

Has children's social care been a part of your life and do you 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. There will be one group of 11–17-year-olds, and one of 18–25-year-olds.

If you are living in England, children's social care has played a role in your life, and you are passionate about making it better, we want to hear from you! You will play a vital role in informing proposals for reforms to children's social care policy with the Department for Education.

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 of children's social care, 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 and young people 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

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 you 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.
- You will have your voices heard on issues which are important to you and help shape the future of children's social care both at a national and local level.
- You will learn valuable new skills and meet new people.
- You 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 I apply?

Application form:

You can apply easily by filling in this short [application form](#). The deadline for applications is Wednesday 20th December.

Video/Audio Application:

If you would prefer to submit your application by audio clip or video, 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 care experience? E.g., Children in Care Councils

Please include your 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.

Do you have any further questions?

If you have any questions or want to talk to someone before applying, please email participation@ncb.org.uk