

## **GYA Committee for Collaboration with the world's Young Academies**

### Terms of references

*(as of 1 October 2025)*

<b>Name of Committee</b>	<p>Long: GYA Committee for Collaboration with the world's Young Academies</p> <p>Short: GYA Young Academies Committee (YAC)</p>
<b>Committee Co-leads</b>	Two GYA members should co-lead the committee.
<b>Committee members</b>	<p>The committee is open to all GYA members and alumni interested to further the GYA's work with and for the world's young academies.</p> <p>Members and alumni engaged in the following will automatically be considered to be members of this committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GYA YASAS (Young Academies Science Advice Structure, in Europe) Delegate or Observer</li> <li>- GYA members or alumni who hold leadership roles in another young academy (to ensure collaboration)</li> <li>- GYA members or alumni who are part of a group that is working to set up a National Young Academy in a particular country</li> </ul>
<b>EC ex-officio contacts</b>	Members of the GYA EC portfolio on the collaboration with the Young Academies will automatically be members of this committee.
<b>Office liaison</b>	Senior Project Officer Anna-Maria Gramatté

<b>Committee website</b>	The committee will have a sub-page on the GYA website here: <a href="https://globalyoungacademy.net/committees/">https://globalyoungacademy.net/committees/</a>
<b>Committee mailing list</b>	If needed, a <a href="mailto:xxx@globalyoung.academy">xxx@globalyoung.academy</a> mailing list address can be created for internal Committee communication and discussion.
<b>Mattermost</b>	The Committee can have a channel on the GYA Mattermost.
<b>Description text</b>	<p>In the absence of a global network of Young Academies, the GYA has in the past few years been able to act as a facilitator or network provider for the world's young academies so that they can talk to each other, learn from each other, work together etc.</p> <p>The GYA's engagement with the (national) young academies as a network provider, facilitator, convener and partner falls into six areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Provide infrastructure for networking (mailing list, <a href="#">website</a>, disseminate opportunities, staff time at the Office, etc.)</li> <li>- Non-financial support for <a href="#">young academy initiatives</a> working to create a new (National) YA, collecting and sharing of best practices</li> <li>- Collect best practices for running a YA, foster exchange on common challenges and lessons learned</li> <li>- Coordinate or start <a href="#">joint activities</a>; contribute to joint activities led by other YAs (e.g., joint statements or projects)</li> <li>- Co-organise <a href="#">joint meetings</a> (regional, global); attend joint meetings organised/hosted by others</li> <li>- Bring the Young Academies' voice to established tables globally; support growing YA engagement/collaboration with the established science academies (e.g., through fora like IAP, ISC, ALLEA, ...)<sup>1</sup></li> </ul> <p>Until recently, mostly the GYA leadership and a Senior Project Officer at the Office have engaged in the work connected to the other young academies around the world. With the current GYA pivot towards fundraising activities, both the leadership and Office staff have less time at hand to keep the GYA's work going and need support from more GYA members (and alumni) for this.</p> <p>Most of the GYA's work with/for the world's young academies is longer-term, not so easily pin-downable as a concrete, short-term project. As this work is a lot based on collaboration with partners, the GYA also at times does not have much influence over how long a specific activity takes or whether they get finalised; e.g., the GYA cannot itself set up a young academy in a particular country – but GYA members and staff can support a group of people</p>

	<p>(GYA members and non-members) who are working towards creating a young academy in a country where currently no young academy yet exists.</p> <p>1 - This is separate to the GYA Partnership EC Portfolio's task of facilitating the GYA's representation as a member in these networks.</p>
<b>How will the Committee operate?</b>	<p>Once the new EC of that year has drafted the task plan for the coming GYA year, a first Committee meeting will be organised.</p> <p>The GYA Office, in accordance with the EC Portfolio, will organise Zoom meetings every 6-8 weeks, share a tentative agenda for these 3-5 days in advance, so that members can see what will be discussed in each meeting.</p> <p>In between meetings, committee members will work on individual tasks, jointly with other GYA members or with the Office, or with partners from other young academies, or GYA partner organisations.</p>
<b>Call for Committee membership</b>	<p>There will be an annual call, after each AGM, jointly with calls for new members for all GYA Committees. Joining the Committee mid-GYA-year is also possible, e.g., if a GYA member takes up the role of YASAS Delegate or joins a group of people working to set up a (National) Young Academy at some point during the year.</p>
<b>Further notes</b>	<p>Names of members of this committee will be publicly visible on the GYA website.</p>
<b>How to join by current deadline 20 October 2025</b>	<p>To get the Committee started now, in October 2025, GYA Members and Alumni wishing to join this GYA Committee are asked to send a brief expression of interest (name, why do you want to be part of this committee) to Anna-Maria at the GYA Office, by 20 October 2025: <a href="mailto:anna-maria.gramatte@globalyoungacademy.net">anna-maria.gramatte@globalyoungacademy.net</a></p>