

Who can join?

Young people usually join the group after CTAC have worked on their case and the young person's social worker or solicitor thinks the group will be helpful for them.

There aren't strict age limits for joining the group but members need to be living in a safe place and the age range is usually 16–24 years.

If you want to join the group, a member of staff from CTAC will come and meet you with an existing member of the group. This could be where you live or somewhere else that you feel comfortable meeting. We will explain everything about the group and if you still want to join we will invite you to the next group meeting. We will ask you to come in a little bit before the meeting so you can meet the rest of the team and have a look around the office. You are welcome to bring someone with you, like your foster carer or social worker, but they won't be able to come into the group.



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NSPCC Child Trafficking Advice Centre (CTAC)

Young People's Advisory Group

INFORMATION FOR
YOUNG PEOPLE

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What is child trafficking?

Child trafficking is when children (under 18 years old) are moved from one place to another or one country to another to be exploited or taken advantage of. Some children are exploited by working in factories, restaurants or nail bars.

Some children are exploited to commit crimes, like having to steal things or be in a house to grow cannabis plants. Some children have to marry someone or have sex with someone. Other children are in houses where they do all the housework and sometimes look after other children.

Child trafficking is child abuse and is never the child's fault.

What is the NSPCC Child Trafficking Advice Centre (CTAC)?

The NSPCC is a large children's charity in the UK that works to try and keep children safe. CTAC is a team in the NSPCC that gives advice and training to people who are working with children that have been trafficked. We do this to try and make sure all children are kept safe and are given the help they need.

We are an independent organisation which is separate from social services and the Home Office.

What is CTAC Young People's Advisory Group?

The group is made up of young people from different countries around the world, who have been trafficked to the UK for different reasons.

We think it's important for young people's voices to be heard and for them to be involved in decision making, so that together we can raise awareness and help more young people who have been trafficked.

Through sharing their experiences and advice, group members help professionals across the UK understand what to do to help children who have been trafficked.



Group members' art work on display at the House of Lords

How does the group work?

The group members meet every three months at the NSPCC office in central London to discuss the issue of child trafficking, give their views and opinions, and make recommendations.

Young people have the choice of discussing with researchers and the media about child trafficking (this can be done without giving your name), to deliver training to professionals with the team, and to meet and introduce new young people to the group.

What young people say about the group:

Listening to people in the group gives me confidence. It's like if they can do it, I can do it.

We support each other, we encourage each other.

The group has enabled me to move on with my life.