ISAAC Youth Advisory Council

The LEAD PWUAAC Committee has been directed to:

- Assist people who use AAC to develop leadership skills and take an active role in ISAAC leadership and the decision-making process
- Pursue a mentorship role to people who use AAC

Phase 1 of the Leadership Task Force recommended that ISAAC create a Youth Advisory Council to support these directives. Through participation, young people can have structured opportunities to make changes in their AAC community while at the same time become better prepared for their futures in the workforce, and active community involvement. ISAAC's investment in young people as leaders reflects the organization's sincere commitment to tapping the passion and expertise of our younger generation.

The People Who Use AAC Committee would like to expand its projects to include the creation of a Youth Advisory Council. The objective for this group would be to provide advice and active participation in the planning, implementation, and operational aspects of the People Who Use AAC Committee's projects and to serve as ambassadors for ISAAC's goals and objectives.

Youth Advisory Council membership would consist of representatives from countries with 10 or more ISAAC members. The Youth Advisory Council would also have the authority to elect members from emerging countries under special elections. Any member elected from an emerging country would have the same voting power and rights as all other Youth Advisory Council members. Youth applying to participate on the Council shall meet the following criteria:

- be 14 - 18 years of age
- use AAC, or have a sibling or parent who uses AAC
- be responsible and prepared to fulfill commitments
- have an interest in the development of leadership skills

The Youth Advisory Council may include a Chair, Vice Chair and a Recording Secretary. These officers should be selected from the older members of the Council. The Chair of the Youth Advisory Council will be on the PWUAAC Committee. Youth Advisory Council members will be encouraged to join one PWUAAC subcommittee.



All PWUAAC subcommittees should have a minimum of one Youth Advisory Council member. The PWUAAC Committee members will act as mentors for the Youth Advisory Council. They will demonstrate how a committee works, and what is expected of a committee or council member. The PWUAAC Committee will assign tasks to the Youth Advisory Council. These tasks will be completed by the council within the time frame set by the PWUAAC Committee.

The Youth Advisory Committee would be expected to publish an annual report of its activities, recommendations and accomplishments. This report would be distributed to ISAAC's Executive Board, Council and members.

Members of the Youth Advisory Committee will be encouraged to apply for funding from the PWUAAC Travel Assistance to Attend ISAAC Conference scholarship fund to assist them in attending the ISAAC biennial conference.

Respectively submitted to ISAAC Council by:

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