

Information for young people

So, you're interested in joining our newly formed Young Ambassadors Board? Amazing!

We've created this information sheet with the main things you need to know. But if you have any other questions just email us at youthvoice@actionforchildren.org.uk or message Sarah (Participation Officer) on **07843 344 619**.

1. If I join the Young Ambassadors Board, what will I be doing?

By being a Young Ambassador, you will...

- ★ Meet like-minded young people from across the UK, who want to make a difference.
- ★ Share your views and ideas on issues that matter to you in a friendly and non-judgemental space.
- ★ Represent the voices of young people at meetings with decision-makers including trustees, staff and politicians.
- ★ Speak to other children and young people who use our services, so we know what's working well and what we can do better.
- ★ Represent Action for Children at big events, such as galas, award ceremonies and much more!
- ★ Help us recruit new staff by taking part in interview panels and the 'Dragons Den' panel, where you can help decide where funding goes for new projects.

- ★ Build your skills and CV with free training on topics such as public speaking, campaigning and research.
- ★ Have the chance to travel across the country, take part in fun projects, events, campaigns and more.

2. Is it free to join?

Yes! This is a voluntary opportunity, so there is no cost to take part.

3. Do I need experience of taking part in a group like this before?

No experience is needed. We will support you to learn as you go and we will learn from you to make the group the best it can be.

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4. How often do we meet, where and what time?

We will meet monthly, for one hour on either Zoom or Teams.

We'll confirm the time of meet-ups and the digital platform once we've recruited all our new members.



5. Will we ever meet in person?

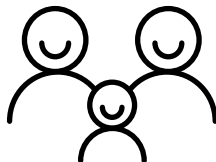
Yes! There will be opportunities to meet in person such as youth-voice events which we will plan together. We will cover the cost of travel, accommodation and reasonable expenses for face-to-face meet ups. We will tell you what costs we can cover in advance.

6. Will there be other opportunities that I can take part in outside of the monthly meet-ups?

Absolutely. There may be opportunities to work on a smaller projects across the organisation. We will make sure this is on a day and time convenient for you, and we often offer gift vouchers for your time.

7. Why is there a big age range for members in the group?

Different ages bring different perspectives, and this is what the group is all about.



Action for Children supports children and young people from 0-25 years, so we want to hear from young people of a variety of ages. Regardless of age, we can all learn from and support each other.

8. Can I quit if I don't want to be on the Young Ambassadors Board anymore?

Of course. The group is voluntary, so if you feel it's not right for you, then let us know.

For members who do feel the group is right for them, **we ask you to commit to a two-year term from March 2023- March 2025.** Attendance at the meetups is important, so if you can't attend, please let us know in advance.

9. How will I know the difference my views are making?

You will always receive updates on how your views have influenced decision-making. This might include video updates from staff or the young people we support. Or opportunities to visit our services or receive written updates.

10. Who is in charge of the group?

The group is co-led by our Participation Lead Francesca and our Participation and Engagement Officer Sarah, as well as each member of the Young Ambassadors Board.



You can go to The Participation Team for advice, guidance and support throughout.

11. I will need help to participate in the meetups, is that possible?

Of course. The Young Ambassadors Board must be a safe, accessible and inclusive space for everyone to participate. If you have a disability or require reasonable adjustments to support you in this role, please let us know so we can help.

12. What if I don't get a place on the Young Ambassadors Board?

Sadly, it's not possible to offer everyone a place on the Board, as we only have 15 spaces. If you don't get selected this term, we can add you to a 'virtual hub' and you'll still be contacted with opportunities to have your say.

13. What if I can't complete the application form?

If you're stuck or need help applying, please don't worry. Contact our team at youthvoice@actionforchildren.org.uk

If you'd prefer to apply in a different way, like a short video or voice note email us and we'll send you a list of questions to answer.

We'll treat all applications the same however they're submitted.



14. How can I apply and what happens next?

You can apply on our website [actionforchildren.org.uk/youthvoice](https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/youthvoice). Please apply by **Monday 13 February 2023.**

We'll contact you and your parents/carers by **Wednesday 22 February 2023** to let you know if you've been shortlisted to attend a fun, informal online group activity on **Saturday 4 March 2023, 10am-11am.**