

Amnesty International



JOIN AMNESTY'S YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

Deadline: Sunday 3rd November 2019

**Want to help Amnesty develop its work?
Want to meet other youth members?
Free to come to London on the 30th November?
Apply to be on Amnesty UK's Youth Advisory Group!**

What is the Youth Advisory Group?

Recruitment has now started for Amnesty International UK's 2019-20 Youth Advisory Group. Each year we recruit around 20 Amnesty youth group members to give us their views on our work at 5 meetings in London over the course of the year.

What happens at meetings?

Meetings are at Amnesty International UK's office in London and run from 10am to 3 or 4pm and are really informal. We basically just ask you for your opinions and ideas on all kinds of things such as our materials, fundraising and campaigns. Sometimes we split you up into smaller groups to discuss things or sometimes we all stay as one group. There are usually about 20 of you in total. We try to make sure the day is fun and active. At the end of the meeting we can take people back to the station if needed. We cover all your food and travel expenses.

I live far away. Can I come down the night before?

Yes. We want to make sure we have people from all over the UK. For those of you who have to come down the night before, we pick you up from the station if you want us to. We take you to your accommodation and we take you out for dinner too. We pay! At least two DBS (police) checked staff members also stay at the accommodation and we provide 24-hour contact phone numbers.

Who can apply?

No more than 2 members from each youth group will be accepted. We like to get a good spread of people from across the UK. This great opportunity is for enthusiastic and committed members of youth groups aged 14-18. We will also consider applications from people who aren't youth group members but who can demonstrate a passion for Amnesty and a commitment to joining the advisory group.

How much time will I have to give?

It is a **one-year** commitment and you are expected to attend **5 meetings** over the course of the year. We cover all transport costs and pay for accommodation if you need it. The meetings are always on Saturdays and the first one will be on the **30th November**. Other meetings will be in **January, March, July** and **September 2020**. Meetings are at our offices, the Human Rights Action Centre, in London. In addition, you may be asked to give feedback by email, text or social media in between meetings. We ask that you to try your best to commit to all the meetings (if you miss two meetings we may have to review your membership of the group). This is so the group works at its best – we have to turn many applicants down so we ask that successful applicants are committed.

Do I have to know lots about Amnesty International?

You don't need to be an expert on Amnesty. Nor do you have had to be a member of a youth group for long. But we do need you to be committed, passionate about Amnesty and ready to contribute positively.

How do I apply?

Show your parents/guardians this document and if they support your application fill out the form overleaf and post or email it to us by the **end of the day on Sunday 3rd November 2019**. Our contact details are below. Successful applicants will need to organise their travel arrangements soon after this date so be prepared! We will, of course, help with this. **The first meeting is on the 30th November 2019**.

Where do I send my application?

Please send your application to the **Community Organiser (Youth), Amnesty International UK, The Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA**, or email it to anne.montague@amnesty.org.uk

YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP: APPLICATION FORM

(Feel free to attach additional sheets).

ABOUT YOU

Name:

Date of Birth:

Home address:

Mobile:

Landline:

Email:

Name of school/college:

How long have you been a member of your youth group?

Have your parents/guardians seen the enclosed information about the Youth Advisory Group and the meeting on the 24th November and given you permission to apply?

Yes / No

Contact email of parent/guardian:

Contact phone number of parent/guardian:

(Note: We provide parents with more detailed information about the meeting if your application is successful)

Don't worry about your spelling or grammar in general but do make sure we can clearly read your contact details!

Why do you want to join Amnesty's youth advisory group and why would you be suitable?

How would you ensure that you effectively balanced your school/home commitments with being part of the Youth Advisory Group?

Tell us about some of the activities you've been involved in with your Amnesty youth group. What went well? What would you do differently next time? (If you aren't a member of an Amnesty youth group please describe a few activities you would plan and why).

How could we get more young people involved in Amnesty? Give us 1-2 ideas.

If you prefer to submit your answers in a different format please let us know. For example, via video, phone or Skype.

Please ask a school/college staff member to fill in this section or a responsible adult if you aren't in a youth group:

Please write a few lines about why this student should be given a place on Amnesty's Youth Advisory Group:

Feel free to continue overleaf

Staff member name:

Staff member signature:

Staff member email:

Please return by 3rd November 2019 to: Anne Montague, Community Organiser (Youth), 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA. Contact Anne Montague: anne.montague@amnesty.org.uk

Equality and diversity monitoring

Amnesty International UK (AIUK) exists to protect individuals wherever justice, fairness, freedom and truth are denied. Promoting equality and valuing diversity are fundamental to our mission. We welcome you to complete this form but this is entirely optional.

To which of these groups do you consider you belong? (Tick/mark one box only)

A. White

White British ☐ English ☐ Scottish ☐ Welsh ☐ Irish ☐
Any other White background, please write:

B. Mixed

White & Black Caribbean ☐ White & Black African ☐ White & Asian ☐
Any other Mixed background, please write in.....

C. Asian

Asian British ☐ Asian English ☐ Asian Scottish ☐ Asian Welsh ☐ Indian ☐
Pakistani ☐ Bangladeshi ☐
Any other Asian background, please write.....

D. Black

Black British ☐ Black English ☐ Black Scottish ☐ Black Welsh ☐
Caribbean ☐ African ☐
Any other Black background, please write.....

E. Chinese

Chinese British ☐ Chinese English ☐ Chinese Scottish ☐
Chinese Welsh ☐ Any other background, please write.....

F. Other, please write..... Prefer not to say ☐

How would you describe your religion or belief?

Buddhist ☐ Christian (all denominations) ☐ Hindu ☐
Jewish ☐ Muslim ☐ Sikh ☐ No religion ☐ Prefer not to say ☐
Other ☐

What is your gender identity?

Male (including trans male) ☐ Female (including trans female) ☐
Other gender identity ☐ Prefer not to say ☐

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

The Equality Act (2010) covers any individual who has a physical or mental impairment, which has substantial long-term adverse affect on his or her ability to carry out normal day to day activities. You do not need to be registered disabled to be covered by the Act.

Yes ☐ No ☐