

Aged 16-25 and living in England or Wales? Would you like to join a national youth board to prevent youth violence?

Please read these FAQs carefully before submitting your application

1. What is the YEF Youth Advisory Board?

The YEF Youth Advisory Board will enable young people to work with an influential national charity to address youth violence.

The Board will work with the [Youth Endowment Fund](#) (YEF) to influence what they do as a funder and ensure they stay focused on what young people need.

Youth Advisory Board members will be able to:

- **Work alongside professionals from YEF** to provide advice and ideas from a youth perspective
- **Influence decisions** about funding for organisations across England and Wales to prevent youth violence
- **Co-produce communications and projects** in collaboration with YEF to reflect the needs of young people
- **Gain opportunities for personal development** – through skills training, mentoring and valuable experience

The project is a partnership between the Youth Endowment Fund and Leaders Unlocked. [The Youth Endowment Fund](#) is an independent charity that aims to prevent children and young people becoming involved in violence. [Leaders Unlocked](#) is a social enterprise supporting young people to influence the decisions that affect them in society.

2. Who can join the YEF Youth Advisory Board?

We are looking for young people aged **16-25 years** who are living anywhere in England or Wales. In total, we are seeking to select 20 people to join the Board from a range of local areas, backgrounds and life experiences.

We are particularly interested in hearing from young people who have been **affected by youth violence – either directly or indirectly**. We are also looking for young people who are team players and willing to get involved with all the events and activities that are part of the YEF Youth Advisory Board (see the next page for more information).

3. What will I get from being part of YEF Youth Advisory Board?

- **Discuss issues with professionals:** You will meet professionals from the Youth Endowment Fund, to help them to understand what young people think about youth violence and work with them on solutions.
- **Develop your knowledge, skills and experience:** You will gain valuable skills and experience, including leadership and public speaking skills. You will have the opportunity to be matched up with a mentor from YEF and we will support you with your personal goals. You will be able to use this experience for your CV, and when applying for jobs or courses.
- **Meet new people:** You will work alongside other young people living across England and Wales who are also passionate about preventing youth violence. You will connect with a range of professionals with expertise in different areas, and have a great opportunity to build your network.
- **Make a real difference:** You will have the chance to influence how almost £200m of funding is allocated. You will be involved in developing new ideas and solutions that will benefit young people in communities across England and Wales.

4. If I join, what will I have to do?

Between May 2021 and May 2022, members of the YEF Youth Advisory Board will:

- **Take part in Advisory Board sessions:** You will take part in roughly one session each month. These may be with the whole Board or with smaller teams to work on particular projects. The sessions will be interactive, and will give everyone a chance to share their views and ideas. Each session will be 2-3 hours in length, depending on the content. Most of the sessions will take place online. We will offer support if you need help joining an online meeting.
- **Take part in skills training:** Youth Advisory Board members will be given practical training to build key skills such as public-speaking, facilitation and chairing, interviewing and research techniques. As a Board, you will have the chance to choose from a 'menu' of training opportunities and tell us what matters most to you.
- **Present back insights and ideas to the Youth Endowment Fund:** As a Board, will have the opportunity to develop a final presentation to share your achievements, learning, and your recommendations for the future. You will have the opportunity to present this to key professionals at the Youth Endowment Fund towards the end of the year.

- **Help to shape the way YEF works in the future:** We'll bring together YEF staff from across departments to hear from the Youth Advisory Board and your recommendations will influence the way YEF works in the future.

5. Will my expenses be covered?

Youth Advisory Board members will be offered to be **reimbursed for their time** in line with the [Living Wage](#). We will work with each young person to make sure this is done appropriately, taking into consideration their individual circumstances.

We hope to hold some face-to-face events later in 2021 and into 2022. In these instances, we will **pre-book your train travel** to London in advance of each event. **Other travel expenses can be reimbursed in cash** on the day of the event, as long as you bring your receipts with you. We will provide all the food and refreshments for events, and will do our best to accommodate any dietary requirements you might have.

6. How do I apply?

All applicants should complete the [application form](#) to provide your key information (eg. Address, date of birth, contact details and diversity information)

As a part of this form, you will be asked to choose **how you want to apply**. There are 4 options and you can choose what suits you best:

- **In writing:** To apply in writing, you can complete written answers using the application form mentioned above
- **Video:** To apply with a video, you can create a short video (no more than 3 mins) to tell us who you are, why you want to join the Board and what you hope to bring to it. Please email your video file with your name in the title to nadine@leaders-unlocked.org (you can use We Transfer if the file is too big to email)
- **Imagery:** To apply with imagery, you can create a collage or piece of artwork to tell us who you are, why you want to join the Board and what you hope to bring to it. Please email your image file with your name in the title to nadine@leaders-unlocked.org (you can use We Transfer if the file is too big to email)
- **Phone:** To apply by phone, you can select this option in the online form and we will contact you to arrange a time to gather your answers by phone.

The deadline for applications is **Friday 26th March 2021**. Please fill in the application form and email any additional files to Nadine@leaders-unlocked.org by this date. If you have any question or would like any support with the application form, you can get in

touch with Nadine by email or by phone on 07496561397.

7. What happens next?

On **Wednesday 10th March at 5pm – 6.30pm**, we are holding a virtual **Taster Day** for young people who are interested in applying. This will be a chance to find out more about the project, ask any questions you may have, and meet some of the project team. To book a place, please go to <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/youth-endowment-fund-youth-advisory-board-taster-day-tickets-141296841657>

Once we receive your application, we will carry out telephone interviews with a shortlist of applicants. All applicants will be informed by April 16th whether they have been selected for an interview.

Remember: please email your completed application form and any supporting files to nadine@leaders-unlocked.org

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR APPLICATION!