

Youth-Led Governance Case Studies

UN Youth Council (Global)

The [UN Youth Council](#) is a global platform that allows young people to represent youth interests and advise the United Nations on issues like climate change, education, health, and peace. The Council acts as a bridge between youth and UN decision-makers, ensuring that youth have a voice in global policies. This body works to amplify youth-led ideas and solutions at an international level, creating an avenue for young people to engage with global policy and make their voices heard on key issues.

Efficacy measures to assess:

How well does the Council influence global decisions, especially regarding youth issues?

What tangible changes have been made because of youth involvement in the UN's policy-making processes?

How does the Council measure youth participation and engagement in decision-making?

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FYA's Young Mayors Program (Australia)

The [Young Mayors Program](#), run by the Foundation for Young Australians (FYA), gives young people the chance to serve in leadership roles within their local communities. Participants in this program take on the role of "mayor" for a local area, where they work with local governments to influence decisions related to youth, urban planning, community engagement, and environmental sustainability. The program aims to develop young leaders and provide them with hands-on experience in governance, while also promoting the importance of youth voices in shaping local policies.

Efficacy measures to assess:

How do young mayors influence local government decisions, especially around youth-focused issues?

What community projects have been launched or influenced as a result of their leadership?

How do the participants measure the impact of their work in the community, and how do they ensure continued youth engagement?

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The Y Youth Parliament (Australia)

The [Youth Parliament](#) is a program that allows young Australians (aged 16-25) to represent their peers and engage in a mock parliamentary process. Participants debate, propose, and vote on policies that affect youth and their communities, and they also have the opportunity to interact with real parliamentarians. The Youth Parliament provides a platform for youth to be involved in the democratic process, offering them practical experience in governance, leadership, and policy-making. It also serves to amplify youth voices on critical issues such as education, employment, mental health, and climate change.

Efficacy measures to assess:

How do the policies and issues discussed in the Youth Parliament influence young people and their communities?

What is the real-world impact of the proposals made by the Youth Parliament on young people and their communities?

How does the Youth Parliament encourage greater youth participation in politics, and how effective is it in fostering leadership and engagement among young Australians?
