Young Board member Amnesty International UK Section Board

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**PARENT/CARER CONSENT FORM**

Your child has expressed interest in joining the Amnesty Internal Section Board as a Director. Please complete this consent form and submit it with your child’s application form no later than 5pm on Friday 25th March 2022. If you need any help completing this form, please get in touch with returningofficer@amnesty.org.uk.

**What is the Amnesty International UK Section Board (AIUK) and the role of Young Board member?**

By joining the AIUK Board, your child will become part of a group of people who believe that human rights and making sure everyone has them is very important. They will share what matters most to them, other young people and be happy to influence and shape our work and what we do. Being a board member is a great way to contribute to a cause that they feel passionately about.

Becoming a Board member is a big commitment, but also very rewarding too. Your child will get to:

* Meet new people who also want to make a difference.
* Take part in new opportunities and experiences.
* Learn and develop new skills.

**By signing this form, you are giving permission for your child to:**

* Apply to the Amnesty International UK Section Board as Director. Below is more detail about the role, skill, and qualities we are looking for and responsibilities.

If elected, you as parent/carer will be asked to complete a more detailed consent form for them to take part in virtual and in person meetings

**Young Board member/Director Role Description (16-17 years):**

**Role:** This is a voluntary role, part-time for three years, with a commitment to attend ten meetings a year, roughly four hours a month.

**Expectation and commitment needed:**

* **Being in the role for three years.**
* **Committed** to attending 5 Board meetings over the year which normally happen on a Saturday at our office in [Shoreditch](https://www.amnesty.org.uk/find-us), London.
* **Willingness** to travel throughout the UK, this might include an overnight stay and some evening commitments.
* **Attendance at AIUK’s Annual General Meetings** (held in June, various locations)
* Join one of our sub-committees (a group that works on a specific area of or theme). Approximately four additional meetings throughout the year, also held in the London offices.
* **Take part** in training and mentoring to support them in their role.
* There is always a lot of reading to do for Board meetings. It is your child’s responsibility to prepare for each meeting, which means reading all the documents in advance so they can join in discussions and share their view.

**What Skills and qualities will your child need?**

* Be aged 16 – 17\* Years (we will need to see proof of your child’s age if they are successful)
* **Passionate and enthusiastic** about Human Rights and raising the views and ideas of children and young people in Amnesty International UK.
* Make decisions and act in the best interests of AIUK.
* **Make sure** AIUK priorities and strategy are delivered on time and to budget.
* **Monitor** AIUK money to make sure we stay in good financial health.
* Have critical thinking skills – make sense of information, be able to explore and compare.
* **Happy to share** their views and ideas with Board members, trustees, and staff.
* **Champion** the voice of young people.
* **Consider and challenge ideas** in a fair and balanced way.
* **Respect** the views and ideas of others.
* **Excellent listening and communication skills.** They will make a positive contribution to discussions.

**What are the benefits to them taking part?**

* They will be able to directly influence the work of AIUK
* Make a difference to human rights and the impact this has on children and young people.
* Meet new people, learn new skills, and develop their experience of working in a not-for-profit company.
* Gain experience to help them in their future and career.

**All parents/carers must complete this form if their child is applying for the Amnesty UK Section Board.** The form should be signed by the person who has parental responsibility for young person under 18 years of age.

**Section A: Child’s details**

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| **Full Name (please print)** |  |
| **Date of Birth**  |  |
| **On Friday 25th March 2022 my child will be**  | **16 16**  **17** |
| **They identify as:**  |  **Female Male**  **Prefer not to say Prefer to self-describe**  |
| **Address:** |  |
| **Phone number:**  |  |
| **Email address:** |  |
| I agree to my child being contacted via (please tick):  Mobile Phone Email Online Platforms Zoom/Microsoft Mobile phone  |

**Section B: Parent/Carer information**

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| **Parent/Carer full name:** |  |
| **Relationship to the child/young person?** |  |
| **Home address:** |  |
| **Phone number:**  |  |
| **Email address:** |  |

**Section C: Parent/Carer declaration:**

Amnesty International UK aims to provide a safe and enjoyable Board experience for your child.

To help us do this it is important that you note the following information.

* All questions on the consent form must be completed and signed by the parent or carer who has legal responsibility before any child takes part. The only exception is where questions have been answered ‘prefer not to say’.
* Your child should be applying for the AIUK Section Board through their own interest.
* Your child will need to make decisions for the Board independently of you. It is important that you are aware that should you encourage your child to apply or influence their decision-making you can be held responsible legally for poor decisions.
* AIUK believes all children should grow, develop, and thrive in a safe, caring environment. Protecting children from abuse is an integral part of our work. As a Board member we have a responsibility to protect your child and other young people we work with. We will share our Safeguarding and complaint policy with your child during their induction if they are successful in getting a place.

**I agree to my child (please tick):**

 **Taking part in the AIUK Section Board if their application is successful**

 **Amnesty International UK keeping a record of this form to process my child’s application.**

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| **Signed:** |  |
| **Dated:** |  |

**Section D: Young Persons declaration:**

I confirm that I want to apply to take part in the Amnesty International UK elections. I realise should I be successful in the elections I will gain a place as a Director on the Amnesty International Section Board for three years.

**I agree to (please tick):**

 **Taking part in the AIUK Section Board recruitment and elections.**

 **I am making this application independently from my parent/carers.**

 I am

 **Amnesty International UK Keeping a record of this form to process my application.**

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| **Signed:** |  |
| **Dated:**  |  |

**Please return completed form, along with your child’s application to:** returningofficer@amnesty.org.uk no later than Friday 25th March 2022.