Young Women Lead 2024

Young Women Lead is a programme which gives young women from across Scotland an opportunity to make real change in the lives of young women and girls, while developing their leadership skills, knowledge and confidence. You can find out about [past Young Women Lead projects](https://www.youngwomenscot.org/young-women-lead) on The Young Women’s Movement’s website.

Young Women Lead 2024 is open to young women aged 16–30 living anywhere in Scotland and will be delivered between Scottish Parliament and other venues in central Scotland, as well as some online sessions. Travel costs will be covered for all in-person sessions.

Young Women Lead 2024 will support young women to co-design a short report on democratic wellbeing (the extent to which we have a voice in decisions that affect us) for young women. No previous knowledge or experience of this topic is required or expected.

This topic highlights the importance of young women’s voices being both heard and valued, supporting a process where policies and decisions reflect the diverse experiences and perspectives of young women. Developing young women’s democratic wellbeing involves dismantling the barriers that limit their engagement, amplifying their political agency, and creating inclusive spaces where their concerns and aspirations can shape the democratic landscape.

The Young Women Lead 2024 cohort will engage in a series of nine interactive workshops and training sessions focused on learning, developing skills, and networking with relevant professionals and guest speakers.

# About you

* Aged 16– 30
* Live in Scotland
* Identify as a young woman
* Passionate about leading change for young women and girls
* No prior understanding or experience of democratic wellbeing necessary

# What you’ll get out of it

* To make a difference to the lives of young women and girls in Scotland.
* Meet new people and make new friends.
* Develop new skills – confidence, public speaking, communication, strategic thinking, understanding of democratic wellbeing and the wider impacts on young women and girls.
* Participants will be part of The Young Women’s Movement, with additional and optional follow-on opportunities like joining a participatory or peer research programme, influencing our policy contributions, building campaigns, speaking at or attending events on our behalf, joining our Advisory Collective.
* Networking with high profile stakeholders like parliamentary staff, relevant parliamentary members and other feminist organisations in policy, campaigning and youth work.
* Feminist leadership opportunities like speaking at events, committees and workshops.
* Connecting with other young women with similar lived experience.

# Expectations

* Align with the values of The Young Women’s Movement, treating everyone with dignity, respect and fairness.
* Follow agreed safe spaces agreements including respecting confidentiality and different viewpoints.
* Attend a minimum of 6 out of 9 meetings and advise us in advance if you are unable to attend.
* Support a fun and enthusiastic environment for everyone.

# Key dates

Application deadline: Friday 25th April 9am

## Session dates

1. **8th May, 6–8pm** – Online
2. **11th May, 10.30am**–**3.30pm** – Scottish Parliament
3. **1st June,** **10.30am**–**3.30pm** – community space, TBC
4. **13th June,** **6–8pm** – Online
5. **6th July,** **10.30am**–**3.30pm** – community space, TBC
6. **20th July, 10.30am**–**3.30pm** – Scottish Parliament
7. **30th July,** **6–8pm** – Online
8. **17th August, 10.30am**–**3.30pm** – community space, TBC
9. **14th September, 10.30am**–**3.30pm** – Scottish Parliament

# How to apply

Please apply via this form by 9am on Thursday 25th April: <https://ljficzi40gh.typeform.com/to/Pe7HH870>

If you would like to discuss any accessibility requirements or request more information on the programme, please contact our Collective Voice & Action Coordinator, Lou Chauvin, at [lou@youngwomenscot.org.](mailto:lou@youngwomenscot.org)