



# Children's Commissioner for Jersey

Promoting and Protecting Children's Rights

## Youth Advisory Panel Terms of Reference

<p><b>Purpose</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Panel is set out in the Commissioner for Children and Young People (Jersey) Law to advise, support and challenge the Children's Commissioner on:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ the vision, values and purpose of the office;</li><li>✓ the creation and delivery of strategic reports, annual reports and direction;</li><li>✓ and to ensure the Children's Commissioner's responsibilities are delivered effectively to provide the best outcomes for children and young people.</li></ul></li><li>• To increase the influence of the Children's Commissioner in Jersey through working with children and young people, companies, agencies, organisations, the media and other influences, and the wider society.</li><li>• The panel advises the States Assembly in the appointment of the Children's Commissioner.</li></ul>
<p><b>Membership</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Advisory Panel will be made up of children and young people between the ages of 11 and 24 recruited from across the Island and reflecting a broad range of experiences and backgrounds.</li><li>• Panel membership is through an open application process.</li><li>• Panel membership is voluntary. Reasonable expenses will be paid back to members.</li><li>• Membership of the Advisory Panel is for 2 years. The Children's Commissioner has the option to extend this for longer.</li></ul>
<p><b>Frequency of meetings and attendance expectations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• There will be at least 6 formal meetings of the Panel each year with meetings planned to take place every two months. Dates will be agreed with members of the panel in advance.</li><li>• Panel Members will have opportunities to attend events with the Commissioner and to meet with Youth Members of Panels in other jurisdictions.</li><li>• Panel members are expected to attend a minimum of 4 meetings a year. Between times there is likely to be informal email contact.</li><li>• The Youth Advisory Panel will be supported by a Participation Officer who will support the Panel on projects and events.</li><li>• The Panel will demonstrate the values of the office in their work.</li></ul>

# **Terms of reference - keywords**

Statutory = required/authorized by law.

Vision = The vision of this office is that Jersey is a place where the rights of all children and young people are realised and respected and their voices shape their lives.

Values = We are child focused. We work in together with children and young people. We are honest with others. We treat everyone with respect. We will always be courageous in protecting children and their rights. We will fight for what we know to be right and not be made to be quiet by others in power.

Purpose (of this office) = to promote and protect children's human rights.

Annual report = A yearly report/review of what the office of the children's commissioner have been doing, how well and what needs improving from that year.

Strategic report - a review and report of the long term (4 year) aims and action plan for the commissioner's office.

Accountability = being responsible

States Assembly = Like parliament in the UK. The assembly and its members are responsible for new laws and rules, spending of public money, tax and ensuring elected ministers are held responsible for what they are supposed to do.

Expression of interest form = a way of letting us know that you have an interest in joining the Youth Advisory panel/letting us know you would like to get involved in the work of the children's commissioner.