

Youth Parliament Pakistan

The Youth Parliament Pakistan (YPP) powered by PILDAT, aims to enhance knowledge and leadership capabilities of young Pakistanis on how to become active citizens and build successful careers as they are empowered to understand global, regional and local challenges of today and tomorrow and inspired to address these as next generation of leaders.

While building leadership capabilities of young Pakistanis based in Pakistan or overseas, the Youth Parliament Pakistan offers a unique experience for young leaders to interact with Pakistan's **policymakers, thought leaders, defenders of the nation, corporate leaders, innovators, social workers, strategists, technologists, high achievers, trend-setters** and **researchers** working on future careers, and those who have earned a good name for the country in any field.

Our Motto

YPP Motto is Pakistaniat-پاکستانیات!

Making youth proud of Pakistan!

The aim is to strengthen Pakistani nationalism within the youth especially in these times when scepticism and self-doubt is being spread among the youth. YPP aims to reinforce faith and confidence amongst the future political, corporate, business, technological leaders of the country and give them a platform to develop and bolster their vision for the country



Mr. Imran Khan, Chairman PTI; Prime Minister of Pakistan



*Dr. Sania Nishtar,
SAPM on Poverty Alleviation*



*Makhdoom Shah Mahmood
Qureshi, MNA; Foreign Minister of Pakistan*

Membership

Senator
Qurat Ul Ain Marri
Batch of 2007



Mr. Javed Ali Manwa
Finance Minister
of Gilgit Baltistan
Batch of 2014



Dr. Sumera Shams
MPA, KP
Chairperson of Women
Parliamentary Caucus, KP
and youngest MPA of
KP Assembly in 2018
Batch of 2015



Mr. Liaqat Shahwani
Former Spokesperson,
Govt. of Balochistan
Batch of 2007



Mr. Yawar Abbas
Deputy Head of Mission,
Embassy of Pakistan
Athens, Greece
Batch of 2007



Ms. Ammara Hikmat
CEO - Encyclomedia
Batch of 2008



Since 2007 when the first-ever Youth Parliament was launched, PILDAT has organized 16 Youth Parliaments in which over 1,000 members have been trained.

Former members have excelled in a variety of platforms including Parliament, Provincial and Legislative Assemblies, Politics, Central Superior Services (CSS), Provincial Civil Services, Corporate Sector, Business, Entrepreneurship and Teaching Faculty.

- **Senator Qurat-ul-Ain Marri**
- **Mr. Javed Ali Manwa**
Finance Minister Gilgit-Baltistan
- **Mr. Liaqat Shahwani**
Former Spokesperson, Government of Balochistan
- **Dr. Sumera Shams**, MPA
Chairperson of Women Parliamentary Caucus, KP and youngest MPA of KP Assembly in 2018
- **Mr. Shahzad Zaheer**
Chairman Petroleum Exploration (Pvt) Ltd
- **Mr. Yawar Abbas**
Deputy Head of Mission, Athens
- **Ms. Saadia Wuqar-un-Nisa**
Foreign Service of Pakistan
- **Mr. Safwan Ullah**, Assistant Auditor General
- **Ms. Ammara Hikmat**
Entertainment Publicist and CEO, Encyclomedia
- **Ms. Shanza Faiq** who topped CSS and is now in the Foreign Service of Pakistan
- **Ms. Arooj Aurangzaib** who made her name as a social activist
- **Rana Musa Tahir**, Assistant Commissioner Islamabad
- **Mr. Mustafa Hyder Sayed**
CEO PakChina Institute – a leading Think Tank
- **Mr. Zaka Zahid Shafiq** who started UCC Enterprises in United States to join the urgent care industry.

And the list goes on!!!!



Each Youth Parliament has focussed on building awareness and capacity building of young members on requirements and challenges of governance, leadership and career development. YPP will inculcate in young women and men of Pakistan a culture of critical thinking and to hold informed, rational and reason-based dialogue on issues facing Pakistan. Members of each Youth Parliament holds debates on key policy and legislative issues facing the country; review, scrutinise policies and ideas in Youth Standing Committees and develop, draft and present youth-led policy proposals to Pakistan's Parliament and Government

Focus of Youth Parliament Pakistan



Members of Youth Parliament have also been invited to present their review on policies at the Federal Cabinet, such as the review of the draft National Education Policy in the Federal Cabinet of then Prime Minister of Pakistan, **Syed Yusuf Raza Gilani** in September 2009

A key emphasis is placed on learning and capacity building of members through talks and interactions with leading policy makers and thinkers in various fields of life. Each Youth Parliament has held interactions with and has been addressed by successive Presidents of Pakistan, Prime Ministers of Pakistan, Chief Justices of Pakistan, Presiding Officers of the Parliament, Federal Ministers and Officials, National Security Advisors, Governors and Chief Ministers of Pakistan's Provinces, and leaders of key Political Parties. Such eminent Pakistanis have included **Mr. Imran Khan**, Chairperson of the PTI and current Prime Minister of Pakistan, **Mr. Yusuf Raza Gilani**, Prime Minister, **Mr. Shaukat Aziz**, Prime Minister, **Mr. Asif Ali Zardari**, President of Pakistan, **Justice Iftikhar Muhammad Chaudhry & Justice Anwar Zaheer Jamali**, Chief Justices of Pakistan, among others.



Mr. Mushahid Hussain



Mr. David Miliband



Mr. Asif Ali Zardari

Chairman Senate **Senator Raza Rabani** and Chair Senate Foreign Relations Committee **Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed** invited MYPs in the Banquet Hall of the Parliament for interaction.

Previous Youth Parliaments have also been addressed by various visiting dignitaries.

Mr. David Miliband, then Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, UK, was also one such distinguished Guest Speaker at the first Youth Parliament in July 2007. During various Study Visits to the UK and Denmark, members of Youth Parliament have also been addressed by various UK and Danish MPs, Ministers and Committee chairs belonging to various political parties.

17th Youth Parliament Pakistan

Building on the rich learning through successfully facilitating 16 Youth Parliaments, PILDAT has designed and launched 17th Youth Parliament.

17th YPP will comprise 300 members and 600 alternates. Membership of 17th YPP will be drawn from all 272 National Assembly Constituencies in Islamabad Capital Territory and the four provinces. In addition, Youth representatives from Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan and Overseas Pakistanis around the globe will also join YPP.

Members will be selected for a period of 1 year.

Throughout this term, online activities including courses, Engagement with thought leaders, representatives of the Government, Parliamentarians, counterparts in Youth Parliaments abroad will take place. Moreover, a five (5)-day residential in-person session will be organised in Islamabad on a self-help basis with costs subsidized by Universities and Corporate sponsorships, Young members, selected for the in-person session, will have the opportunity to interact with key leaders of Pakistan, including those at the helm of affairs in Government and other State institutions, political leaders, industry experts, thought leaders and innovators belonging to various cutting-edge fields. Members will hold moderated discussions on addressing key issues of democratic governance, career choices and innovations. They will hold parliamentary-style discussions and pore-over critical questions policies in Youth Standing Committees.

The in-person session of the Youth Parliament may also include Study Visits to Parliament, PMO, Supreme Court, and other State institutions such as the Election Commission of Pakistan. Interaction with defenders of the nation will also be a part of the agenda. The in-person session will also include talks and interactions with famous Artists from various fields of fine arts including entertainment programmes as part of the agenda. An effort will be made to organise a Study Visit to another country on self-help basis with possible subsidy by sponsors.

Based on the YPP Motto of Pakistaniat- **پاکستانیات** – making Youth Proud of Pakistan, the upcoming Youth Parliaments will groom the leadership potential of the Youth of Pakistan and to provide them with an opportunity to:

- Develop critical thinking skills, intellectual curiosity, empathy and innovation.
- Become active citizens and build successful careers.
- Understand local and global challenges of today and tomorrow and learn to address these challenges.
- Understand Political System of Pakistan and values and culture of democracy.
- Learn to be tolerant of a variety of viewpoints and engage in a rational, reason-based dialogue.
- Develop policy alternatives, based on the youth's perspective, to address critical issues.



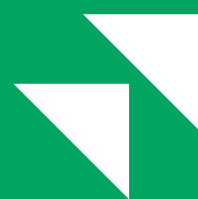
Mr. Shaukat Aziz
Former Prime Minister



Ms. Marvi Memon
Former Chair BISP



Senator Sherry Rehman



YPP Steering Committee

over the years



S. M. Zafar
Former Senator &
Chair of the YPP Steering Committee



Ms. Anusha Rahman Khan
Former MNA &
Federal Minister



Nawabzada Saifullah Magsi
Former Senator



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Former Deputy Speaker,
National Assembly of Pakistan



Mr. Nadeem Afzal Gondal
Former MNA &
Chair Public Accounts Committee



Mr. Shehryar Afridi
MNA;
Former Federal Minister



Dr. Donya Aziz
Former MNA &
Parliamentary Secretary



Ms. Maleeka Bukhari
MNA; Parliamentary Secretary
on Law & Justice



Mr. Omar Ayub Khan
MNA;
Federal Minister



Mr. Talib Hussain Sial
Ministry of Youth Affairs



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MNA;
Federal Minister for Communications



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Mr. Faisal Karim Kundi
Former MNA &
Deputy Speaker
National Assembly of Pakistan



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About PILDAT

Founded in 2001, PILDAT (www.pildat.org) is an independent, non-partisan indigenous think tank focused on strengthening democracy and democratic institutions and the quality of governance in Pakistan.

Development and capacity building of new leadership through working with Youth, PILDAT also works with enhancing capabilities of national and provincial legislators, elected local government officials, political parties and officials of the executive. Political and public policy research, producing objective, research-based analysis on policies especially under review by the Parliament and the Executive, formulation of policies in the field of democratic governance and policy advocacy on a wide range of issues are key areas of PILDAT's focus.





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Dr. Hassan-Askari Rizvi, Analyst



Mr. Kanwar Dilshad, Former Secretary ECP



Mr. Saleem Safi, Analyst



Senator Ali Zafar, Chair Senate Standing Committee on Law & Justice



Ms. Maleeka Bokhari, MNA; Parliamentary Secretary Law & Justice

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