**Young People’s Advisory Panel**

**Application Form**

Please complete this form in black ink and return by post to the address below or by email to: recruitment@childcomwales.org.uk

Head of Human Resources, Children’s Commissioner for Wales,Llewellyn House

Harbourside Business Park, Port Talbot, SA13 1SB

**OR**

Complete this form online [here.](https://online1.snapsurveys.com/ocokxe)

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**PART ONE: Personal Details**

Surname: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ First Names: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Home Address: Postcode:Home telephone no:Mobile No:Email: Date of Birth:Age:School/college:Year group:  |

Please ask your parent/carer/guardian\* to complete this section of the form:

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (parent/ guardian name)

Give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (young person’s name) to:

* apply for this opportunity
* to attend the meeting dates
* submit this application form in written or video version

Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\*If you are living independently and are aged 16-18 you do not need this permission. Just let us know this.

**PART TWO:**

You can answer this section of the application form by **either:**

1. Writing answers to the **4 questions** in the boxes on the next page.
(maximum of 250 words per box)

**Or**

1. **Writing a personal statement about yourself,** about the times you have used your skills, what experiences you have had and why you want to be a new member for our group. Take a look at some of the examples we mention in the 4 questions on the next page.

(maximum of 1000 words)

You will need to write this in a separate document and send it along with this form.

**Or**

1. **Submitting a video** telling us about yourself, about the times you have used your skills, what experiences you have had and why you want to be a member of our group. Take a look at some of the examples we mention in the 4 questions on the next page.

(maximum of 2 minutes)

You could use a file-sharing service like Dropbox or WeTransfer to do this. Make sure you have your parents' permission. Please complete this box if you choose to do this:

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| **Yes!** I have submitted a video. I have sent a link to download the video to recruitment@childcomwales.org.uk for part 2 of my application.  | Date message sent: Time message sent: |

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| **Skills, experience or knowledge needed to be a young People’s Panel member.** | **Write down (or tell us in a video) examples of when you used this skill or the best example you can describe.** *For example, you could tell us about contributing to discussions in a youth forum about something important to you, attending school council and helping to improve something for others, helping others in work or in a group.* |
| **1**. Tell us about your **good communication skills,** explain why you think you will be good at taking part in discussions and sharing your views.Tell us about your best example of **sharing your views confidently** with others.You can write **up to 250 words** in this box (only if you want to. Don’t worry if you write less just do the best you can) .  |   |
| **2.** Tell us about your **Team working skills,** Write about a time or times you have worked with other people to achieve a shared goal.Write about your best experiences of helping others. You can write **up to 250 words** in this box (only if you want to. Don’t worry if you write less just do the best you can).  |  |
| **3**. Tell us what you know about **issues or problems** young people in Wales face and how these affect Children’s Rights. This may be:* a personal experience (e.g. you may be care experienced or have a particular religion or belief)
* a condition you live with (e.g. you may live with additional learning needs)
* your family circumstances (e.g. you may be a family carer)
* something you have learned about when helping a friend (e.g. helped a friend who’s been bullied)
* something you have learned about through the school council or youth forum (e.g. how the cost of living affects families)

You can write **up to 250 words** in this box (only if you want to. Don’t worry if you write less just do the best you can ). |  |
| **4. Why do you want to be a member** of our young people’s advisory group?What **inspires** you the most to join our group?You can write **up to 250 words** in this box (only if you want to. Don’t worry if you write less just do the best you can).  |  |

**PART THREE: Dates for your diary 2024**

Please note you **must** be able to attend the training session and the three highlighted meetings below. If you belong to any other youth forums, school council or committee meetings please make sure that these dates do not clash with your other commitments. We are relying on you to attend our meetings.

If you can’t attend any of the highlighted meetings then unfortunately we will need to offer your place to another young person.

The others are additional optional online meetings with the Commissioner and panel.

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| **Training****Date to be confirmed****29th January** **OR****31st January** Online | **13th February** **(NORTH WALES)****15th February****(SOUTH WALES)**Venues TBC | **17th April**6pm – 7pm Online | **19th June**6pm – 7pmOnline |
| **31st July**Joint Meeting with Adult Panel4pm – 6pmOnline | **12th September**6pm – 7pmOnline | **29th October****(NORTH WALES)****31st October****(SOUTH WALES)**Venues TBC | **9th December**6pm – 7pmOnline |

**Please note, you will need to make your own way to meetings (check with a parent/carer) however, we will pay for your transport costs to meetings in line with our travel policy. This will be train or bus fares, or petrol costs.**

**If you need a parent or carer to come with you on the journey, we will pay their fare too.**

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| Is there is **anything else** you feel we would need to know about you so that you are able to attend our meetings? E.g. disability support.  |

**Welsh language skills**

Are you able to communicate in Welsh?

Yes □ No □

If you answered **yes** please indicate below what level of skill you have in the Welsh language.

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| **Basic or beginner** |  |
| **Experienced welsh learner**  |  |
| **Fluent**  |  |

Preferred language of communication: Welsh □ English □

**Memberships / Groups**

Are you a member of any another groups or panels?

Yes □ No □

If you answered **yes** can you please write in the box below the name of the group/panel.

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Thank you very much for applying to become a member of our group!

**Please return your application either:**

**By email** to**:** **recruitment@childcomwales.org.uk**

**Or**

**By post** to this address**:**

**Head of Human Resources,**

**Children’s Commissioner for Wales,**

**Llewellyn House,**

**Harbourside Business Park,**

**Harbourside Road,**

**Port Talbot SA13 1SB**

**Or**

Send a link to download your video to recruitment@childcomwales.org.uk**.**

If you are sending a video, please remember to complete the box on page 2 and **REMEMBER** **TO SAY YOUR NAME CLEARLY** in your video so we can match up your form.

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