

Young People's Board for Change

Putting children and young people first

Information for parents

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.

Anyone can apply – we want lots of different young people to be part of the board. They don't need experience of taking part in an advisory group before, or of volunteering for the NSPCC. They will be given lots of support, information and training so that they feel confident and happy to take part.



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We need young people who:

- Are between 13 and 16 years old.
- Have an interest in improving the lives of children and young people.
- Are prepared to listen to others and respect their views.
- Are willing to work with others and local groups.
- Are willing to contribute to the board to the best of their ability.
- Can attend all meetings and workshops (dates will be shared in advance).

What will young people gain?

As a member of the NSPCC Young People's Board for Change, they will get to travel across the country to take part in residential, meetings, consultations and workshops. They will get to have their views heard by talking to other young people, NSPCC trustees, staff, politicians and decision-makers. They will be trained and supported to seek the views of other children and young people, using a variety of methods. Oh, and above all, they will get to meet loads of other young people and have lots of fun.

What's the commitment?

- Attend all online and face-to-face meetings (including up to three weekend or half-term residentials each year).
- Take every opportunity to advise the NSPCC on the issues that affect children and young people.
- Tell the NSPCC their thoughts on what the organisation is doing, and what they could be doing better for children and young people.
- Gather the views of other children and young people throughout the UK on the services and support they and their families/carers want and need.
- Meet as smaller regional and topic groups. These events will involve working with our local and regional campaigns team, as well as meeting other young people who are not on the board and asking their views on areas of the board's work.

How much will it cost?

The NSPCC will cover the cost of travel, accommodation and reasonable expenses for regional and national meetings. What we will cover will be shared with you in advance of attending a meeting.

Child Protection:

The NSPCC are committed to the protection of children and young people, and to creating a working culture where children and young people are valued and safeguarded. The NSPCC have a child protection policy and procedures to which all staff are expected to work. To create a safe environment for children and staff where poor practice is challenged, the following steps are taken:

- All staff are police-checked, and references are taken to verify staff suitability.
- All staff are supervised and supported in their work.
- All staff work to the NSPCC child protection procedures which are reviewed and updated as necessary.
- All staff receive training in child protection at a level appropriate to their work situation.
- All staff can raise concerns about poor or dangerous practice through the NSPCC's child protection procedures and whistleblowing policy.
- All our events are fully risk assessed.
- Insurance details are obtained and verified for any external venues that we use.

Next steps and further information:

Please complete an application form by 11 January 2021.

Information about the Young People's Board for Change and the application form can be found here:

nspcc.org.uk/boardforchange

If you have further questions please contact: Zazie Clarke
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