



**Cowra
Festival**
of International
Understanding
Yindjandjgal Ngurambang
GUEST NATION: UNITED KINGDOM
MARCH 27-29 2026

2026 Guest Nation: United Kingdom

YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

What is the Youth Ambassador Program?

The Youth Ambassador Program is a unique leadership opportunity for 15-18 year olds in Cowra. It's designed to empower young people to represent our town, deepen their understanding of global cultures, and actively contribute to the success of the Cowra Festival of International Understanding 2026, celebrating the United Kingdom.

What You'll Gain:

- **Leadership & Life Skills**
Develop public speaking, event planning, teamwork, and diplomatic skills through monthly workshops and real-world projects.
- **Cultural Immersion**
Deepen your appreciation for UK culture through correspondence with UK students, cultural workshops, and direct Festival involvement.
- **Mentorship & Networking**
Be paired with local leaders from business, and the community for guidance and career insights.
- **Civic Engagement**
Participate in Peace Bell ceremonies, and represent Cowra at significant Festival events and hands on participation in the Street Parade.
- **Canberra Diplomatic Visit**
An exclusive day trip to Canberra to meet UK diplomats.
- **Media & Communication Training**
Learn interview skills, on-camera presence, and how to engage with the media from local experts.
- **Community Contribution**
Actively support Festival marketing, run information booths, host events, and greet VIPs, making a tangible impact.
- **Formal Recognition**
Receive a Certificate of Leadership from Cowra Council, an official t-shirt, media features, and letters of commendation.
- **Unique Experiences**
From an etiquette lunch to a "Day in the Life" shadowing opportunity, gain experiences unlike any other.

Who Can Apply?

Youth from across Cowra - Year 9 - Year 12 - Ages 15-18 years old - who are enthusiastic about leadership, cultural exchange, and making a positive contribution to their community.

Key Dates:

Applications Open: 15th September, 2025

Applications Close: 17th October, 2025

Program Duration: October 2025 - March 2026

Festival Weekend: March 27-29, 2026

Ready to embark on an unforgettable journey of leadership and cultural discovery?



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Application Form:

Name:

Age:

School or Workplace:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Signature:

Parent or Guardian Signature:

*Please complete by 17th October, 2025 and return this form to:
Cowra Council
116 Kendall Street
Cowra NSW 2794*