

## Do you work with children and young people who have experience of children's social care who want to make a difference?

*The National Children's Bureau (NCB) is really excited to be recruiting two new advisory boards on behalf of the Department for Education (DfE) for children and young people with lived experience of children's social care.*

DfE and NCB would like to recruit children and young people in England for whom children's social care has played a role in their lives and who are passionate about making it better. They will help shape the next stages of major reforms to children's social care set out in the Government Strategy 'Stable Homes, Built on Love'.

The boards will enable children and young people to share their views and experiences, and bring about lasting change for them, their services and their communities. There will be one board of 11–17-year-olds, and one of 18–25-year-olds.

### Who can be part of the children's social care advisory boards?

This is a fantastic opportunity open to children and young people aged 11–25 who have experience with children's social care based in **England**, including:

- children in care and young adults up to age 25 with care experience
- siblings of care experienced children and young people
- unaccompanied asylum-seeking children and young people
- children who have ever had a social worker
- children and young people who have been a "child in need" under the Children Act 1989
- children and young people who have been on a Child Protection Plan
- children and young people with experience of kinship care
- children and young people whose parents are foster carers
- We are particularly keen to hear from children and young people who haven't been involved in groups such as these, and plenty of support will be provided to help them participate.

There are no costs to being a member! All travel and expenses for meetings are covered by NCB, including travel costs for a trusted person to accompany them if needed.

### **What are members expected to do?**

- There will be 3 in-person meetings per year based in our London office held termly on Saturdays.

- There will be a series of online meetings lasting approximately 2 hours each.
- There will be other optional opportunities offered during this time.

## What are the benefits of being a member?

- Members get vouchers for taking part.
- They will have their voices heard on issues which are important to them and help shape the future of children's social care both at a national and local level.
- They will learn valuable new skills and meet new people.
- They will have access to other exciting opportunities, such as leading workshops for professionals, recording podcasts, interviewing new staff, and speaking to Members of Parliament.

## How do they apply?

### Application form:

Children and young people can apply easily by filling in this short [application form](#). The deadline for applications is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

### Video/Audio Application:

If they would prefer to submit their application by audio clip or video, they can send us a recording answering the following information:

- Tell us a little bit about you including your age, where you are from and your experience of children's social care.
- Are you currently involved in any youth work related to your children's social care experience? E.g., Children in Care Councils

Please include name, contact details and any access requirements we should be aware of in the body of the email and send this to [participation@ncb.org.uk](mailto:participation@ncb.org.uk).

## Do you have any further questions?

If you have any questions or want to talk to someone about the process, please email [participation@ncb.org.uk](mailto:participation@ncb.org.uk)