

YOUTH ASSEMBLY WORK INSTRUCTIONS

1. Status

The Youth Assembly is an influencing channel of the Finnish Red Cross for young people and an advisory body that supports the development of the organisation's youth activities.

2. Time and convening

The Youth Assembly is held every third year by the end of March before the ordinary General Assembly of the organisation. The National Youth Committee convenes the Youth Assembly at least one month before the assembly.

An extraordinary Youth Assembly is held when the Board of the organisation or the National Youth Committee deems it necessary or when three districts demands in writing that the National Youth Committee convene a Youth Assembly for the processing of a certain matter. The National Youth Committee will convene the extraordinary Youth Assembly within a month of receiving the demand.

The notice of convening will be published on the website of the organisation and delivered to the districts no later than one month before the assembly.

3. Tasks

The Youth Assembly is tasked with:

- 1) discussing the operations of the organisation;
- 2) providing young volunteers' views and contents for the policy to be decided on at the General Assembly;
- 3) proposing suitable candidates for positions of trust assigned at the General Assembly;
- 4) deciding on the time of the National Youth Committee election and appointing an Electoral Commission to prepare the election;
- 5) processing all proposals and initiatives addressed to it;
- 6) addressing topical questions related to young people's life;
- 7) monitoring and, if necessary, providing recommendations regarding young people's participation in the organisation;
- 8) noting national decisions and those made at districts' Youth Assemblies during the past General Assembly season;
- 9) presenting remarks to the Board of the organisation regarding the implementation of the FRC policy, the volunteer activity policy, the youth policy and the school cooperation policy during the past General Assembly season from the perspective of young people and the development and implementation of youth activities;
- 10) approving changes to the Youth Assembly work instructions based on the proposal of the National Youth Committee.

4. Exercising the right to vote at the Youth Assembly and elections

Districts appoint their representatives with voting rights for the Youth Assembly. Any individual member of the Finnish Red Cross under the age of 29 can act as a representative with voting rights at the Youth Assembly. Representatives with voting rights must fulfil the eligibility criteria set for positions of trust in the FRC Decree. Each representative with voting rights can only have one vote. The Youth Assembly has a quorum when representatives with voting rights from seven districts are present.

At the Youth Assembly, each district has seven representatives with voting rights, as well as one representative with voting rights for every 200-person bracket of members under the age of 29. The number of representatives with voting rights is based on the number of individual members under the age of 29 who paid their membership fee by 31 December of the previous year.

5. The right to be present and speak at the Youth Assembly

At the Youth Assembly, every member and employee of the organisation has the right to be present, as well as all those who have the right to speak. In addition to representatives with voting rights, those who have the right to speak at the Youth Assembly include all members of the organisation under the age of 29, members of the National Youth Committee, members of the Board of the organisation, the Secretary General and those to whom the Youth Assembly has decided to grant the right to speak.

6. National Youth Committee election

The National Youth Committee election is held after the ordinary General Assembly of the organisation and prepared by the Electoral Commission, which consists of six members and six deputy members appointed by the Youth Assembly. The Electoral Commission appoints a Chair from among its members.

The Electoral Commission must hold the National Youth Committee election no later than four months after the ordinary General Assembly of the organisation. The Electoral Commission determines the election procedure. Nominations end three weeks before the election. Eligible candidates include all members of the organisation who are under the age of 29 before the beginning of the election and fulfil the eligibility criteria set for positions of trust in the FRC Decree.

The voting results of the election are submitted to the Board of the organisation as a proposal for the configuration of the Youth Committee. Based on the election results, a Chair, a Vice Chair, five full members and five deputy members are proposed to be appointed to the National Youth Committee.

In the election, the number of votes and the number of representatives with voting rights for each district are determined in accordance with section 4 of the work instructions.

7. Execution of proposals

The Secretary General submits the proposals of the Youth Assembly for the Board of the organisation to decide on. The National Youth Committee and the Youth Committees of the districts supervise the execution of the decisions.

8. Publicity and communication

All of the documents of the Youth Assembly are public. They are published on the website of the organisation and delivered to the districts.

Youth Assembly
in Kankaanpää on 19 March 2017