



Special Olympics Youth Leadership Councils

A resource for establishing & advising youth leadership councils globally





1. Design Frame Work (2-6 Weeks)

- *Define the purpose, structure, and resources needed for the youth council.*
- **Review Considerations: [Planning](#)**
- Next Steps: [Planning Worksheet](#)
 - Set clear goal & objectives
 - Decide on council structure
 - Identify qualifying criteria
 - Identify funding needs
 - Meet with organizational leaders to secure support

2. Recruitment & Launch (1 - 2 Months)

- *Actively recruit and select members. Promote the council, review applications, and select candidates based on defined criteria.*
- **Review Considerations: [Recruiting](#)**
- Next Steps: [Application](#) & [Evaluation](#) Forms
 - Create an application form
 - Promote the application
 - Set selection timeline
 - Identify evaluation committee & review applications
 - Launch Externally

3. Onboarding (1 -2 Meetings or 1 In-Person Onboarding) - **RESOURCES IN Q1 OF 2025**

- *Welcome and train new members. Provide orientation and leadership development to ensure everyone understands their roles and responsibilities.*
- Review Considerations
- Next Steps:
 - Hold orientation meeting
 - Set clear expectations

4. Sustaining a Council (Term) - **RESOURCES IN Q2 OF 2025**

- *Continuously support and manage the council by regular meetings and community building.*
- Review Considerations
- Next Steps
 - Hold regular meetings
 - Provide continuous training and leadership development.
 - Monitor council activities and projects