

GMCA - Young Person's Guarantee

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Youth Advisory Group Role and Person Specification

Greater Manchester Mayor Andy Burnham and Diane Modhal, Chair of the Young Person's Guarantee want to invite 11 - 30 year olds to join them on a Youth Advisory Group to help shape the future of GMCA.

Young people from all over Manchester are invited to apply to take part in the Advisory Group, no experience is necessary but the team are looking for young people who have some great ideas of what works and what doesn't. We want to hear from young people on what services and support the GMCA can create with its partners to make Greater Manchester a great place for all young people.

The Youth Advisory Group will work directly with the Task Force Chair Diane Modhal and have a genuine influence in not only shaping, but creating the Young Person's Guarantee.

What will you have to do?

- Attend meetings and workshops with other members of the Advisory Group where you will share ideas, review the activity and output of the Task Force

Qualifications

- Be aged between 11 and 30
- Live within the Greater Manchester Area
- Have some ideas that you would like to share
- Be passionate about helping to make Greater Manchester great for young people

Knowledge and Experience

- Ability to work well with others
- Be reliable and dependable
- Possess a positive, helpful attitude
- Be passionate about the opportunities available to young people

What will you get?

- Training and support to be a great Youth Advisory Group member
- Opportunities to shape and influence local services
- Opportunities to attend meetings and events (online with some face-to-face if possible) with people from all over GMCA
- A recommendation for your CV

How do you apply?

Youth Employment UK are managing the application process and will be supporting the Advisory Board. Please complete this short application form which asks you to tell us a little about yourself and asks you to answer these three questions:

- What 3 things do you think young people aged 11 - 30 years old want most from their local area?
- Why do you want to join the Advisory Board?
- What do you think you can bring to the Advisory Board?

The form will only be used by Youth Employment UK and you can contact us via info@youthemployment.org.uk if you have any questions or need support with the form.

Background

In June 2020 the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, announced his appointment of Diane Modahl as Chair of the new Youth Task Force – which will help to develop a Young Person's Guarantee in Greater Manchester.

The Task Force will be set up in response to the impact which we know the COVID-19 crisis is having and is likely to have on young people.

The Guarantee will focus on four key areas:

Keeping connected - Increased challenges caused because of social and digital exclusion, particularly amongst young people who are most disconnected and disadvantaged;

Staying well - greater risk of poorer mental health and wellbeing caused by social isolation, reductions in support and increased anxiety about the future;

Preparing for transition back into work and/or education - Increased chances of young people experiencing longer-term labour market inequalities and challenges because of the consequences of the pandemic;

Reducing economic inequalities - greater risk of poorer transitions from school and college, particularly for those young people in Years 11 and 13, and for those seeking employment.

Who is the Young Person's Guarantee for?

The scope of the Guarantee, and remit of the Task Force, will be to help young people in Greater Manchester from age 11 up to 30-years-old. The Guarantee will be co-designed by the young people of Greater Manchester.

The Youth Advisory Group will be a fundamental part of the Young Person's Guarantee and will provide essential advice, guidance and support to the Task Force Chair.

Purpose / role

- The broad purpose of the group is to work closely with the Task Force to support the development of the Young Person's Guarantee
- The core aims/ responsibilities of the group are to:
 - To support the thinking and development of the Young Person's Guarantee project, specifically supporting each of the four key areas - Keeping connected, Staying well, Preparing for the transition back into work and/or education, Reducing economic inequalities.
 - To share relevant information, and personal experiences to support the work of the group;
 - To advocate for the work of the group and support with external communication, events and activities to promote the Young Person's Guarantee
 - To act as a critical friend to the Task Force and ensure that the aims and objectives stay true to the needs of young people and that the Task Force delivers the Guarantee
 - Support any evaluation and ongoing development of the Guarantee

Membership

The Task Force will run an open recruitment session and recruit young people to join the Youth Advisory Group. Young people will be selected based on their availability to contribute to the group and their enthusiasm for the project and to influence the GUarantee for young people across the GMCA.

The Youth Advisory Group will be representative of the young people of Greater Manchester.

Resourcing

The Task Force will be ultimately responsible for the Youth Advisory Group. Youth Employment UK will be responsible for the administration, support and coordination of the Youth Advisory Group, they will assure Safeguarding and GDPR requirements are met and act as a first point of contact for the Advisory Group Members.

Engagement details

- The Youth Advisory Group will have a minimum of 4 official meetings between July and December.

- The Youth Advisory Group may be asked to provide responses and feedback to certain elements of the project.
- The Youth Advisory Group may be asked to take an active role in the activities of the Task Force which may require additional time and meetings
- The Youth Advisory Group may be asked to support with media and promotional activity

Review

- The Task Force will review the activity and role of the Youth Advisory Group at the end of the initial project.