



KNOWSLEY SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP



Knowsley Young Advisor Job Description

Young Advisors (YAs) are young people aged 15 – 21 (24 with additional needs). Young Advisors will engage other young people to promote their voice in the city around issues that matter. This will be fed back to services to better inform their plans/ delivery.

Job Role:

1. Use a range of methods to consult with young people in your area, to identify their needs.
2. Support young people to influence change in their communities.
3. Work with adults to engage and maintain the interest of young people in the planning, management and review of services.
4. Work alongside adults in policy and decision making to achieve change within your area.
5. Produce young person friendly information and materials.
6. Link with other existing young people's groups, networks and forums in area.
7. Engage with individuals and the community through various mediums, e.g. social media, meetings and consultations.
8. Participate in essential training, e.g.: safeguarding, communication skills, leadership training.



Knowsley Young Advisor Person Specification

The role of a Young Advisor involves engaging and consulting with people in a wide range of roles (local residents to strategic decision makers). Providing advice, information and guidance at various levels. This can include consulting with young people across the area and feeding back into the decision making process.

Personal characteristics:

- Patience
- Desire and capacity to learn and help others learn
- Persistence
- Courageous
- Uses initiative
- Respect for those from a different background
- Interested in people
- Committed to children and young people having a say, being heard and making changes
- A good team player

Desirable qualities:

- A self-starter
- Interest in how the community and the country are run

The essential skills needed for the role of a Young Advisor are:

- A good listener
- A track record of accepting responsibility and seeing things through
- Confidence and self-esteem
- Able to influence people
- Able to challenge and disagree without being disagreeable

Desirable skills:

- A confident speaker
- Able to see several sides of the same argument
- Running effective, brief, fun meetings
- Writing useful reports, notes for others
- Interviewing skills
- An ability to choose priorities and manage their time
- Able to propose and stimulate changes