



# UK YOUTH

**Joined Up Co-Designers Group**  
Young People Recruitment Pack 2024



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We are a charity that exists to make sure all young people have what they need to do well in their lives, take part in opportunities, and be active members of society. We do this by working with lots of different people (including young people) and organisations to make sure good youth work is available to all young people.



## What's the *Joined Up* Institute?

There's a lot going on in the world that is affecting young people's mental health, physical safety, and access to employment, among other things. The ways young people are engaged and supported don't work as well as they could.

We believe that young people get the best support when everyone works together to help tackle challenges.

The *Joined Up* Institute is going to create opportunities and events that bring young people and professionals together from across different sectors (like education, health, youth work, social care etc.) to find new, better ways of working with and supporting young people.



## What's the *Joined Up* Co-designer Group about?

We are looking for curious and passionate young people to join our co-design group. We need to design events, activities and ideas that will help professionals think differently about how they work with young people. It's important that this work is deeply informed by young people's lived experience.

## Who are we looking for?

We are looking for **8 people** who can be active members of the *Joined Up Co-design sessions*. You need to be:

- ➔ Aged between 16-25
- ➔ Able to commit to up to 10 meetings between March-June 2024, including: 6-8 online meetings, which will be 2hrs, maximum; and 2-4 in person meetings, which will be 4-5hrs (likely London-based). Please note sessions will not take place during the month of May due to exam periods)

We welcome applications from young people who have had experiences in one or more of the following areas:

**1** Engaging in youth projects and programmes. This could mean scouts, guides, youth clubs, youth groups or youth programmes, or anything related (local or international, in person or online).

*And/Or*

**2** Experience engaging with professionals in two or more sectors listed below.

- ➔ Education (going to school or college)
- ➔ Health (doctors, nurses, physiotherapy, dentists, hospitals, etc.)
- ➔ Social care (foster carers, social workers, care system, etc.)
- ➔ Criminal justice (police, prison, Youth Offending Team, probation, etc.)
- ➔ Government (policy makers, civil service, or local council, etc.)
- ➔ Youth work (youth clubs, scouts, guides, youth workers, youth groups, etc.)
- ➔ Outdoor learning (school camps, residential, adventure activities outdoors, etc.)
- ➔ Mental health (CAMHS, counsellors, psychologists, etc.)



**We also welcome applications from young people who have experienced inequality or discrimination.**

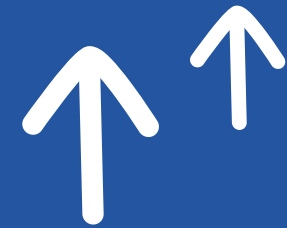
You will be asked to think about some of your lived experiences and share things that might help us understand what has worked well for you, what was missing, and what you would like to see change.

You may be asked to seek the views of other young people aged 10-25 among your own networks, so you can represent their views on the *Joined Up Co-Design Group*.

## Main Responsibilities

- ✔ To attend and take part in all the *Joined Up Co-designer Group* meetings.
- ✔ To complete the induction for UK Youth temporary employees so that you know what is required of you and can participate fully as a *Joined Up Co-designer*.
- ✔ To review research findings that come out of work by the Centre for Education & Youth into ways we can make *Joined Up Institute* a success.
- ✔ To be part of building and keeping good relations with the UK Youth *Joined Up* team.
- ✔ To share your specific skills, interests and ideas to support the work.
- ✔ To attend and take part in the co-design sessions which will explore things like:
  - ➔ What it looks and feels like when professionals work well together to support young people;
  - ➔ What it looks and feels like when they don't work well together;
  - ➔ What would make *Joined Up* events and activities engaging for young people;
  - ➔ What barriers might young people face when attending and engaging with *Joined Up* events and activities.

## What You'll Gain



- ⊕ Chance to be part of a UK-wide team of young people who want to change the way young people are valued and supported.
- ⊕ Valuable skills through peer support, like critical thinking and problem-solving, leadership, and advocacy.
- ⊕ Opportunity to work alongside designers and researchers to practice skills like co-design, reviewing evidence and communicating feedback.
- ⊕ Training in co-design, influencing and public speaking, and research methods.
- ⊕ Opportunity to use your lived experience to help change systems and improve the lives of young people.
- ⊕ Learning about charities and charitable programmes from a design perspective.



## Additional Information

### What you will need

- ✔ Access to a laptop and an email & zoom account
- ✔ Full right to work in the UK
- ✔ As this role involves working in a regulated environment with other young people, any offer will be conditional on satisfactory background checks. If successful, you must be willing to provide 3 documents among the following, that will be used to apply for a DBS check:
  - ➔ Passport
  - ➔ Provisional/Full Driving License
  - ➔ Bank Statement
  - ➔ P45 or P60
- ✔ Speak English
- ✔ Able to travel to in-person events (travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by UK Youth)

### Payment

- ✔ You will be signed to a casual worker agreement and paid at an hourly rate of £12, for every session you attend.
- ✔ All travel and accommodation will be paid for and lunch/refreshments will be provided on in-person days.
- ✔ We will provide training and support so that everyone can fully participate. Some funding is available to support parents, carers or youth workers to attend meetings if you need their support.

### Reasonable adjustments

For any reasonable adjustment you may require, please contact Agnese Gaballo at [agnese.gaballo@ukyouth.org](mailto:agnese.gaballo@ukyouth.org).

#### This includes:

- ✔ Support you would like to discuss for your travels and participation to the sessions
- ✔ Any other issue you would like to bring to our attention

## How To Apply

**To apply for this role simply click here.**

For any inquires or further information about this role, please contact Agnese Gaballo at [agnese.gaballo@ukyouth.org](mailto:agnese.gaballo@ukyouth.org)

If you would like support with your application, please contact the People Team at [people@ukyouth.org](mailto:people@ukyouth.org).

To help you fulfil this role UK Youth will provide you with mentor support and training along with a factual reference on completion of the program.

