Young People’s Board for Change

**CONFIDENTIAL**

**PARENT/CARER CONSENT FORM**

Your child has expressed an interest in applying to join the NSPCC Young People’s Board for Change. Your answers will help us to support your child.

Please complete this consent form and submit it with your child’s application form by 11th January 2021. If you need any help completing this form, or have any questions, please contact our Participation team: [Participationteam@NSPCC.org.uk](mailto:Participationteam@NSPCC.org.uk)

**What is the NSPCC Young People’s Board for Change?**

The Young People's Board for Change exists to steer, advise and influence the NSPCC on issues that affect children and young people in the UK. The board is made up of 15 young people, aged 13-16, from across the UK. They will meet on a regular basis between January 2021 and January 2023.

By signing this form, you are giving permission for your child to:

* Apply to the Young People’s Board for Change
* If shortlisted to take part in a virtual interview

Should my children be successful at interview stage, you are giving permission for your child to attend the following events (full details and dates will be shared in advance of all events):

* Weekend residentials at different locations in the UK (this is Covid-19 dependent and will be based on Government guidance). (Expenses and travel costs will be covered by NSPCC)
* Virtual meetings (via videocall platforms) with other Young People’s Board for Change members, hosted by NSPCC staff
* Meetings with NSPCC trustees and other staff, in-person or virtual
* Conferences and other NSPCC events
* External youth events

**Please note:** Should your child require a high level of personal or physical care, or presents behaviour which impacts on the safety of themselves or others around them then unfortunately we are currently unable to support them on the Young People’s Board for Change. If you are unsure if this will apply to your child, please contact us to discuss before completing this form.

All parents/carers must complete this form if their child is applying for the Young People’s Board for Change.

**Section A: Young Person’s Details**

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| ***Full name (please print)*** |  |
| ***Date of Birth*** |  |
| ***On 11th January 2021, my child will be:*** | 13 □ 14 □ 15 □ 16 □ |
| ***They identify as:*** | Female □ Male □ Prefer not to say □ Prefer to self-describe □ |
| ***Home address*** |  |
| ***Country of residence*** | Northern Ireland □ Scotland □ Wales □  North East □ North West □ Yorkshire and the Humber □ West Midlands □ East Midlands □  South West □ South East □ East of England □  Greater London □ |
| ***Phone*** |  |
| ***Mobile*** |  |
| ***Email (Optional)*** |  |
| ***Preferred Language*** |  |
| I agree to my child being contacted via (please tick):  mobile phone – text or call □ mobile phone – text only □ email □  Video call platform (Zoom, Microsoft teams) □ | |
| I agree to my child being photographed or taking part in video content taken by NSPCC staff or external photographer’s being used for NSPCC promotional purposes  Yes □ No □ I would like to discuss □ | |

**Section B: Parent or carer’s details**

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| ***Full name* of parent/ carer** |  |
| ***What is your relationship to the child/young person?*** |  |
| ***Home address*** |  |
| ***What country do you live in?*** | Northern Ireland □ Scotland □ Wales □  North East □ North West □ Yorkshire and the Humber □ West Midlands □ East Midlands □  South West □ South East □ East of England □  Greater London □ |
| ***Phone*** |  |
| ***Mobile*** |  |
| ***Email (Optional)*** |  |
| ***Preferred language*** |  |
| **What is your preferred way to be contacted?**  □ mobile phone – call or text □ mobile phone – text only □ email  □ other (please specify) | |
| **How did you hear about the Young People’s Board for Change?** | |

**Section C: If there’s an emergency, please contact**

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|  | ***First Emergency Contact*** | ***Second Emergency Contact*** |
| ***Full name (Please print):*** |  |  |
| ***Relationship to Young Person:*** |  |  |
| ***Home/Work Number:*** |  |  |
| ***Mobile Number:*** |  |  |

**Ethnicity**

NSPCC is committed to equality and diversity. You do not have to provide details, but we are requesting the following information to enable us to monitor who is engaging with us to ensure we are fairly representing the wider community as a whole.

Please state your child’s ethnicity below

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| ***White*** | White British □ White English □ White Irish □  White Northern Irish □ White Scottish □   White Welsh □ White Gypsy or Irish Traveller □   White any other white background □ |
| ***African/Caribbean/Black/Black British*** | African □ Caribbean □  Any other black background □ |
| ***Asian or Asian British*** | Bangladeshi □ Chinese □ Indian □ Pakistani □  Other Asian background □ |
| ***Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups*** | White and Asian □ White and Black African □    White and Black Caribbean □  Any other mixed background □ |
| ***Other ethnic group*** | Other ethnic group □ Prefer not to say □ |

**Section E: Parents/Carer Declaration:**

The NSPCC aims to provide a safe and enjoyable volunteering experience for every young person.

To help us do this, please note the following important information.

* All questions on the consent form must be completed and signed by the parent or carer who has legal responsibility before any child takes part. The only exception is where questions have been answered ‘prefer not to say’.
* You must notify us of any changes to the information given on the form.
* Parents and carers must make arrangements for children to be brought to and from all activities safely and on time. If a parent or carer is not able to collect their child, they need to let us know in advance who will be collecting their child.
* We cannot take responsibility for any damage to clothing and/or personal items during activities.

**I agree to** (please tick):

□ my child taking part in the Young People’s Board for Change, if their application is successful

□ NSPCC keeping a record of this form if my child gains a place on the Board (the consent will last for the duration of my child being a member of the YPBC)

□ any medical treatment that my child may need to be given in an emergency

I understand that my child needs to follow the behaviour code and any safety rules so that they and others can be kept safe.

I understand that I will be contacted as soon as possible about any matters relating to my child’s care or welfare.

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| ***Signed:*** | ***Date:*** |

**Section F: Young Person’s Declaration**

I agree (please tick):

□ to take part in the Young People’s Board for Change, if my application is successful

□ to let one of the leaders, know if I am not comfortable at any time during Young People’s Board for Change activities

□ to this record being kept so that the NSPCC have the information they need to keep me safe during Young People’s Board for Change activities

□to receiving any emergency medical treatment that I may need

I confirm that I want to attend the events detailed above and agree to co-operate fully with NSPCC staff and other volunteers. I understand that enjoying the activities and being safe means, I need to follow the behaviour code and safety rules. I understand that if I do not co-operate with the NSPCC staff that this may result in returning home early and a discontinuation of my involvement in this piece of work.

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| ***Signed:*** | ***Date:*** |

***Please return completed form, along with your child’s application to:*** participationteam@NSPCC.org.uk

**Or by post to:**

Participation Team, NSPCC, Weston House, 42 Curtain Road, London, EC2A 3NH

**What happens next?**

We’ll contact you and your child in January 2021 with an update on their application. We will invite those that have been successful with their application to an interview which will happen virtually via video call platform on 18 – 21st January. Sadly, we can’t offer everyone that applies an interview or a place on the YPBC as we only have 15 places available. We will contact young people that are not successful this time with other opportunities and ways to get involved in supporting the work of the NSPCC.

**PRIVACY NOTICE**

**Your personal information is important to us and we will take all reasonable steps to ensure this is kept safe and secure.  Our privacy policy tells you what personal information we may hold about you and how we ensure it is kept safe and secure, you can read our privacy notice here:**[**https://www.nspcc.org.uk/privacy-policy**](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/privacy-policy)