UNESCO Biosphere Isle of Man Youth Representative

Are you a young person aged 18-35 with a passion for ensuring the Isle of Man has a sustainable future?

UNESCO Biosphere Isle of Man is seeking an enthusiastic volunteer to join our mission of creating a sustainable future for the Isle of Man!
You do not need to have any specific qualifications, experience, or background for this role - just a love for the Isle of Man and an interest in some aspect of sustainability. Biosphere Isle of Man encompasses the island's culture, environment, economy, and community, so any experience or interest in these areas is a bonus.

Role Description

You will be one of three UNESCO Biosphere Isle of Man Youth Representatives, whose responsibilities are to:

Core Responsibilities

- **Gather views and ideas** from individuals aged 18-35. Share these with our partners, contributing to Stakeholder Forum and Biosphere Board meetings, ensuring the professional representation of the youth voice.
- **Actively involve young people** on the Isle of Man in discussions and activities related to our UNESCO Biosphere status.
- **Be a voice** for the Biosphere Isle of Man Youth Network and communicate any support needed to the Biosphere Coordination team.

Optional Opportunities

- Participate in the EuroMAB and UK/Ireland/IoM Youth Networks.
- Represent UNESCO Biosphere Isle of Man at various events and meetings, both on and off island (funding may be available to support attendance at events off island).

Benefits

- **Flexibility:** Work at your own pace - Manage your volunteer time around any prior commitments and work schedules
- **Networking:** Broaden your network on the Isle of Man and beyond
- **Influence:** Contribute to shaping the future of our Biosphere
- **Skill Development:** Opportunities to develop skills that could improve your employability
- **Supportive Environment:** Work within a friendly team that is ready to provide support and guidance when needed. Reasonable expenses will be covered if approved, and funding may be available for engagement and development opportunities

Expectations

- Commitment to the role for 2 years
- Clear, honest and regular communication with the Biosphere Isle of Man team
  Respectful and respectable representation of Biosphere IoM
- We recommend allocating 2 hours a week to cover core responsibilities

Meeting Attendance (online options available)

- Check-ins with the IoM Biosphere coordinator (monthly)
- Biosphere Board Meetings (every 2 months) *

*This can be shared between the three youth representatives, but there should be at least one youth representative at each SPG and board meeting.

How to Apply

CLICK HERE to complete the application form.

For any further information, please contact biosphere@gov.im or call 07624 236882. You can also reach out to the current youth representatives, Brandon and Alice at biosphereiom_youthnetwork@gmail.com or message @biosphereiom_youthnetwork on Instagram.

Applications close at 14:00 on 30th November 2026 and interviews will be held on Thursday 10th December - we will be in touch to arrange time.

In line with GDPR, we will only retain your details for as long as necessary to select the Youth Representative.