

## YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER

**Commitment required:** A voluntary, two-year opportunity (November 2021-November 2023)  
**Supervised and supported by:** Strategic Lead – Youth Engagement

At the UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK), we pull together to achieve the best possible results for children around the world.

### ABOUT THE YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

Our work is guided by the UN Convention of the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) - an important agreement by countries who have promised to protect children's rights. The UNCRC explains all the rights children have, and the responsibilities of governments.

The Convention explains that children have the right to give their opinions freely on issues that affect them. It also says that adults should listen and take them seriously. This is explained in 'Article 12' of the Convention. At UNICEF UK we have a Youth Advisory Board – to help us work with children and young people in a meaningful way.

Youth Advisory Board (YAB) members are passionate about UNICEF's efforts to ensure rights are realised for all children. You can read more about the work of the first Youth Advisory Board [here](#).

### ABOUT THE ROLE

Members of the Youth Advisory Board support UNICEF UK by:

- Being a **public voice** – speaking up on behalf of UNICEF UK and other children and young people, about children's rights.
- Providing **insight** – using their knowledge of what appeals to young people, helping UNICEF UK make decisions and develop new ideas.
- Raising **awareness** – using their online and offline networks to help people understand UNICEF UK's work.

Ways of Working:

- The group will **meet fortnightly** via **video call** - to work as a team and learn about UNICEF's work for children around the world. Fortnightly meetings will last around 45 minutes.
- The group will also meet **three or four times a year**, for **half day workshops** and **collaborative projects**.
- There will be some **work** to do **outside of the meetings** – and opportunities to take part in additional events.
- **When it is safe to meet in-person, the format, frequency and duration of these meetings will be reviewed.**

UNICEF UK is an inclusive organisation and we embrace diversity because we know that bringing together people with different experiences, perspectives and backgrounds will lead to even greater results for children. We encourage applications from young people from all backgrounds, identities and lived experiences including those who are LGBTQ+, Black, Asian or another minoritised ethnicity, disabled, young carers, refugees, and low-income backgrounds.

Lots of learning and development opportunities are offered, travel expenses for YAB members and their parent/carer (if under 18) are reimbursed, and we make adjustments where needed to remove barriers to

participation. This can include covering the costs of a Personal Assistant/Carer or interpreter/translator if YAB members use one, for example.

There are eight places available to join the UNICEF UK Youth Advisory Board.

We have information available for parents/carers and/or school/college too to help make sure your family and support networks understand what being part of the YAB is all about.

## BEHAVIOURS, EXPERIENCE AND SKILLS

	Successful applicants...
Communication skills	will be an enthusiastic voice for the organisation, sharing UNICEF messaging as well as the YAB's own priorities, in their own words
New trends and innovations	take an interest in new ideas, opportunities and movements that are relevant to children and young people
Children's Rights	Will have an interest in children's rights. They will receive some child rights training, and champion a child rights-based approach in all their activities
Citizenship	have some knowledge or involvement with other youth networks, social action and citizenship activities including participation in things like school councils, iwill, Guiding or Scouting
Age	must be between 14 and 18 years of age at the time of application
Location	must live and study in the UK for the duration of their term on the Youth Advisory Board
Commitment	Sign up for a two-year term – completing onboarding/induction training, and attending and participating in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fortnightly video calls, workshops and meetings</li><li>• Quarterly half day workshops/collaborative projects or in-person residentials (when safe to do so)</li><li>• Whole YAB projects</li><li>• Individual projects</li></ul>

**Young people who have a close family member who works for, or is a Trustee for UNICEF UK, are not eligible for this opportunity.**

## SUPPORT FROM UNICEF UK

Youth Advisory Board members will:

- Be part of UNICEF's efforts to make a difference, and ensure rights are realised for all children.
- Work as a team.
- Learn new skills, have new experiences.
- Help shape UNICEF UK's work.
- Get support from UNICEF UK colleagues with regular check-ins with Strategic Lead – Youth Engagement, to make sure the opportunity is working for you.

When you apply, please tell us if you have any **access requirements**, you'd like us to know about.

If you have questions about this opportunity please contact Jess Bool, Strategic Lead – Youth Engagement: [youthvoice@unicef.org.uk](mailto:youthvoice@unicef.org.uk)