

1.5 billion

PEOPLE AGED BETWEEN
15 AND 29 LIVE IN
COMMONWEALTH
COUNTRIES

COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAMME

THE COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT'S YOUTH DEVELOPMENT WORK IS DELIVERED THROUGH THE COMMONWEALTH YOUTH PROGRAMME, AND THIS YEAR CELEBRATES 50 YEARS SUPPORTING MEMBER COUNTRIES

The Commonwealth sees young people aged 15 to 29 as assets to a country's development who should be empowered to realise their potential.

Young people have a proven capability to lead change, and are a vital and valuable investment for now and the future.

ENGAGING AND RECOGNISING YOUNG PEOPLE

SUPPORT THE EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG WOMEN AND MEN IN DEVELOPMENT PROCESSES AND PROMOTE THEIR ENGAGEMENT AT ALL LEVELS OF DECISION-MAKING, INCLUDING WITH HEADS OF GOVERNMENT.

SHOWCASE AND CELEBRATE THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN DRIVING DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT, TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR CAPABILITIES AND INSPIRE FURTHER ACTION.



DO YOU KNOW ?

The Commonwealth's 56 member countries have a combined population of 2.5 billion people, of which more than 60% are under 30 years of age.