

Election of Emerging Leader Representatives to the International Council 2022

The role and how to apply

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Emerging Leader Representative role summary

Emerging Leader Representatives are Gold Award holders who are active contributors to the Award in their NAO or region. Emerging Leader Representatives have traditionally been elected every three years at International Gold Events (IGE). There are two Emerging Leader Representatives per region (Africa, Americas, Asia-Pacific, Europe Mediterranean and Arab States), serving for three years. These representatives sit on the Association's International Council. Emerging Leader Representatives are presented with a range of opportunities support the Association during their time of service.

During their term of appointment Emerging Leader Representatives represent the Award participants and Alumni for their region, as well as presenting a wider youth perspective to the discussions of the International Council.

Key Responsibilities

Emerging Leaders Representatives:

- Are a key element of the International Association's decision-making process.
- Bring a diverse youth perspective to the discussions and are expected to actively participate and contribute to the Forum, IGE and International Council (IC), and regional conferences/meetings for the three-year term of appointment, and where possible, attend and participate in other meetings.
- Attend International Council meetings on an annual basis (in-person when possible).
N.B. Travel expenses are covered by the International Award Foundation.
- Act as ambassadors on behalf of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award. They always display professionalism and tact when representing the Association or speaking about The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award in their capacity as an Emerging Leader Representative.
- Collaborate with each other to expand and strengthen the Award programme.
- Take part in projects on behalf of the Association (both individually, through engagement with Operators and collectively as a cohort of Emerging Leader Representatives) to gain a better understanding of the challenges faced by delivery partners around the world.
- Contribute to the ongoing development and success of the respective Operators in their region in a paid or voluntary capacity to support the delivery of a high-quality Award programmes.
- Actively participate in in-person and online discussions.
- Maintain consistent, open communication with the Foundation and their respective Global Operations Director.
- Undertake any other duties as required for the successful delivery of Association objectives.

Emerging Leader Representative Application Criteria

CRITERIA	ESSENTIAL	DESIRABLE	HOW IDENTIFIED
Qualifications	<p>Achieved, or working to achieve, their Gold Award and actively contribute to the Award within their Operator</p> <p>Must be between 18 – 32 years old</p> <p>Member of the Global Award Alumni Network</p>		Self-nominated, verified by NAO
Experience	<p>Experience of taking part in The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award at Gold level</p> <p>and</p> <p>Prior and ongoing engagement with the Operator in a paid or voluntary capacity</p>		Self-nominated, verified by NAO
Knowledge	<p>Operational knowledge of The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award</p> <p>Cultural and political awareness and sensitivity</p>		<p>Registration on GAAN</p> <p>Self-nominated, verified by NAO</p>
Skills and Abilities	<p>Able to demonstrate leadership and decision-making skills</p> <p>Able to organise and plan effectively</p> <p>Ability to communicate and network effectively at all levels</p> <p>Ability to work with a diverse range of stakeholders</p> <p>Ability to work collaboratively and as a team member</p> <p>Ability to work alone, on own initiative, manage time, prioritise workloads</p>	<p>Project management skills</p> <p>Self-motivated</p> <p>Innovative thinking</p>	Self-nomination form

How the new election process works

In the past, elections were held at the IGE to elect Emerging Leader Representatives for a three-year term. Due to the pandemic and the cancelling of IGE, our current Emerging Leader Representatives have been sitting for five years.

In 2022 the Emerging Leader Representatives election is being held online.

Two representatives will be elected from each of the four regions of the world (Africa, Americas, Asia-Pacific and EMAS). To promote a more inclusive process, potential candidates will self-identify and apply for nomination. Their application will be verified by their NAO. Candidates will have the opportunity to promote themselves to voting delegates using the Global Award Alumni Network digital platform. The voting delegates will cast their votes online and the new Emerging Leader Representatives will be announced before Forum 2022.

Voting Delegates

Each NAO is responsible for selecting five Gold Award holders between 18 – 32 years old as voting delegates. Those countries that are official members of the GAAN platform will be permitted to select one extra voting delegate.

Key Dates:

11 August 2022 – 31 August 2022 – Emerging Leader Self-Nomination and verification period (virtual applications only)

11 August 2022 – 26 August 2022 – NAO voting delegate appointment period – may not be an Emerging Leader candidate or former Emerging Leader Representative

5 September 2022 – 11 September 2022 – Candidate promotion on GAAN digital platform

12 September 2022 – 19 September 2022 – Online Election (virtual voting only)

20 September 2022 – 3 October 2022 – Election Review, contacting candidates with results, internal communication to Association and public announcement

How to put yourself forward for the role of Emerging Leader Representative

Those eligible Gold Award holders who wish to put themselves forward for the role of Emerging Leader Representative for their region will begin by filling out the self-nomination form here: <https://bit.ly/ELRNominationForm2022>. (Available from midnight UTC 12 August 2022 through midnight UTC 31 August 2022.)

One form per applicant, completed & submitted no later than 31st August 2022.

To prepare to fill out this form, applicants will need the following:

- Ensure that they have joined the Global Award Alumni Network digital platform
- Personal information including Award history, educational and professional qualifications
- Award Verification contact information – (name and email) - this is a member of staff (NED or other director-level) at your National Award Operator
- A short statement of personal motivation (text)
- A short (2 minute) video of yourself (MP4 format only) - shareable
- A recent photograph of yourself

For more information about how to prepare the self-nomination form, please visit:

<https://bit.ly/ELRSelfNominationGuide>.

Once your self-nomination form is submitted, you are granting The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award Foundation the right to freely use your photo(s), quote(s), videos and story for the purpose of the Emerging Leader Representative election process and for all aspects of promoting the Award internationally as outlined in the Global Consent Overview - <https://intaward.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Global-Consent-Overview-.pdf>. If you have shared a photograph or video with other people in it, you can confirm that you have their consent to do so. You also consent to your details and media being shared with your National Award Operator.

About the International Council (IC)

The IC meets annually, at the IGE (International Gold Event), at Forum (the triennially meeting of the International Award Association), or at a specific IC meeting. It consists of the Foundation's Trustees and the Secretary General, plus eight Emerging Leader Representatives and 12 regional representatives who are elected at Forum.

The International Council consists of the Trustees and the Secretary General of the International Award Foundation plus 12 representatives (to represent the interests of National Award Operators and Independent Award Centres in an area) and eight Emerging Leader Representatives. The IC meets once a year, either at the Forum, International Gold Event (IGE) or at a specific IC meeting, depending on where we are in the three-year cycle of events.

You can find out more information at www.intaward.org/international-council

The roles and responsibilities of the IC are to:

- Supervise the operational functions of the International Award Foundation (IAF).
- Discuss and approve the agenda and arrangements for the Forum.
- Act on behalf of the International Award Association (IAA) between Forum meetings.
- Ensure that decisions made at the Forum are put into action.
- Accept qualified National Award Operators (NAOs) into provisional membership of the IAA.