

Do you want to gain skills, meet new people, and help shape

Plan International UK's work?

Are you passionate about equality for girls and children across the world?

Join our Youth Advisory Panel today!



What is the Youth Advisory Panel?

[Plan International UK](#) is a global children's and girls' rights charity and our Youth Advisory Panel are advisors, ambassadors and activists who are experts in their own lives. Their role at Plan International UK is to provide a youth perspective to our work and ensure that children and young people are at the heart of everything we do.

You don't need to be an expert on girls' rights to join our Youth Advisory Panel. All you need is a can-do attitude and a passion to make things better. We really encourage everyone to apply – even if you are a bit nervous! We're looking for young people with no prior experience to get involved.

We're looking for young people who are:

- **Passionate** about making positive change for girls here in the UK and globally
- Aged **between 14-19**
- **Based in the UK.** We are looking for a panel of young people from across the whole of the UK
- **Able to commit** a couple of hours a month to take part in training, workshops and representing Plan International UK at events. During busy times this might be more, and quiet times this might be less. We will always ask you first and we will work with you to fit opportunities in with your commitments, such as school, university, or work
- Available to **attend two weekend residential** in the year (hopefully held in person, but if not virtually!)
- Can speak **conversational English**

What we can offer you:

No two days on our Youth Advisory Panel look the same. It is up to you what you get involved in, but opportunities can include:

- The chance to meet other young people who are passionate about making a difference and taking action to make dreams a reality.
- Workshops and training on topics such as gender, the media, international development, campaigning and how you can make your voice heard where it matters most.
- A look into how an international charity works and the chance to input on big decisions alongside our staff and board members.
- The chance to speak with journalists, politicians and with our partners such as Chelsea FC and Urban Outfitters about your own lived experiences.

In everything that you'll do with us, we'll make sure that you feel confident and supported by our team. You won't have to spend any money to be a part of the group – we will cover all your travel, training, accommodation and food costs when taking part in group activities.

How to Join

Interested? Email us at: jointhepanel@plan-uk.org with your application by **Sunday 25th July** and tell us:

- o Your name, age, gender and where you're from in the UK
- o How you heard about us (e.g. Twitter or Instagram, your local youth group, your school etc.)
- o Why you want to get involved & work with other young people
- o Why you think equality for girls and young people is so important

We don't have a formal application form – you can answer these questions however you like. You could send us a short piece of writing, a video, a voice recording, or even a piece of art. **Show us your passion for tackling inequality for girls and young people. Get creative!**

Examples

- You could send us a **voicenote** about social media and body image
- You could create a piece of **artwork** about empowering girls and young people, or about your own confidence
- You could write a **poem** about connecting with different cultures
- You could make a **presentation** about power
- You could **write** 300 words on an initiative you would like to run at school to tackle public sexual harassment

You don't need to be an expert or have any experience to apply – **just being yourself is the experience we are looking for!**

Holly and Jane in the team would be happy to talk to you if you have any questions or need support with your application. You can email us at jointheteam@plan-uk.org and we'll get back to you with an email or a phone call.

Once we've read through everyone's application, you will hear from us by the **2nd of August**. If you're successful, we would love to chat to you on a Zoom call to get to know you a little better. This Zoom call will happen in the first week of August between the **2nd and the 6th of August**. If that date doesn't work for you, we can arrange another time.

Thank you for taking an interest, we can't wait to hear from you!