

CYP @ 50: Honouring Stakeholder Experiences with the Commonwealth Youth Programme (CYP)

In August 2023, the [Commonwealth Youth Programme \(CYP\)](#) celebrates 50 years of supporting key stakeholders to promote the empowerment of young people who are key to the prosperity of the Commonwealth. The Programme's thought leadership, capacity-building and technical assistance programmes have transformed the global environment for advancing youth development work and for recognising the contributions of young people to social, economic and political development.

Commonwealth Heads of Government also declared 2023 as a year dedicated to youth-led action for sustainable and inclusive development. During the [2023 Year of Youth](#), the Secretariat, Member States, youth workers and young leaders are organising special activities to **energise** stakeholders about youth development; to **empower** them to co-create with young people; to **engage** them in new partnerships for an enabling environment; and to **envision** peaceful and sustainable futures for the Commonwealth.

One of the special activities involves documenting the 50-year history of the CYP. The research project will highlight positive outcomes and challenges while raising questions about the way forward for the Programme.

The Interview Process

Against that background, the Commonwealth Secretariat wishes to hear from stakeholders who have been a part of the CYP journey over the years. **Whether you participated in a ministerial or senior officials meeting, worked with the Secretariat, graduated from a Youth Work training programme or participated in a youth caucus, council, network or forum, we would like to hear from you.**

You are being invited to participate in an interview process, of no more than 1 hour, to explore:

- When did you first become aware of the CYP and how did you interact with the programme?
- What you recall most fondly about your interaction with the CYP?
- What were the greatest challenges of that time?
- What do you think are the greatest achievements of the programme?
- What were some of the key issues, events and personalities that influenced the work of the CYP and how you engaged?
- How do you think the CYP should strengthen its programming going forward?
- Do you have any photographs or video and audio recordings which you would like to share?

If you would like to participate, please use the link below to book an interview slot to discuss your experiences. You will have the opportunity to consent to or decline permission to record the interview.

[BOOK AN INTERVIEW SLOT](#)

Contact

Should you like more information about the interview process, or to find out more about the CYP's 50th Anniversary, please contact the Research Manager, Social Policy Development at t.gilbert-roberts@commonwealth.int .