

# STATESMUN TOUR 2015

The New Zealand Universities' Delegation to  
the Harvard National Model United Nations  
Conference 2015

Expression of Interest Pack



Note: This pack is only for expressions of interest. All details contained herein are subject to change. The purpose is to gauge the level of interest from young people in New Zealand.

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# ABOUT THE STATESMUN TOUR

## UN YOUTH NEW ZEALAND

UN Youth serves as the youth arm of the United Nations Association of New Zealand, a member of the World Federation of United Nations Associations (WFUNA). WFUNA has consultative status to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Despite only being in existence since 1999, UN Youth creates an amazing opportunity for youth to express themselves, learn about the United Nations and provide positive solutions for what is, ultimately, their future.

We aim to achieve our purpose by:

- Educating New Zealand youth about international issues and the role of the United Nations
- Developing and maintaining connections with key organisations to facilitate youth involvement
- Being an effective nationally recognised, membership based, youth-run organisation
- Providing opportunities for social interaction between youth with similar interests



## STATESMUN TOUR

The StatesMUN Tour would be a once in a lifetime opportunity to meet important players in international affairs and compete in the world's largest, oldest, and most prestigious Model UN conference – the Harvard National Model UN.

In February 2015, fourteen New Zealand University students may be selected by UN Youth New Zealand to embark on a political and historical tour of the United States of America.

During the tour, you would form a strong bond with others in the delegation, meet with diplomats and other international agencies and take advantage of resources along the way to aid your research.

The tour would begin in San Francisco, where the delegation would get to know each other and take in the unique sights of the Bay City. Then we would continue on to the political capital of Washington DC, where we would see US political processes first hand and have plenty of time to check out the hundreds of museums and institutes there.

Next, we would head to the beautiful city of Boston and compete at the Harvard National Model UN. We would finally settle in New York City, touring the UN Headquarters in Manhattan and experiencing all that the cultural capital of America has to offer. On the way back to Auckland there would be an optional stop-over in Honolulu, Hawaii for some much needed relaxation!

The tour includes a three day Planning Weekend before the trip. This would be a residential event and would be held in Wellington from Friday 28th November to Sunday 30th November 2014. This Planning Weekend is compulsory for all participants to attend in its entirety. This is used to organise trip logistics, training, educational workshops and delegation bonding.

The Delegation would be staffed by two StatesMUN Co-Directors who are responsible for the organisation planning and pastoral care of the delegation while travelling. The itinerary is shown on the following pages.



# THE HARVARD NATIONAL MODEL UN

Founded in 1955, only a decade after the creation of the United Nations, Harvard National Model United Nations (HNMUN) is the largest, oldest, and most prestigious conference of its kind. Staffed entirely by Harvard College undergraduates, HNMUN brings over 3,000 students and faculty together from colleges and universities around the world to simulate the activities of the United Nations.

HNMUN offers a unique opportunity to experience the challenges of international negotiation and diplomacy. Each committee addresses two topic areas of international significance. The wide range of committees offered give every delegate a chance to pursue a topic of interest.

Throughout the conference, delegates will gain insight into the workings of the United Nations by actively participating in the resolution of important global issues. Participants will not only work with hundreds of other motivated college students with the common goals of furthering international awareness and building consensus, but will also work within a lively social setting. In 2015, the 61st session of Harvard National Model United Nations will take this tradition to a new level with numerous innovations designed to enhance the delegate experience.

On the StatesMUN tour you would be trained on the issues, procedure of debate and lobbying. The New Zealand Universities' Delegation would be assigned a country to represent together as a delegation. The delegates would be split up among the various committees in order to represent the assigned country's view on the topics being debated in that committee. Each delegate would be in pairs for every committee, working together and solving complex global issues.

The official language of HNMUN is English and all events and associated activities such as debating, lobbying and resolution are in English.



# ITINERARY

DATE	LOCATION	KEY ACTIVITIES	DAYS SPENT
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	Depart Auckland to San Francisco (arrive evening Saturday 31 January 2015)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Golden Gate Bridge</li> <li>- Cook-off Challenge</li> <li>- Alcatraz</li> <li>- United Nations Plaza</li> <li>- Educational Meetings</li> </ul>	4
Thu 5 <sup>th</sup>	Travel to Washington DC (full day of travel included)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New Zealand Embassy</li> <li>- Congress &amp; White House Tour</li> <li>- Meetings with Officials and Politicians</li> <li>- Museums, Memorials &amp; Monuments</li> <li>- World Bank</li> </ul>	5
Tue 10 <sup>th</sup>	Travel from Washington DC to Boston (afternoon flight)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Australian Sister Delegation Get Together</li> <li>- Boston Tour</li> </ul>	2
Thu 12 <sup>th</sup>	Harvard National Model UN conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Debating, lobbying and strategising</li> <li>- Socials</li> </ul>	3
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	Travel to New York City (afternoon train)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- UN Headquarters Tour</li> <li>- NZ Mission to the UN</li> <li>- Meetings with UN Bodies</li> <li>- Broadway Show</li> <li>- Central Park Ice-skating</li> <li>- Rockefeller Centre Tower</li> <li>- Madison Square Garden Basketball</li> </ul>	6
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Travel to Honolulu	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Beach, surf and paradise</li> <li>- Guaranteed no snow!</li> </ul>	3
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Travel to Auckland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The long haul</li> </ul>	1
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup>	Arrive in Auckland (time zone difference)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Home sweet home</li> </ul>	0



**AMNESTY  
INTERNATIONAL**



**TOTAL DAYS**



**NZUS council**  
KĀHUI O AOTEAROA ME AMERIKA



**IAEA**  
International Atomic Energy Agency

**24**

# CITY HIGHLIGHTS



## PLANNING WEEKEND

Wellington, New Zealand

Spanning a harbour of stunning natural beauty, bush-clad hills define Wellington's boundaries. This cosmopolitan university city, also known as New Zealand's cultural and political capital, hums with energy and offers a colourful nightlife and historic charm. This is where the delegation would bond and do all sorts of social activities.

## SAN FRANCISCO

California

Sun and fog, grandeur and blight, hipsters and suits, relaxed and industrious... San Francisco's juxtapositions are infinite. Arguably the most beautiful city in the United States, the city by the bay is also the most un-American city, in attitude as well as looks. Old Victorian homes blend with modern, shiny skyscrapers, and the skyline is neither wholly gray concrete nor red brick like its East Coast sister cities.



## WASHINGTON

District of Columbia

Politics have helped to shape Washington, but they don't define it. It's the nation's capital, and arguably one of the most powerful places in the world. Scratch the ostensibly dry surface and you'll find a city far more diverse than one might think; not surprising, considering that all of the embassies and consulates are here. It's impossible to list Washington's must-see sights in a paragraph, but certain places simply cannot be missed.



# CITY HIGHLIGHTS



## BOSTON Massachusetts

From the cobbled streets of the North End to the newly-designed Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston offers a distinct blend of history and modernity that keeps visitors returning for more! Landmarks like the Bunker Hill Monument are ties to the American Revolution, while posh shopping on Newbury Street keeps visitors in touch with the latest fashions and foods. Each neighbourhood is a pocket of local culture ready to be explored.



## NEW YORK CITY

New York

New York, New York: There's truly no other city in the world like it. The city reaches far and wide with neighbourhoods and people changing at every block you cross. Don't let the Big Apple intimidate you though, it's got a little bit of everything for travellers of all kinds to enjoy. View stately museums of the Upper East Side or challenge your knowledge of art browsing Chelsea, this sprawling metropolis offers the best of all worlds.



## HONOLULU Hawaii

Welcome to the islands' Gathering Place. Visit Waikiki, Waimea and Manoa - even the names are magical. Watch hula, dine on Pacific Rim Cuisine, and snorkel Hanauma Bay. East meets West in every aspect and the warm spirit of Aloha embraces it all.



# LOGISTICS

## INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL

Flights to the Planning Weekend in Wellington, and to Auckland Airport for the start of the tour would be the only transport that you would have to organise personally. You would need to be in Auckland on Sunday 1st February 2015 (time to be confirmed), and may leave on or after Tuesday 25th February 2015.

The return flight from the United States can be altered through our travel agent. For those who are willing, we would be staying three nights in Honolulu, Hawaii. More details about this would be emailed out at a later date. Any costs associated with changes to the return fare would be covered by you.

## DOMESTIC TRAVEL

All domestic travel would be covered in your StatesMUN fee. City public transport such as trains and buses would be used, but from time to time taxis would be covered.

All shuttle buses to and from airports (except Auckland) would be covered.

## ACCOMMODATION

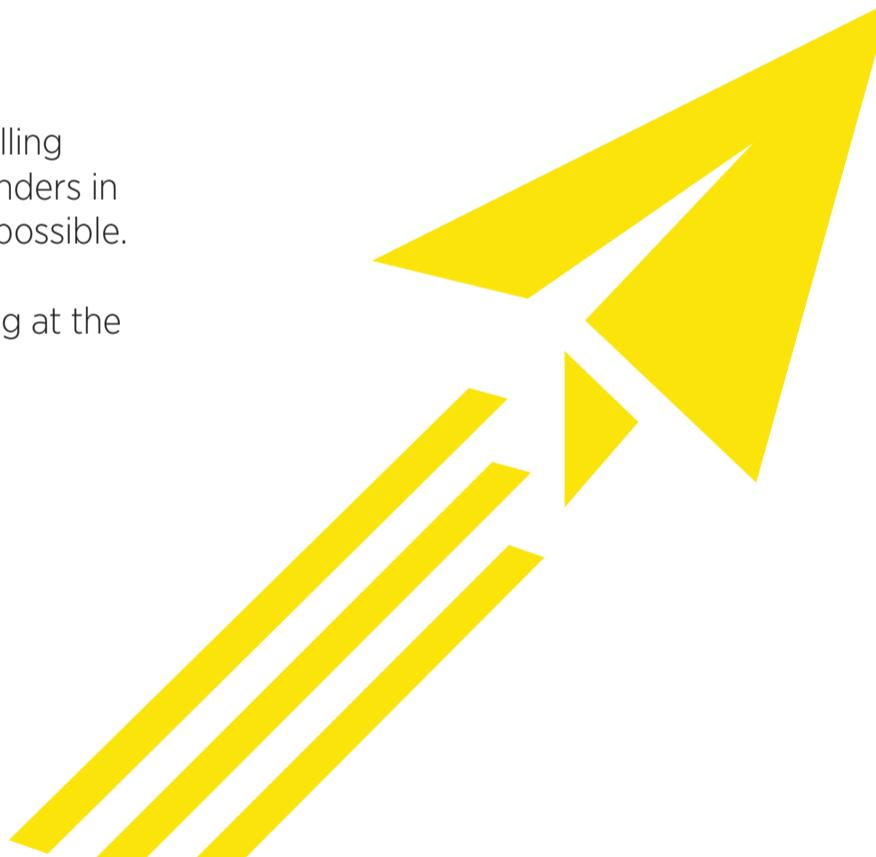
In all our cities we would be staying at Hostelling International. We would strive to split the genders in different rooms, but this may not always be possible.

For the conference itself, we would be staying at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

## VISA REQUIREMENTS

If you have a New Zealand passport, travelling to the United States for less than 90 days for the purposes of tourism is permitted without a visa.

Your passport would need to be valid for six months after your return home.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT  
THESE ACCOMMODATIONS VISIT:**

**WWW.HIUSA.ORG  
WWW.BOSTONPARKPLAZA.COM**

# FINANCES

## PAYMENT SCHEDULE

The StatesMUN 2015 fee is broken up into a schedule. Installments of this fee would need to be received on or before the dates specified below. Late payments may incur additional administrative fees. If payments are more than one month late participants could be removed from the delegation at the discretion of UN Youth New Zealand.

Participants would receive invoices for each of the following monthly payments:

Please note that the first two payments (1 September & 1 October 2014) would be NON-REFUNDABLE. Should a participant pull out of the delegation before 31 December 2014, they would be eligible to receive a refund of any payments made, with the exception of the first two payments.

Should a delegate pull out of the delegation after 31 December 2014, no refunds would be issued as all costs would have been incurred by this time.

DATE	AMOUNT
1 <sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014	\$1,400
1 <sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2014	\$1,400
1 <sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2014	\$1,400
1 <sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2014	\$1,400
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,600</b>

UN Youth New Zealand reserves the right to vary these amounts to within 10% of the above quoted value.

## SPONSORSHIP

We would seek group sponsorship on behalf of the delegation as a whole, but participants would be highly encouraged to seek individual sponsorship.

Getting sponsorship is a difficult task which requires planning, dedication and skill. It is however entirely possible. The current StatesMUN 2015 Co-Directors received significant sponsorship when they attended last year. They would be happy to help you in your efforts.

There are several sources of funding that you could consider:

- Your university
- Your community, foundations, non-profit organisations, and government departments
- Business and corporate sponsorships
- Individuals

# FINANCES

## COSTS COVERED

TRAVEL	ACCOMMODATION	HNMUN	PLANNING
Auckland - San Francisco	San Francisco	Registration Fee	Accommodation
San Francisco - Washington DC	Washington DC	Delegate Fee	Food
Washington DC - Boston	Boston	Tour of Harvard	Social Activities
Boston - New York	New York	General Snacks	Internal Transport
New York - Hawaii			
CITY SPENDING	FOOD	OTHER	
Some Internal Transport	All Breakfasts	US Mobile Phone Sims	
Some Social Activities	Four Dinners	US Mobile Phone Plans	
Some Entrance Fees	Tour of Harvard	Welfare Kits	

## COSTS NOT COVERED

An example of some of the costs that would not be covered by the StatesMUN 2015 fee is listed to the right. There would be other costs not shown on this list that would not be covered by the StatesMUN fee.

We would recommend bringing personal spending money to cover personal items and food that would not be covered by the fee. Food would not be included in the StatesMUN fee so as to allow you the flexibility to choose your own food to suit your preference, dietary requirements, and budget.

**Transport to and from the Planning Weekend in Wellington**

**Transport to and from Auckland for flight to the US**

**Majority of food**

**Personal shopping/items**

**Personal social activities**

**Travel visas**

**Travel Insurance**

# PROPOSED CO-DIRECTORS

## **EMIL KIROFF** **STATESMUN 2015 CO-DIRECTOR**

Emil is a third year student at the University of Auckland. He majors in Accounting, Finance and Law. He is from Auckland and got involved in UN Youth New Zealand from high school. He is currently the National Finances Officer for UN Youth NZ and attended Harvard National Model UN in February this year. Finance has always been one of his passions. He has competed internationally on case competitions and worked in the commercial banking sector.

Emil leads an active lifestyle, which involves swimming, mountain biking, and orienteering. Watching action movies is another of his favourite past times, whilst his love for travel has seen him at the summit of Mt Fuji and in the depths of the Black Sea.



## **EVE BAIN** **STATESMUN 2015 CO-DIRECTOR**

Eve is in her third year of an LLB/BA at Victoria University of Wellington, majoring in French and International Relations. Eve was drawn to the capital by her passion for diplomacy after growing up in the beachside town of Whangaparaoa.

She attended her first Model UN event in 2008 and has been actively involved in UN Youth ever since, attending The Hague International Model United Nations conference in 2012 and Harvard National Model UN as part of the UN Youth Australia delegation in February this year. Eve was also Coordinator of New Zealand Model United Nations 2014, the national secondary schools' conference.

When not doing something Model UN-related, she works part-time for a Member of Parliament and is also involved in the New Zealand Institute of International Relations. Eve also enjoys relaxing with a good book or going for runs along Wellington's waterfront.



# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

To supply an expression of interest for the New Zealand Universities' Delegation to the Harvard National Model United Nations Conference in February 2015, please fill out the following information.

This expression of interest in no way obligates you to attend the tour or pay any of the costs. It is only a mechanism for UN Youth New Zealand to gauge the level of interest.

Your expression of interest will be noted and, if the tour goes ahead, you will be given an application pack to fill out at a later date. The expression of interest will not be assessed and will not be used to determine your selection for the trip.

## PROPOSED ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to attend the trip, a participant would need to be:

- At least 18 years of age when the delegation departs New Zealand on Sunday 1st February 2015.
- At least a second year New Zealand university student when the delegation departs New Zealand on Sunday 1st February 2015. i.e they must have completed at least one full year of university study.
- A New Zealand Citizen / Permanent Resident with a current passport.
- Have no criminal convictions.

## EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SUBMISSION

In your expression of interest please specify your interest and level in the tour.

**EXPRESSION OF INTERESTS MUST BE EMAILED TO:**  
**[statesmun@unyouth.org.nz](mailto:statesmun@unyouth.org.nz)**

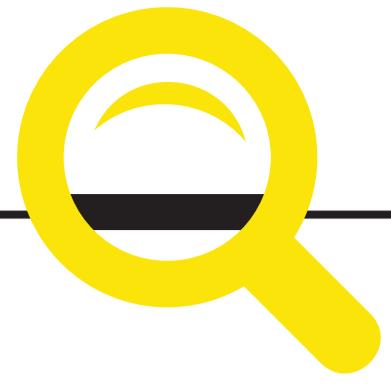
**THESE MUST BE RECEIVED BY 12PM,  
THURSDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2014.**



**ANY QUESTIONS RELATED TO STATESMUN  
2015 OR THIS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST  
PACK, PLEASE CONTACT THE  
CO-DIRECTORS AT:**

**[statesmun@unyouth.org.nz](mailto:statesmun@unyouth.org.nz)**

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## DO I NEED MODEL UNITED NATIONS EXPERIENCE?

Previous experience is not required. We are looking for diverse range of participants that reflect young people in New Zealand. We are however looking for an actual interest in the education content of the tour. This can be reflected in your studies, and extra-curricular activities. We would run workshops and train all participants, so everyone would be at the same level.

## WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR WHEN SELECTING PARTICIPANTS?

We are looking for a variety of things in the applications – students who would benefit from the trip, who would be able to work well with the rest of the delegation, and students who would represent UN Youth NZ and New Zealand well at the StatesMUN conference. The overriding quality we are looking for however, is a genuine interest in the underlying education content and value of the StatesMUN Tour and conference.

## WOULD I HAVE TO ATTEND THE PLANNING WEEKEND IN WELLINGTON?

Yes, you would have to attend the Planning Weekend in its entirety as set out in this expression of interest pack. Failing to do so would result in you losing your place on the delegation.

## ARE ANY OF THE PAYMENTS REFUNDABLE?

Only the first two payments (1 September & 1 October 2014) are NON-REFUNDABLE. Should a participant pull out of the delegation before 31 December 2014, they would be eligible to receive a refund of any payments made, with the exception of the first two payments. Should a delegate pull out of the delegation after 31 December 2014, no refunds would be issued as all costs would have been incurred by this time.

## CAN I LEAVE THE STATESMUN TOUR AT ANY TIME?

You may not leave the StatesMUN tour at any time during the designated dates. You would however be given free time from the Co-Directors in which you may explore that city for that nominated period of time. You may not however leave that city and/or state. There is the option to change your return flight home. Any costs associated in this change would be credited to you.

## I KNOW A LOT OF OTHER STUDENTS APPLYING FROM MY UNIVERSITY/DEGREE – WOULD YOU TAKE A MAXIMUM NUMBER FROM EACH UNIVERSITY/DEGREE?

We would consider each application on its own merits, disregarding which school/region you attend. If we had several applicants from one school for example, this would not put your application at any disadvantage.

