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## Celebrating 20 years of developing new talent

2022 is a special year for the Young Programme. It marks 20 years since our pilot event in Scotland in 2002. Our rollout across the UK and Ireland was complete very soon after that, but 20 years on, our aims are unchanged. They are: **enhancing communication skills, inspiring confidence, and broadening the intellectual horizons of people in the early years of their careers.**

Although the minimum age for taking part is 18, **there is no upper age limit:** delegates may be young in years, or in terms of professional development, or both. People who have come late to a career, for example, are positively encouraged irrespective of age.

A central part of all of our courses is the presentation by each delegate of a 900-word paper ("Argument") on a topic – of the delegate's choice – of current interest or controversy. Researched, written and submitted in advance, the paper is delivered during the event. **Our coaches provide advice – in a written briefing before the programme and then in rehearsal before the papers are presented.**

And there's much more, including:

- guest speakers sharing their extraordinary life experiences in the **Testimony** sessions
- the **Group Challenge** in which delegates are divided into small discussion groups, allocated a topic, and given a short time to prepare an informal presentation
- the **90 Second Challenge**, in which delegates ask themselves a question on a subject of their own choice and answer it without notes
- and **Yes, No, Don't Know**, a debate on a big issue of the day

The entire event adds up to a rich and unique experience. Everyone who completes the course receives a certificate – in recognition of an outstanding achievement. In addition, based mainly on the Argument paper, the title **Ireland Young Thinker of the Year 2022** will be awarded to a delegate on the final evening





## FAQs

### How does the programme benefit our delegate and our organisation?

By nominating a member or members of staff to take part in the Young Ireland Programme you will:

- ✓ enhance their communication skills and presentational abilities
- ✓ inspire them to have confidence in themselves
- ✓ expose them to a wide range of ideas, thoughts and life experiences

### Where and when?

The Young Ireland Programme is held annually in Scotland. This year, the venue is Western House Hotel in Ayr, a seaside town on the west coast. **Registration is in the afternoon of Tuesday 28 June. Delegates checkout after breakfast on Friday 1 July.** For delegates travelling from Dublin, we recommend Aer Lingus flight **EI 3224** to Glasgow on Tuesday and **EI 3225** for the return on Friday. Courtesy transport between Glasgow Airport and the hotel will be provided to connect with these flights.

### Who's eligible?

People aged 18 or over who live and work in Ireland, and who are considered by their employers to be in the early stages of their careers. There is no upper age limit.

### What is the delegate fee?

€1650 per delegate. This includes accommodation (single room occupancy) for three nights, all meals, and enrolment fee.

### What information will delegates receive in advance?

A pack including full details of the event and travel advice will be sent to all delegates on Friday 20 May.

### How do we register?

Book online at [www.youngprogramme.org](http://www.youngprogramme.org) – see page 5 for details. **Closing date: Friday 20 May.**

**Any other questions? If so, call us on 0044 1292 478510 or email [enquiries@youngprogramme.org](mailto:enquiries@youngprogramme.org)**

**See page 4 for some of the organisations which have taken part in Young Programme events in the past year.**



## Some of the UK and Ireland organisations which have taken part in our events in the past year.

### ENGLAND AND WALES

British Transport Police  
City of London Corporation  
Department for Education  
The Duke of Edinburgh's Award  
Home Office  
Homes England  
Kent County Council  
National Audit Office  
Pension Protection Fund  
The Prince's Trust

### SCOTLAND

Age Scotland  
Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service  
East Ayrshire Council  
Forestry and Land Scotland  
NHS Lothian  
Skills Development Scotland  
Scottish Fire and Rescue Service  
Scottish Government  
Scottish Parliament  
Social Security Scotland  
Virgin Money

### IRELAND

Courts Service of Ireland  
Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment  
Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications  
Department of Justice  
Department of Rural and Community Development  
Department of the Taoiseach  
Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media  
Fingal County Council  
Higher Education Authority  
Leitrim County Council  
Office of the Ombudsman

See next page for how to book a place/places for your organisation in the Young Ireland Programme 2022

# How to book a place for your delegate/delegates in the Young Ireland Programme 2022

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Go to our website –

**[www.youngprogramme.org](http://www.youngprogramme.org)**

– and complete the booking form. This brochure is also available on the website.

**See the Ireland page for both.**

The cost per delegate is €1650. This covers three nights' accommodation and all meals at Western House Hotel, Ayr, Scotland, and is inclusive of enrolment fee.

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**Closing date for booking:  
Friday 20 May 2022**

A delegate pack containing guidance on writing the Argument paper, information on other aspects of the course, travel details, etc will be sent to all delegates on that date.

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The name/s of your delegates must be received no later than the above closing date.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the event, please email us:  
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or call 0044 1292 478510

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