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JOIN AMNESTY'S YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP!



Youth Advisory Group 2014-15



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Want to help Amnesty develop its work?
Want to meet other youth members?
Free to come to London on the 12th December?
Apply to be on AIUK's Youth Advisory Group!

Recruitment has now started for Amnesty's Youth Advisory Group. Each year we recruit a small group of youth group members to give us their views on our campaigns, our mailings, our website and how we can get more young people involved in Amnesty.

Who can apply?

Up to 2 members from each youth group can apply. We like get a good spread of people from across the UK. This great opportunity is for the more active or committed members of youth groups aged 14 and over.

Do I have to know lots about Amnesty International?

You don't need to be an expert on Amnesty. But we do need you to be enthusiastic, committed and ready to contribute.

How much time will I have to give?

It is a **one year** commitment and you would be expected to attend **4 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 **12th December 2015**. Other meetings will be in **March, July and September 2016**. Meetings are at our offices, the Human Rights Action Centre, in London. In addition, you will be asked to give feedback by email or Facebook in between meetings.

What happens at meetings?

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 (where two members of the Amnesty team also stay). And we take you out for dinner too!

Meetings run from about 10am to 4pm and are really informal. We basically just ask you for your opinions and ideas on all kinds of things such as our materials, website and campaigns. Sometimes we split you up into smaller groups 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 we can take people back to the station if needed. We cover all your food and travel expenses.

Here's what Kieran said about his experience:



There is something to be said about being surrounded by a group of similar aged like-minded people, all striving to achieve the same objectives. The atmosphere of these meetings is great, and the staff at the Amnesty International UK are so welcoming. Being part of the Youth Advisory Group is a once in a life time opportunity, with the ability to make a difference on the world with brand-new friends. The diversity of people you meet and tasks you work on is unbelievable, and with so many different experiences there is never a lack of ideas to

hand! I would recommend the Youth Advisory Group to anyone, it has certainly changed my life.

How do I apply?

Fill out the form overleaf and post it to us by **Friday 6th November**. Alternatively you can download the application form: www.amnesty.org.uk/youth and email it back to us. We can also email you a Word version if you prefer.

ADVISORY GROUP: APPLICATION FORM

ABOUT YOU

Name:

Date of Birth:

Gender: Male / Female

Home address:

Mobile:

Landline:

Email:

Name of school/college:

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

Have your parents seen the enclosed information about the Youth Advisory Group and the meeting on the 12th December and have given you permission to apply? Yes / No

Contact email of parent/guardian:

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

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

Tell us about some of the activities you've been involved in through your Amnesty youth group. Which activities have worked the best?

(please turn over)

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

Prefer to answer these questions over the phone?

Just fill in the **About You** section and post it to us - we will arrange a time to have a chat over the phone. You will be asked the same questions as on this form.

Please ask a teacher to fill in this section:

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

Teacher's name:

Teacher's signature:

Teacher's email:

Please return by **6th November 2015** to: Anne Montague. Community Organiser (Youth). Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA. Contact Anne Montague: anne.montague@amnesty.org.uk or call on 020 7033 1590.