

Young People's Board for Change

Putting children and young people first

Information for parents and carers

What is the NSPCC Young People's Board for Change?

The Young People's Board for Change share their ideas and opinions to steer, advise and influence the NSPCC on what matters most to children and young people.

The board is made up of 15 young people, aged 13-16, from across the UK. They will meet on a regular basis between March 2025 and March 2027.

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 making a change for children and young people.
- Are prepared to listen to others and respect their opinions.
- Are excited to share their ideas and opinions, and work with others.
- 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, young people will:

- Develop new skills and take part in exciting training like campaigning, media and public speaking.
- Have opportunities to travel across the UK to take part in residential, meetings, consultations and workshops.
- Meet with decision-makers including NSPCC staff, Trustees and politicians to share what matters most to young people.
- Most importantly, meet other young people and have fun.

What's the commitment?

- Attend all online and face-to-face meetings, including in-person residential events.
- Share their ideas and opinions on NSPCC's work, and what we could be doing better for children and young people.
- Keep track of communications from NSPCC, including reading and replying to messages.

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.

Our ask of you

Taking part in opportunities as a member of the Young People's Board for Change requires access to a device with internet, a camera and microphone.

If your young person does not have this, let us know and we can talk about the best way for them to be involved.

If we have an in-person opportunity, we will always share information with parents/carers in advance to discuss. This may, at times, require an appropriate adult to travel with the

young person and/or to stay overnight. If this is a barrier to your young person taking part in additional opportunities, we can talk about the best way for them to be involved.

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 20 January 2025.

Information about the Young People's Board for Change and the application form can be found here: nspcc.org.uk/boardforchange

Once all applications have been received, young people and parents/carers will be contacted by February 2025 to confirm whether they will be invited to interview with our friendly participation team. If your young person is not invited to interview, they will be offered the opportunity to sign up to 'The Collective', this means they will receive a monthly newsletter from NSPCC with additional opportunities such as surveys, workshops and events.