**West Yorkshire and Harrogate Young Peoples Voice Platform Design Group**

**Application**

In the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership we work together across West Yorkshire and Harrogate to deliver better health and care as we want everyone to have the best possible outcomes for their health and wellbeing. One of our important Programmes is our Children, Young People and Families Programme which has the following ambitions:

* To close the gap in health and well-being outcomes for all children and young people across West Yorkshire and Harrogate, irrespective of where they were born, where they live and go to school.
* All children and young people will have the best start in life and the support and healthcare needed to enable them to be safe from harm and to enjoy healthy lifestyles, to do well in learning and have skills for life
* The voice of the child and young person will be at the heart of everything we do.

To help and support us in achieving our ambitions for our Children, Young People and Families Programme we are looking to bring together a group of 12 young people from across West Yorkshire and Harrogate who can work with us on designing a West Yorkshire and Harrogate Young People’s Voice Platform and work with us on our Programme going forward.

The group will advise the WY&H CP and engage with other groups to ensure the voices of young people are heard by decision makers.

If you would be interested in being part of this group and our work then we will be welcoming applications until Thursday 29th October 2020.

**What you will learn:**

* You will learn about the work of the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Children, Young People and Families Programme and be able to be involved and to influence the work of the Programme
* You will develop skills through participating in this work, such as communication, listening, self-confidence and asking critical questions
* You will have the chance to work in partnership with other young people from across West Yorkshire and Harrogate

Because of COVID-19 all activities will be currently through video conferencing platforms (Zoom etc). We want you to design the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Young People’s Voice Platform jointly with us, which will include looking at how best we can work together, frequency of any meetings etc. To start this work off we will be looking to hold a first virtual meeting on 30th October 2pm-4pm.

We are looking to have a diverse group of young people, representing different backgrounds and life experiences across West Yorkshire and Harrogate.

**To be involved you need to:**

* Live in West Yorkshire or Harrogate
* Be aged 14-24
* Want to make a difference
* Have a passion for young people having their voices and views heard
* Be committed to representing a group of young people – either in your local area or because you come from a community of young people that face specific issues
* Be available to meet virtually on the 30th October from 2pm-4pm

**How to Apply:**

If this is something you would be interested in being a part of then we would love to hear from you. We want to hear about why you want to be part of this group and why you think you would be a good member of the group. You can tell us this either through:

* 1 typed side of A4 (350 words maximum)
* A voice note (no more than 3 minutes)
* A video (no more than 3 minutes)

Show us you are passionate, want to make a difference and that you can represent and feedback to other young people. Use which ever format is most comfortable for you

Applications will close on Thursday 29th October 2020 and we will aim to be in contact by the 30th October 2020 to let you know if your application has been successful. We will then send you a consent form to complete and further information.

To submit applications please see and complete the application form and details on the following pages.

We wish you good luck with your application and look forward to receiving these.

If you have any questions then please send these to [theunit@youthworkunit.com](mailto:theunit@youthworkunit.com) or [charleebewsher@youthworkunit.com](mailto:charleebewsher@youthworkunit.com) 07866088060 text or whatsapp.

**GOOD LUCK!**

**Application Form**

# Thank you for your interest in taking part in the

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Please complete the details below. If you have any questions then please send these to [theunit@youthworkunit.com](mailto:theunit@youthworkunit.com).

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| What is your preferred first name? |  |
| And your last name |  |
| How old will you be on the 1st October 2020 |  |
| Which area do you live in (Leeds, Calderdale, Kirklees, Bradford, Wakefield, Harrogate) |  |
| What is your email address?  This is so we can let you know the decision from the recruitment process |  |
| Contact Number |  |
| Are you part of any other youth organisations? If so, please list them here. |  |
| What is the best way to contact you (please give details)  Email  Text  Other (please state) | |
| Please apply with **one** of the following explaining why you want to be a part of the group and why you think you would be a good member of the group and send to [theunit@youthworkunit.com](mailto:theunit@youthworkunit.com).  1. A PDF/Word document with **1 typed page (350 words maximum)**  2. A voice recording lasting **3 minutes maximum**  3. If you wish to upload a video **3 minutes maximum** or your file is over 10MB you can also use [**WeTransfer**](https://wetransfer.com/) to send your recording  Please make sure to include your full name in the file title and to also complete and submit all forms | |

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| Now we need to ask some further questions - sorry that we need so much information. We do this because we want to make sure we have all the different experiences of being a young person in West Yorkshire & Harrogate represented in this group.  If you would rather not answer all of these, you can send us information about yourself separately so we know more about you. You can do this by also emailing [theunit@youthworkunit.com](mailto:theunit@youthworkunit.com). | |
| What best describes your gender   * Non binary * Man * Woman * Gender fluid * Prefer not to say * Other (Please tell us) | Is your gender identity the same as what you were assigned at birth?   * Yes * No * Prefer not to say * Other (Please tell us) |
| What is your cultural heritage choose many as you like | |
| Asian   * Bangladeshi * Chinese * Indian * Pakistani * Any other Asian background | African   * Caribbean * Somali * Any other black background |
| Arab   * Iranian * Iraqi * Kurdish * Turkish * Syrian * Any other cultural background | Mixed/Multiple Heritage   * White & Asian * White & Black African * White & Black Caribbean * Any other multiple heritage |
| White   * British * Eastern European * Gypsy * Irish * Irish or Scottish traveller * Roma * Any other white background | * Not sure * Prefer not to say * Other   If you have said other can you tell us? |
| What best describes your sexual orientation   * Lesbian * Gay * Bisexual | * Straight * Pansexual * Asexual * Prefer not to say * Other |
| Please select any of the below that you think apply to you now or have done in the past   * Visual impairment * Hearing impairment/Deaf * Physically disabled * Cognitive or learning disabled | * Mental health condition * Other long term/chronic health conditions * Eating disorder# * Not sure * Prefer not to say * Other |
| What do you do with your days?   * In education * In training * Employed | * Unemployed * Self employed * Prefer not to say * Other |
| What is your highest education qualification you have at the moment?   * None * Below Level 2 (5 GCSE’s grade A\*-C) * Above Level 2 (5 GCSE’s grade A\*-C) | * AS Level * A level * Undergraduate degree * Postgraduate degree * Prefer not to say * Other |
| Do any of the below describe your current or past circumstances | |
| * Offender/ex-offender * A looked after child or leaving care * A refugee/asylum seeker * Growing up or living in a low income household * Being a parent * Growing up in a single parent family * Being homeless | * Young carer * Victim of bullying * Living in temporary accommodation (like a B&B) * Living in a rural/isolated place that can sometimes be a challenge * Prefer not to say * Other |
| Has gang culture or violence impacted or is currently impacting your life? | * Yes * No * Prefer not to say |
| What is your faith   * Buddhist * Christian (including all Christian denominations) * Hindu * Jewish * Muslim * Pagan | * Sikh * Any other religion, please tell us * Agnostic * Atheist * Belief system not related to a religion (please say) … * Prefer not to say * Not sure * Other … please tell us |
| **Privacy Statement**  We will store all information about you securely, in line with [GDPR regulations](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation).   We will only use this information for two reasons:  1. Recruitment – to make sure we have really good representation of young people in this work.  2. Reports – some of these details will be shared in reports, but it will ALWAYS be anonymous.   The information collected as part of this application will be stored securely with the Yorkshire and Humber Youth Work Unit UK based servers for a maximum of 12 months from the end of your participation in the group and then will be deleted from the internal server. Your information will be shared with the Children, Young People and Families Programme in the WY&H Partnership who have a Duty of Care for young people involved in the WY&H Youth Voice Platform. In the event that your information needs be shared with a 3rd party not listed we will seek prior permission first. | |
| * **I accept** * **I don’t accept** | **Signature & date** |