



THE INTERNATIONAL
YOUTH INITIATIVE PROGRAM

Application information for YIP 2023-2024 YIP16

“Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back. Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation), there is one elementary truth, the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: that the moment one definitely commits oneself, then Providence moves too.

All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one's favor all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance, which no one could have dreamed would have come his way.

*Whatever you can do, or dream you can do, begin it.
Boldness has genius, power, and magic in it. Begin it now.”*

W.H. Murray



INTRODUCTION

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for downloading the YIP16 2023 - 2024 Application Form.

This Application Process will help you to decide if YIP is the right next step in your journey and will enable us to get to know a bit about you, your ideas and inspirations.

An important aspect of the YIP experience is developing the capacity to be attentive to the source of your longings and motivations in the world. With this application process, we invite you to shed light on these motivations so we can better understand your wish to take part in YIP. We hope you enjoy this challenge and that you take your time to answer the questions authentically.

How do we decide your acceptance? We are looking for enthusiastic young people who have a deep interest in working towards a more just and regenerative future by fully engaging with themselves, others, their communities and the world. You need to be willing to consciously navigate the joys and challenges of community life and to take part in sculpting your learning. We are interested in your yearning and motivation for initiative, the ideas and inspirations behind your actions and your ability to be reflective about yourself and these ideas with an open attitude.

Before continuing the application process, please read the “Terms and Conditions” of YIP [here](#). The information there will inform you about the practicalities of applying for YIP and will make your application process easier.



STEP ONE: WHO ARE YOU?

This part of the application is for us to get to know you and hear why you would like to participate in YIP. For this section, please submit a 1-page Biography, 1-2 page CV and maximum 1-page document for each of the following: the Call, the Landscape and the Horizon. We invite you to give individual responses to each of the bulleted tasks.

Biography (max. 1 A4): My Life

- Please write about your biography and include where you were born, how you grew up and significant experiences/events that have shaped who you are today.

Formal CV (max. 2 A4): My Education - Please list:

- High School
- University and/or College
- Additional Courses/Diploma
- Work experience/voluntary engagements

The Call (max. 1 A4): My Impulse

- What do you see as the three major global challenges we face as humanity today?
- Which of the global challenges do you feel called to address and why?
- What is one of your sources of inspiration?
- What drives you to participate in a program like YIP?
- What specific areas of YIP interest you most and why?



The Landscape (max. 1 A4): My Influence

- Describe a time when you have shown and/or taken initiative.
- Name one aspect of yourself that you consider a quality that you are able to offer to yourself and those around you and an area you struggle with and would like to develop. Describe how these have influenced your life.

The Horizon (max. 1 A4): My Intention

- In the future you wish to see five years from now, what are the ideals that are alive in the world?
- In this future, how do you hope to be living your life and where do you see your engagement in the world you describe? How do you see YIP contributing to this?

STEP TWO: MY QUESTION

All initiatives begin with a question. This step asks you to creatively express a burning question you carry right now that inspires you to step into initiative that is in service of yourself and/or the world.

Activate your creativity inspired by the question below:

What is a question that motivates me to take initiative towards a positive change in myself and/or the world?

Consider: where does your question come from? Who is it for? What are the key elements? How would you begin to address it? We look forward to seeing, hearing, and experiencing your question through song, film, poetry, theatre, movement, painting, sculpture etc. Please do not make it longer than 5 minutes.



STEP THREE: REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- **Reference Letters** - [CLICK HERE FOR THE REFERENCE LETTER TEMPLATE](#)

YIP requires two reference letters which should be sent to apply@yip.se by your referees. Please ensure that both references are from people who know you well from an education/work/mentor position, who can comment objectively on your character, abilities, capacities and/or past experiences. We cannot accept references from family members or close friends. Please print the [reference letter template](#) and give it to your referee to complete and either email or post to us.

*Please note that your application will only be completed and processed once we have received both references.

- **Health Report** - [CLICK HERE FOR THE HEALTH REPORT FORM](#)

The provided medical report must be completed, signed and stamped by a qualified medical doctor. If you require a special diet, or have any serious allergies please include details of this on your health report. If you have any current or previous medical, mental or physical conditions that may affect your stay at or participation in YIP, we ask that this be clearly stated on the report.

- **Certificate of Proficiency in English** - [CLICK HERE FOR THE ENGLISH CERTIFICATE FORM](#)

If English is not your native language, you will need to provide a certificate of proficiency in English. YIP is an intensive full-day course taught in English, with challenging content and in-depth theory based discussions. For your admission it is required that you understand, speak, read and write in English at least at an intermediate level.

* PLEASE NOTE: This is not a 'formality', but an important check for YOU. Experience has shown that people struggle in YIP if they do not understand and speak English well enough. In YIP, reading and writing English is NOT as important as understanding and speaking it. Please listen to the lecture below to see if you understand all that is said. If you struggle to understand what is spoken, we recommend that you reconsider your application: <https://vimeo.com/15985264>

- **Portrait Photograph**

YIP requires a portrait photograph showing only your head (a passport photo or similar) with your application.



STEP FOUR: PAY YOUR APPLICATION FEE

The Application Fee for YIP is SEK 750. This is not refundable. YIP charges this fee to cover the costs of processing the applications. [CLICK HERE](#) to pay the application fee. Make sure you keep a copy of the receipt and send it along with your application.

STEP FIVE: REVIEW YOUR CHECK-LIST

Please review the check-list below and make sure that all the required attachments are ready to submit:

STEP ONE: WHO ARE YOU?

- ☐ Biography
- ☐ CV
- ☐ The Call
- ☐ The Landscape
- ☐ The Horizon

STEP TWO: MY QUESTION

- ☐ My Question

STEP THREE: REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS

- ☐ Reference letters

* The reference letters have to be sent in by your referees and therefore should not be sent with your application. Your application will only be processed when we have received both references.

- ☐ Health Report
- ☐ Certificate of Proficiency in English
- ☐ Portrait Photograph

STEP FOUR: APPLICATION FEE

- ☐ Application fee paid
- ☐ Proof of payment included in attachment



STEP SIX: SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION!

After reviewing the checklist and making sure your application is complete, there are two options for submitting - online or by post. Our preference is by email.

E-mail to: apply@yip.se (subject: "@YIP16 + Name")

Post to: Youth Initiative Program
Admissions
Kulturcentrum Järna 13
15391 Järna, Sweden

STEP SEVEN: YOUR INTERVIEW

Once your application is complete and was reviewed, you will be contacted to arrange a live interview. This can be in person or through Zoom. The purpose of the interview is to meet you and to have a conversation about the following: 1) to look at your application together and ask you some questions, 2) to clarify some aspects of the program, 3) to hear any questions that you have.

That's it! Congratulations if you made it all the way through your application. We hope the process was enjoyable and helped sharpen your intention for joining YIP. We look forward to reviewing your application.

- The YIP Team