What is a UN Youth Rep?

Lehigh created the world’s first UN Youth Representative Program, matching UN-accredited NGOs with high-achieving undergraduate and graduate students who serve as that NGO’s voice at the United Nations.

Youth Representatives meet with global decision makers, participate in international conferences, and moderate briefings broadcast worldwide on UN TV. Youth Representatives have spoken on the floor of the General Assembly.

Youth Representatives visit the UN once per month, where they attend briefings, conferences and private meetings with UN officials on behalf of their NGO on topics such as health promotion for people living with non-communicable diseases.

What is a UN NGO?

A UN-affiliated NGO is a non-governmental, non-profit civil society organization based on a local, national or international level and officially recognized by the UN. A UN-affiliated NGO has the responsibility of disseminating information to its constituency regarding UN beliefs, practices and activities. In turn, NGOs provide a wealth of expertise that shapes and informs UN decision-making.

Caring and Living as Neighbours (CLAN)

Founded in 2004, Caring and Living as Neighbours (CLAN) is an Australian-based multinational NGO. CLAN is dedicated to helping children with chronic health conditions live healthier lives by providing medical resources, health education, and humanitarian aid in research poor settings.

Caring and Living as Neighbours works on four continents to promote a rights-based, community development model that supports the educational, social, and economic needs of children and their families. This rights-based approach empowers families and children and promotes independence for children with non-communicable diseases.