

Online Safety

Youth Taskforce

Everything you need to know

Make your voice heard and shape
a safer, happier online world.

What is Child Safety Online?

When we have spoken to young people about online safety, they have told us: **'Though we may be young, we have a strong opinion on how to keep children safe online'**

Right now, there is no one championing the views of young people to make big changes to the online world. We want to change that. It is time for us adults to make sure you are part of the conversation about making safer online spaces for everyone. We want to learn more about your experiences online, and the problems you face when looking for help, and work with you to design solutions to those problems.

We know that, as young people, you are the experts in your own lives – so please share your voices and experiences with us. And together, we can create an online world that is safe for every child.

As part of putting young people at the heart of our work, we are looking to recruit a taskforce of young people to have a voice on safety in the online world. This work will potentially involve talking with industry leaders in the online world, influencing laws and regulation, as well as looking at solutions to current harmful trends online.

What is the Online Safety Youth Taskforce?

The Online Safety Youth Taskforce will be a group of 15 young people from across the UK aged between 13-16 years old. The Online Safety Youth Taskforce will be able to share their views and ideas on issues that young people face online today, and advise the NSPCC on what matters most to this generation. This will involve lots of fun projects and experiences. There will be opportunities to travel across the country to take part in residential, meetings, and workshops, all related to the online world and keeping young people safe.

Anyone can apply – we want lots of different young people to be part of the Online Safety Youth Taskforce. You do not need experience of taking part in an advisory group before, or of volunteering for the NSPCC. We will be giving you lots of support, information, and training so that you feel confident and happy to take part.

What's involved

If you become a member of the **Online Safety Youth Taskforce** you will:

- Attend monthly sessions and workshops online with the rest of the Online Safety Youth Taskforce. Some sessions will be face-to-face but the majority will be held virtually.
- Share your views and ideas with key decision-makers at the NSPCC, and industry leaders within the online world.
- Work with the rest of the Online Safety Youth Taskforce to champion young people's views about the online world.
- Be trained to develop lots of important skills like campaigning, public speaking, and teamwork.
- Represent the Online Safety Youth Taskforce at exciting events with lots of people interested in online safety. Meet with other teams within the NSPCC to help make the online world safer.
- Be the experts in new and emerging trends and work as a team to develop advice and information on harmful trends.

To become a member of the Online Safety Youth Taskforce you need to:

- Be committed to being a member of the Online Safety Youth Taskforce for two years, from April 2024 – March 2026.
- Be available to consistently attend all online and face-to-face meetings, including in-person residential events.
- Have access to technology that will allow you to take part in virtual meetings and offline tasks.
- Be happy to share your views and ideas, and to tell the NSPCC what you think about what we do, and what we could be doing better for children and young people.
- Be excited to work in a team with a group of 14 other young people from across the UK.
- Have a willingness to listen to others and respect views that might be different to your own.
- Be ready to try new things and take part in new experiences, like attending meetings with decision-makers at the NSPCC.

What does it cost?

It doesn't cost anything to join. The NSPCC will cover the cost of travel, accommodation, and other expenses like food, when you come to any in-person events and meetings. All these details will be shared with you and your parent/carer before any meetings or events.

I want to apply to the Online Safety Youth Taskforce. How does it work?

Great! The first step is to [fill out an application form](#). Once you have filled that out, get a parent or carer to fill out the [consent form](#) to go along with it.

You will need to submit it to us by 12th January 2024. You will need to be available to come to a virtual interview with one of our friendly team members in February or March 2024.

What if I need additional support with applying?

We're always here to help. Send a message to YouthCSOSolutions@NSPCC.org.uk and we can have a chat to make sure that you have all the support you need to apply.

Safeguarding

The NSPCC takes safeguarding seriously and is committed to protecting young people from harm. To see how we do this, please read the safeguarding document contained on the [webpage](#) which details our commitment to young people and what we have put in place to keep young people safe.

