

GAA Youth Representatives: Terms of Reference

Purpose:

It is the aim of the YouthReps to act and speak on behalf of young people within the Association.

Composition:

The GAA YouthReps group was established in 2015 and has a rolling membership on an annual basis. The group is made of young people (male and female), aged between 16 and 21 years. The aim is to have representation from each Province and a gender balance where possible.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Roles and Responsibilities of the YouthReps include but are not limited to:

- The YouthReps will act and speak on behalf of young people in the Association;
- The YouthReps have a duty to raise issues that are of importance to young members of the GAA.;
- Members are expected to promote the voice and views of young people in the Association, by listening to and valuing the opinions of their peers;
- The YouthReps will actively work alongside the GAA National Youth Consultation Committee and support them in their activities;
- Youth Reps will help organise and facilitate the National #GAAYouth Forum and any similar Forums held at a Provincial or Regional level;
- As per Rule 3.39 of the GAA Official Guide, the YouthReps are responsible for reporting to GAA Congress and for delivering the views of their peers to this body;
- The YouthReps will also aim to report to Camogie and LGFA Congress annually;
- The YouthReps will work on strategic objectives set out by the Association, which relate to young people and/or have been directly assigned to the YouthReps or Youth Committee;
- The YouthReps will take the opportunity to develop projects which are of importance to young people.

Commitment:

YouthReps are expected to meet on average 5 times per year. Where possible this will include one residential workshop.

YouthReps are also expected to participate in regular conference calls and WhatsApp discussions throughout the year.

As a YouthRep it is important to:

- Participate fully and respectfully in meetings and activities;
- Engage in discussions within the group;
- Respond to correspondences;
- Contribute ideas and opinions;
- Indicate unavailability to contribute due to personal commitments (e.g. exams) in a timely fashion.

To maintain consistency and efficiency within the group, the minimum term of a YouthRep is one calendar year (January – December).