

# Information about the Role



**Young People's Advisory Panel Members must be between 11 and 18 years old and live in Wales.**

## **When and where do they meet?**

The Panel meets 3 times a year for a whole day.

The first meeting takes place on **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2018**. It is a National meeting so will be held for all members and take place in **Mid Wales**.

The other 2 meetings are held in various venues in either North or South Wales, whichever is closest to home, on **Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018** and **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019**.

There will also be a ½ day or evening training session 'Getting on Board – How to be a board member training' in the autumn, date to be confirmed.

There are more optional opportunities to be involved in the work of the Team in the year.

## **What do they do when they meet?**

- Provide advice and support to Sally Holland, the Children's Commissioner, about the way her organisation works with and represents children and young people in Wales.
- Raise awareness of children's rights and promote the work of the Children's Commissioner for Wales.
- Work with Sally and her team to review the work plan each year and provide her with new ideas and feedback.
- Work with Sally and her team to review and improve how the advisory group is working including recruiting and supporting new and existing members.

## **They need to have :**

- Good communication skills so that they can take part in discussions and share their views
- Team working skills, an ability to work with other people to achieve a shared goal
- Some of the members need to have Welsh language skills but not everyone does
- Some previous experience of representing others e.g. school council, youth forum
- Experience of sharing their views confidently with others
- An interest in children's rights
- Knowledge or experience of the range of issues young people in Wales face

## **They are:**

- Motivated and keen to contribute new ideas
- Respectful and kind to others
- Committed to attending 3 meetings each year for two years (unless there are unavoidable circumstances that prevent them)