



# Youth Advisory Group

Getting involved and making a difference in Jersey



**Children's  
Commissioner  
for Jersey**

Being part of a youth advisory group is important. It can be a lot of fun too. This tells you more about what we do and how to get involved.



## What is a Youth Advisory Group?

We are a group of children and young people aged 8-18 from across the Island (however, there will be opportunities for young people up to the age of 24 to join in with projects).

## Why is it important?

Jersey has lots of different children and young people, we all have different needs. It's important that adults think about us when they make decisions that can affect our lives.

## What do they do?

- We help the Children's Commissioner and her team to understand what children and young people need and what affects them.
- We talk to the commissioner about things that happen in Jersey that affect children's and young people's lives.
- We help create documents and reports.
- We help them make plans and choose their priorities.
- We also do fun activities such as escape rooms, valley adventure centre and boat rides.

## How do I join?

Email us at:  
[participation@childcomjersey.org.je](mailto:participation@childcomjersey.org.je)  
with your name, age and why you would like to join.

### **How often do you meet?**

We meet around once every 6 weeks.

There are also opportunities to go to events, meet other Youth Advisory Groups and go on trips.

### **How long are you on the group?**

Normally you are on the group for 2 years.

### **Do you have to attend all the meetings?**

No, but they expect you to go to at least 4 meetings each year.

### **Do we get paid?**

No, it's voluntary, so you don't get paid. But they pay for things like travel expenses.

## **The United Nations Convention on the Rights of a Child (UNCRC)**

The UNCRC is an international agreement that protects the human rights of children under the age of 18.

Article 12 of the UNCRC says:

**Children have the right to give their opinions freely on issues that affect them. Adults should listen and take children seriously.**

The Youth Advisory Panel is a great way to get involved and be heard.



## So, what do I get out of it?

### Lots of things!

Here's 10 things children and young people said they got out of being on a YAP:

It helped me feel like I was part of my community and that I make a difference.

My confidence and self-esteem grew.

I learned new skills like how to speak in public and how to make better decisions.

I've learned that compromise can be a positive thing and that my opinion isn't the only way to see things.

I met lots of different people and made some great friends.

I felt really good about helping other children and young people by making sure policies and decisions included what they needed.

I got to do more things, go more places and take part in experiences because of this group.

I wasn't expecting it to be so much fun, but it was!

I feel valued and listened to.

I want to work with an organisation like this in the future - so this felt like work experience and it looks great on my CV.





## Thanks for reading this.

If you'd like to be involved tell us:

- your name
- your age
- why you want to join the panel.

Send it to:

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