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 the role of art in creating cultures of peace or economic development across Africa.

Augustinians International is a worldwide religious group of the Roman Catholic Church. They are based on the life and philosophy of St. Augustine. Drawing on the core of community advocacy, the organization seeks above all things a unity of voices, in love and truth, of all advocates and agents for justice, peace, right and development of all humanity and the world’s environment.

Augustinians International works to promote equitable sharing of earth's resources, protection of the rights of all, especially the most vulnerable, empowerment through education, safety and protection through business opportunities, and societal support through health services.

The Secretariat for Justice and Peace met in Cebu, Philippines, where they reviewed social justice issues in the region.

Through advocacy on behalf of the marginalized of society, they engage actors and institutions in society to make decisions of a public nature and interest aimed at building a just, fair and solidarity-based society.

Through education, they seek to empower citizens so as to enable them to pursue their personal fulfillment and contribute to the development of their societies.

Through various humanitarian aids, they provide for the immediate relief of people in their various needs.

Through dissemination of information, they raise awareness about the purpose of the UN, teaching about the work the UN does through its agencies in promoting peace, dialogue and development in the many countries of the world.

Through giving voice to the voiceless, they bring the marginalized directly into the policy debates in the Community of Nations.