JOIN OUR YOUTH ADVISORY PANEL

WHAT IS THE YOUTH ADVISORY PANEL?

Plan International UK is a global children’s and girls’ rights charity. Our Youth Advisory Panel learn about and influence our work from the inside out, they get involved in what Plan International UK staff do day-to-day, and most importantly, they bring youth voice to the centre of the organisation. It’s a group with around 20 members from across the UK all with different skills and interests – but with one thing in common; a passion to make a difference.

This July, we are looking for 20 young people aged 14 to 19 to join our Youth Advisory Panel for two years. It’s your chance to create a more equal world by shaping Plan International UK’s work to advance children’s rights and equality for girls. Along the way you will gain skills, make friends and experience something totally new.
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
- Available to **attend two weekend residential**s in the year. (If you don’t feel confident about staying away from home, you can join us in the day).
- **Based in the UK**
- Can speak **conversational English**

OVER YOUR TWO YEARS IN THE YOUTH ADVISORY PANEL WE CAN OFFER YOU:

- **The chance to meet other young people** who are also passionate about making a difference and want to make a better future a reality.
- **Workshops and training** about campaigning, gender equality, advocacy, international development, 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 into big decisions alongside our staff and board members.
- **The chance to make your voice heard in the media**, with politicians and to businesses, sharing your experiences as a young person.
- **Attendance at events** like youth residentialis, the Youth Action Festival, campaign events or political party conferences.
- **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 you’re taking part in group activities.
- **Support** from our youth team who can shape opportunities to suit you.
- **Regular contact** with you through a fortnightly newsletter, a WhatsApp group and online calls.
HOW TO JOIN:

Interested? Email us at: jointhepanel@plan-uk.org with your application by 7pm on Sunday 30th July and tell us these two things:

1) Your name, age and where you’re from in the UK

2) Choose one of these topics that you’re passionate about and tell us why this area is important to you as a young person. P.S. These are the main areas of our work at Plan!

- Youth Activism
- Education
- Sexual & Reproductive Health and Rights
- Gender Equality
- Climate Change
- Disasters and Emergencies
- UK Girls Rights
- Fundraising
- Gender Based Violence

We don’t have a formal application form – you can answer this question however you like. See some examples below

GET CREATIVE! SHOW US YOUR PASSION FOR TACKLING INEQUALITY FOR GIRLS & YOUNG PEOPLE.

- You could send us a voicenote about how young people of all genders can tackle inequality
- You could create a piece of artwork about empowerment, or about your own confidence
- You could write a poem about connecting with different cultures through education
- You could make a presentation about power and climate injustice
- You could write 300 words about someone that inspires you in the areas above

YOU DON’T NEED TO BE AN EXPERT OR HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE TO APPLY. JUST BEING YOURSELF IS ENOUGH!

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

Once we’ve read through everyone’s application, you will hear from us by the 3rd 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 second week of August between the 7th and the 11th 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!