

Voice of Online Youth

Everything you need to know

Make your voice heard and shape a safer, happier online world.

When we speak to young people about online safety, they tell us: 'Though we may be young, we have a strong opinion on how to keep children safe online.'

Right now, not enough is being done to amplify the views of young people and make big changes to the online world. Over the past two years, the Voice of Online Youth has been tackling that, and we need you to keep the conversation going.

We want to learn even more about the experiences of young people online, the problems you face when looking for help and work with you to champion change.

We know that, as young people, you are experts in your own lives – so please share your voices and experiences with us. Together, we can create an online world that is safe for every child.

As part of putting young people at the heart of our work, we are looking to recruit a new group of young people to have a voice on safety in the online world. This work will involve talking with decision makers and influencing laws and regulation.



What is the Voice of Online Youth?

The Voice of Online Youth is a group of up to 20 young people from across the UK aged between 12 and 15 years old. The Voice of Online Youth will share their views and ideas on a range of issues affecting young people today including AI, access to the online world, what safe online platforms mean to them and digital literacy. They will advise the NSPCC on what matters most to this generation. This will involve lots of fun projects and experiences. There will be opportunities to travel across the country to take part in residential, away days, meetings and workshops, all related to the online world and keeping young people safe.

Apply now – we want lots of different young people to be part of the Voice of Online Youth. You do not need any experience of taking part in an advisory group, or of volunteering for the NSPCC. We will give you lots of support, information and training so that you feel confident and happy to take part.

What's involved

If you become a member of the **Voice of Online Youth** you will:

- Attend sessions and workshops every other month online and in-person with the rest of the group. There will be around four in-person sessions, and the rest will be held virtually.
- Work with the rest of the group to champion young people's views about the online world.
- Meet with decision makers who are developing laws, policies and regulation to make the online world safer and share your perspectives.
- Work with NSPCC teams to develop our research and positions on different online safety issues – such as making generative AI safe for children and making sure children's experiences online are suitable for their age.
- Represent the Voice of Online Youth at exciting events with lots of other people interested in online safety.
- Meet with teams within the NSPCC and other organisations to help make the online world safer.

To become a member of the Voice of Online Youth you need to:

- Be committed to being a member of the Voice of Online Youth for 18 months, from June 2026 to December 2027.
- Be available to consistently attend all online and face-to-face meetings, including in-person residential events.
- Have access to technology that will allow you to take part in virtual meetings and offline tasks.
- Be happy to share your views and ideas, and to tell the NSPCC what you think about what we do, and what we could be doing better for children and young people.
- Be excited to work in a team with a group of other young people from across the UK.
- Have a willingness to listen to others and respect views that might be different to your own.
- Be ready to try new things and take part in new experiences, like attending meetings with decision makers at the NSPCC.

What does it cost?

It doesn't cost anything to join. The NSPCC will cover the cost of travel, accommodation and other expenses like food, when you come to any in-person events and meetings. All these details will be shared with you and your parent or carer before any meetings or events.

I want to apply to the Voice of Online Youth. How does it work?

Great! The first step is to [fill out an application form](#) on our website. You will also need a parent or carer to fill out and sign the consent form part of the application form.

You will need to submit it to us by 22nd May 2026. You will also need to be available to come to a virtual interview with one of our friendly team members in June 2026.

What if I need additional support with applying?

We're always here to help. Send a message to YouthCSOSolutions@NSPCC.org.uk and we can have a chat to make sure that you have all the support you need to apply.

Safeguarding

The NSPCC takes safeguarding seriously and is committed to protecting young people from harm. To see how we do this, please read the safeguarding document contained on the [webpage](#) which details our commitment to young people and what we have put in place to keep young people safe.

