



Membership Benefits 2019



Who we are

We are youth voice. The British Youth Council believes that young people have the power and the potential to take action and make positive social and political changes for themselves and others.

Founded in 1948 as the national youth council of the UK, our mission is to bring young people together to find their voice and use it to improve the lives of young people. We work with our member organisations to amplify young people's voices and create an environment in which young people's views are valued, sought and acted upon.

Underpinning everything we do are three core values:

Youth Led

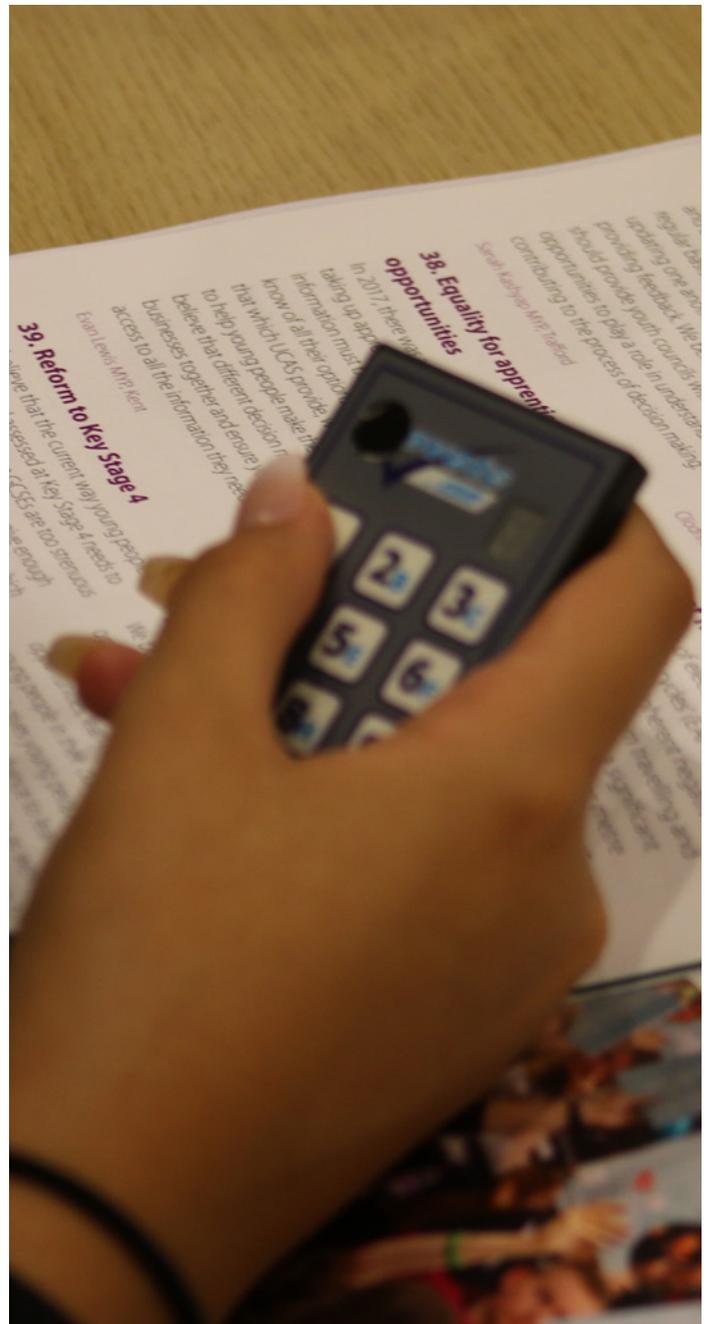
Young people are agents of change and will always be at the forefront of our work. As a youth-led charity, young people are our leadership through our governance structures. They lead and shape our work, and we support them to define their own action for change. We champion youth leadership across all sections of society, evidencing the benefits of engaging young people in decision making and delivery and supporting that to happen.

Collaborative

We actively seek to collaborate with others to make positive change happen. We seek to work with relevant partners to add value to our campaigns and activity, and to be more creative in our approach to making change happen with and for young people. We recognise the skills, knowledge and experience of young people, volunteers, staff and partners, and strive to achieve more by maximising the opportunities that collaboration provides.

Inclusive

We respect and value diversity and act in a way that includes all. We ensure that all our activities are inclusive, recognising the needs of young people across different communities, and bring young people and partners together to learn from each other.



Be part of something bigger

As the national youth council of the UK, we are proud to support a national network of member organisations who champion youth voice.

Our model is to work with organisations who involve young people in their decision making structures and advocacy programmes to identify the priority issues for young people and to co-create initiatives and campaigns to affect change with and for young people.

In joining the British Youth Council your organisation will become part of a national

network, focused on empowering young people across the UK to democratically participate in advocacy and decision making processes at a local, national and global level.

As part of our commitment to our members, we continue to listen and respond to the needs of your organisation and the young people you represent. We believe that together we can provide a platform for change, share powerful ideas, and collaborate to increase the impact of youth voice.



Benefits for members

A stronger youth voice

As part of the national youth council of the UK you will have opportunities to propose new policy positions and to shape our campaign priorities and advocacy work, nationally and internationally. You will also get access to decision makers through a range of events, meetings and consultations. You will also have voting rights within the British Youth Council to elect members of the Trustee Board and representatives to international forums.

Priority access to British Youth Council events

Priority access for your young people to participate in our national events, including our annual inclusion event Equality for Us, the All Party Parliamentary Group on Youth Affairs, and our Members' Meetings focusing on either our international or national work and how you can get involved.

Keeping in the loop

Be the first to hear about opportunities and events through our member-only newsletter, sent direct to you every fortnight.

Raise your profile

Highlight your youth voice priorities through blogs on our website and promoting your campaign actions through our member-only newsletter and events.

Access to support and resources

Opportunity and resources to take part in Make Your Mark, the largest youth consultation in the UK, and access to resources to support you to engage in national campaigns within your own organisation.

Build your networks

Opportunities to share resources and collaborate with other member organisations and youth-led networks through our range of events and workshops.

Discounts

Discounts are available to member organisations for a range of accredited learning awards to recognise and reward young people's involvement in youth voice and community activities. You can also get a discount on bespoke training to support you in developing and implementing youth voice activities within your organisation.



Youth Voice Membership

Aimed at English Local Authorities, Youth Voice membership gives you access to the UK Youth Parliament programme. This includes:

- Regional Conventions spread over three dates for elected Members of Youth Parliament and other youth voice representatives.
- Access to a range of resources to help measure impact, including the Youth Voice Self Assessment tool and the Youth Voice Outcomes framework and wheel.
- A professional development network for youth voice workers, and access to best practice resources and information sharing.
- The UK Youth Parliament events including:
 - The Annual Conference where Members of Youth Parliament debate and vote on a range of issues over three days
 - The House of Commons Sitting where Members of Youth Parliament are given the opportunity to debate in this historic chamber of parliament

Associate Membership

Associate membership is available to organisations who do not have young people as part of their decision making structures, and would like to show their support for youth voice. Associate members have access to our members-only email and some of our events.



Join us today!

We want you to become a part of our growing network!

To find out more about membership with the British Youth Council please contact us below:



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