



Call for nominations for the Nordic Youth Prize 2025

The Nordic Youth Council (UNR) is pleased to announce the Nordic Youth Prize 2025 for the first time.

The Nordic Youth Council is the cooperation body for youth organizations in the Nordic countries. Our goal is to strengthen the influence and cooperation of young people in the region. Through the Nordic Youth Prize, we want to recognize and reward outstanding efforts by organizations and individuals who actively work for young people in the Nordic Region.

Purpose of the prize

The Nordic Youth Prize aims to highlight and reward initiatives, projects and commitments that in an innovative and significant way:

- Promote Nordic cooperation and community among young people
- Strengthen the influence and participation of young people in society
- Promote innovation and creativity among young people
- Increase the well-being and security of young people in the Nordic Region
- Inspires and serves as a good example for other young people and stakeholders in the Nordic Region.

Who can be nominated or apply?

The prize can be awarded to:

- **Organizations:** Non-profit organizations, youth associations, clubs and other types of organizations operating in the member countries of the Nordic Council (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) and autonomous territories (Greenland, the Faroe Islands and Åland) that have young people as their primary target group or that work on issues relevant to young people. Political parties and organizations directly linked to political parties, including their associated associations, and member organizations of the Nordic Youth Council are not eligible for the prize.
- **Individuals:** Individuals residing in the member countries of the Nordic Council (Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden) and independent territories (Greenland, the Faroe Islands and Åland) who, through their personal commitment and work, have made a significant contribution to the benefit/support of young people in the Nordic Region.

Criteria for the Prize

The following criteria will be used to assess nominations and applications. It is not required that all criteria are met, but the assessment committee will make an overall assessment of the merits of the initiative or commitment and its relevance to the purpose of the prize:



- Relevance to young people in the Nordic region: The project or initiative makes a concrete and positive contribution to improving the situation of young people in the Nordic region
- Community and co-operation: The project or initiative promotes co-operation, understanding or community between young people from at least two different Nordic countries.
- New thinking and innovation: The project or initiative is innovative or uses creative/innovative methods.
- Increased well-being and security for young people: The project or initiative contributes to improving the mental and physical health of young people or counteracts exclusion and discrimination among young people in the Nordic region.
- Inspiration: The project or initiative can inspire others and serve as a good example.

The prize

The winner of the Nordic Youth Prize 2025 will be awarded:

- A diploma recognizing their efforts.
- The opportunity to present their work at an event organized by the Nordic Youth Council.
- Attention in the communication channels of the Nordic Youth Council.

Nomination and application process

We welcome nominations from anyone who knows of organizations or individuals who meet the criteria and who are active in the Nordic Council member countries and autonomous regions. It is also possible to apply for the prize for your own organization or work if you meet the eligibility requirements.

To nominate or apply, please follow these steps:

1. Visit the Nordic Youth Council website <https://unginorden.org/>
2. Fill in all parts of the electronic form in a detailed and descriptive way
3. Attach any relevant documents supporting the nomination
4. Send in!

The deadline for nomination and application is 21.9.2025

Selection process

All nominations and applications received will be reviewed by an Evaluation Committee composed of five members of the UNR Board, including the Vice-President who chairs the Evaluation Committee. The committee also has the right to put forward candidates they consider qualified. The Committee decides on the winner, which is finally approved by the UNR Board.

Award ceremony



The award will be presented during the UNR annual session or possibly at another event or in any other way decided by UNR. The winner(s) will be announced in good time before the award ceremony.

Contact information

If you have any questions, please contact the UNR secretariat at unr@unginorden.org or

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