**NSPCC**

**Young People’s Board for Change**

**Confidential**

**Parent/carer consent form**

To apply for the Young People’s Board for Change, we need to make sure that you have a safe adult to support you, this should be someone that has parental responsibility for you like a parent or carer. This section is for them to complete so that they understand the role and can support you to take part if your application is successful. If you have any problems finding an adult to complete this, or if your parent/carer needs help to complete this, please contact our participation team: Participationteam@NSPCC.org.uk

**What is the NSPCC Young People’s Board for Change?**

The Young People's Board for Change was made to steer, advise and influence the NSPCC on issues that affect children and young people in the UK. The board is made up of 15 young people, aged 13-16, from across the UK. They will meet on a regular basis between March 2025 and March 2027.

We are committed to ensuring that the Young People’s Board for Change reflects the diversity of children and young people in the UK and we encourage applications from all young people who are interested in steering, advising and influencing the NSPCC on issues that matter to young people. We particularly encourage applications from young people in alternative forms of education, in under-served, under-represented or disadvantaged communities and young people with lived experience of protected characteristics including ability, race, religion or beliefs, sex and sexual orientation and experience of care or other services.

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

* Apply to the Young People’s Board for Change
* If shortlisted, to take part in a virtual interview on a video call platform (Zoom, Microsoft Teams)

**Should your young person be successful at interview stage, they will be invited to take part in opportunities, including:**

* Weekend residentials at different locations in the UK (Expenses & travel costs will be covered by NSPCC)
* Virtual meetings (via videocall platforms) with Young People, hosted by NSPCC staff
* Meetings with NSPCC trustees and other staff, in-person or virtual
* Conferences and other NSPCC events
* External youth events

**All information and dates will be shared with you in advance of events and we will seek further consent at that time**.

**Please note:** NSPCC’s vision is that ‘Together, we can stop child abuse and neglect’. This means that we may deal with sensitive topics sometimes. We will always tell you and your young person if we are planning to discuss a sensitive topic ahead of time and we encourage young people to look after their wellbeing. If your young person has any worries and concerns about the topics we discuss, please let us know.

Should your young person require a high level of personal or physical care or presents behaviour which impacts on the safety of themselves or others around them, unfortunately we are currently unable to support them on the Young People’s Board for Change. If you are unsure if this will apply to your child, please contact us to discuss before completing this form.

 I agree to my child being contacted via (please tick):

mobile phone – call □    mobile phone – text  □    email □

**Young Person’s Details**

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| ***Full name (please print)***   |   |
| ***Date of Birth***   |   |
| ***Phone Number*** |  |
| ***Email Address***  |  |

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| **Full name of parent/ carer**   |
| **What is your relationship to the child/young person?**   |
| **Home address**     |
| **Phone**     |
| **Email (Optional)**     |
| **What is your preferred way to be contacted?**  □ mobile phone – call □ mobile phone – text    □ email    □ other (please specify)      |

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|   | **First Emergency Contact**   | **Second Emergency Contact**   |
| **Full name (Please print):**   |    |    |
| **Relationship to Young Person:**   |    |    |
| **Home/Work Number:**   |    |    |
| **Mobile Number:**   |    |    |

**Please tell us if your young person has any support needs that we should be aware of.**

This could include physical, emotional or behavioural support, religious or cultural needs or any other additional needs that we could offer support with.

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**I agree to**:

* My child taking part in the Young People’s Board for Change, if their application is successful
* NSPCC keeping a record of this form if my child gains a place on the Board (the consent will last for the duration of my child being a member of the YPBC)
* I understand that my child needs to follow the behaviour code and any safety rules so that they and others can be kept safe.
* I understand that I will be contacted as soon as possible about any matters relating to my child’s care or welfare.

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| ***Signed:***     | ***Date:***   |

***Please return completed form, along with your child’s application to:* participationteam@NSPCC.org.uk**

**Or by post to:**

**Participation Team, NSPCC, Weston House, 42 Curtain Road, London, EC2A 3NH**

**What happens next?**

**We’ll contact you and your child in February or March 2023 with an update on their application. We will invite those that have been successful with their application to an interview which will happen virtually via video call platform. Sadly, we can’t offer everyone that applies an interview or a place on the YPBC as we only have 15 places available. We will contact young people that are not successful this time with other opportunities and ways to get involved in supporting the work of the NSPCC.**

**PRIVACY NOTICE**

**Your personal information is important to us and we will take all reasonable steps to ensure this is kept safe and secure.  Our privacy policy tells you what personal information we may hold about you and how we ensure it is kept safe and secure, you can read our privacy notice here:**[**https://www.nspcc.org.uk/privacy-policy**](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/privacy-policy)