

Action for Children's Young Ambassadors Board



It's fantastic that your child is interested in joining the Young Ambassadors Board. It's a chance for them to learn new skills, have some fun and make a positive difference.

We've created these FAQs to give you a bit more information about the Board. Please read it before completing the parent/carer digital consent form on our website. And if you have any questions just email us at youthvoice@actionforchildren.org.uk

What does Action for Children do?

Action for Children is a charity driven by love – taking action so children don't miss out on a safe and happy childhood. With 372 services in communities across the UK, in schools and online, we work on the ground giving children and young people the protection and practical help they urgently need. And we campaign tirelessly for lasting change. Last year Action for Children helped over 680,000 vulnerable children, young people and families.

What is the Young Ambassadors Board?

The Young Ambassadors Board has been formed to make sure young people are at the heart of what we do. By having a Young Ambassadors Board we can hear directly from children and young people about the issues that matter most to them. This will help to inform and influence our work.

The Young Ambassadors Board is for young people from all backgrounds, aged between 14-25, who live in the UK. Anyone can apply, whether they have used our services before or not.

These are the four main areas of our work:

- Family support
- Children in care
- Disabled children
- Mental health and wellbeing



We're particularly keen to hear from young people who have lived experience or knowledge of one or more of the areas listed above.

This **group is free to join**, with meetings taking place online once a month. There will also be opportunities to travel across the country, take part in fun projects, exciting events, high-profile campaigns and so much more.

Young people don't need any experience to apply. They will be fully supported with information and training so they can confidently take part.



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What's the commitment?

Young Ambassadors will be on the Board for a **two-year term from June 2025–June 2027**.

*The Board is voluntary, but we do encourage attendance at each online meet-up and face-to-face events. If your child can't attend a meet-up, we just ask that you let us know in advance.

What will my child gain from participating in the Young Ambassadors Board?

By being a Young Ambassador, they will...

- ★ Join a friendly, safe and non-judgmental space to share their views and ideas on issues that matter to them.
- ★ Attend monthly meet-ups with other young people from across the UK and make new friends.
- ★ Meet decision-makers including our Executive Leadership Team, Trustees and politicians. This is a great chance for them to share their views.
- ★ Speak to other children and young people who use our services, so we know what's working well and what we can do better.
- ★ Represent Action for Children at big events, like galas and awards. This could involve trips to new places across the UK.
- ★ Build their CV with new experiences and skills by taking part in free training on topics like public speaking, campaigning and research.
- ★ Gain interview experience by supporting us to recruit new staff. And by taking part in the 'Dragons Den' panel, where they can help decide where funding goes for new projects.
- ★ See first-hand the difference their views are having and the positive changes that happen as a result.
- ★ There will also be opportunities to travel across the country, take part in fun projects, events, campaigns and much more!

Are there any costs involved?

No. This is a voluntary opportunity, so there is no cost to take part. There will be opportunities to meet in person. We will cover the cost of travel, accommodation and reasonable expenses for face-to-face meet-ups. And we'll tell you what costs we can cover in advance.

How will you keep my child safe?

Safeguarding and protecting the children, young people and vulnerable adults we work with is our top priority. We want everyone to feel safe to participate in our activities and understand that it's their right to be protected from all forms of harm.

Our staff, volunteers and carers are accountable for the way they exercise authority, manage risk and use resources.

All Young Ambassadors over the age of 16 will require a basic police check to make sure everyone stays safe. This role will be equal to that of our volunteers, meaning Young Ambassadors will have access to our employee benefits, recruitment offers and so much more!

- ★ All staff working with your child are police checked with references.
- ★ All staff receive regular supervision and support to make sure they are working in line with our policies and procedures, prioritising the safety of all children, young people and vulnerable adults they work with.
- ★ All staff complete mandatory training to gain shared knowledge of Action for Children's values which are practiced in the work we do.
- ★ All staff are aware of how to raise a safeguarding concern and are fully supported when doing so.
- ★ Risk assessments are completed for any online or in-person activity. And consent forms are completed for each child or young person attending.

How can my child apply?

Your child can apply on our website **actionforchildren.uk/youthvoice** by **30 June 2025**.

If your child would prefer to apply in a different way, like a short video or voice note, please email us.

We will contact them no later than **Monday 7 July** to let them know if they have been shortlisted for a fun, informal online group activity on **Wednesday 9 July 2025, 10–11am**.

Sadly, it's not possible to offer everyone a place on the Board as we only have 25 spaces. If your child isn't selected this term, there are still plenty of opportunities for them to share their views.

Who can I contact if I have questions?

We're here if you need anything, including support for your child to apply.

Email us at **youthvoice@actionforchildren.org.uk**