



SPEAKERS
for schools

We need
**YOUTH
COUNCIL**
to join us

Application Guide



Thank you for your interest in becoming a Youth Council member. To help you know what to expect, we've put together a short overview and guide for what comes next in the application process...

A QUICK RECAP

Speakers for Schools are a charity who help state-educated young people like you. Every year we invite 20 young 15-17-year-olds (from years 10 – 12) to join our Youth Council to amplify your voice and represent fellow students.



You'll act as an advisory board for our teams, as a consultation with young people on the work we do, meeting online once or twice per month. You could be co-creating or sharing diverse insights on programmes and products, feeding back on impact surveys, writing letters to Ministers on youth initiatives, and so much more.



Get involved with in-person opportunities which vary from year to year – which could include attending or speaking at educational events, round table meetings with policy makers, MPs or employers, or campaign launches.



Receive training opportunities in press and media, chairperson and secretarial duties, as well as a full induction and chances to advance your personal development.

HOW TO APPLY



Your 3-step application process:

1

Submit an Application

Complete and submit the online application form in full to tell us a bit more about you, why you'd like to join our Youth Council and confirm your Parent/Carer's contact details.

You must submit your application **before midnight on Friday the 29th of November 2024.**

Any applications received after this deadline will not be considered.

2

Join an Interview

Once we have reviewed the applications, if we'd like to know more about you, we'll contact you to arrange an interview – either online, in person, or on the phone.

Please don't worry about the prospect of an interview with us. We will keep it as informal as possible and we will ask you which method of contact you are most comfortable with.

3

Attend the Welcome Event

If your application is successful, we will be in touch to confirm your appointment as a Youth Council member and invite you to attend a fully funded 2-day welcome event.

This in-person event is expected to take the form of a residential in February 2024 where you will receive full training on your role as well as a schedule for all future monthly online meetings.

MORE REASONS TO APPLY

Still need an extra nudge? Here's what some past members have to say...



“I felt listened to, it was great to be part of a group who were sharing and examining exciting ideas, and I gained so much insight into real world policy decisions that effect young people. Plus I developed many skills!”

Beau, 17, Birmingham



“As a Youth Council member, the possibility of impacting other young people's lives was astonishing. One of my favourite experiences was meeting with the then Minister for Mental Health and Social Care, Rt Hon Gillian Keegan.”

Akshaya, 15, London

Ready to raise your public profile, extend your network, build your skills, and give back?

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