

Aged 16-25 and living in the UK? Are you interested in being a UK Young Advisor to make a difference to young people and their long-term futures?

Please read these notes carefully before filling in your application.

1. What's the project about?

The Young Advisors project is part of a UK-wide programme being funded by the Health Foundation, which is looking into the factors that affect young people's long-term futures.

The project will address some specific topics that make a difference to young people's lives: **employment, economic security, and transport systems to unlock opportunities, experiences, and choices.**

Young Advisors will work closely with selected expert organisations to give young people a voice on these important issues, and to influence research and policy at the national level.

2. Who's involved?

The project is funded by the [Health Foundation](#), an independent charity committed to bringing about better health for people in the UK.

Young Advisors will work closely with expert organisations to address particular topics. These are:

- The [RSA](#) (working on **economic security**)
- [Institute of Employment Studies](#) (working on **employment**)
- [University of the West of England](#) and [Sustrans](#) (working on **transport systems to unlock opportunities, experiences, and choices**)

Young Advisors will be recruited and supported by [Leaders Unlocked](#), a social enterprise that aims to enable young people to have a stronger voice on the issues that affect their lives.

3. Who can join the Young Advisors project?

We are looking for participants aged **16-25 years from across the UK – including Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales and England**. This role is open to anyone who is interested and keen to apply. In total, we are seeking to recruit up to 40 young people across the UK.

We are keen to find individuals who are **passionate about addressing at least one** of the following issues: Employment and the Quality of Work; Economic Security; Transport Systems to Unlock Opportunities, Experiences and Choices.

We are looking for people who are team players and willing to get involved with all the activities of the project. We are also keen to make sure that the Young Advisors are a diverse range of young people from different backgrounds and life experiences.

4. If I join, what will I have to do?

From May 2021 to May 2022, the Young Advisors will be involved in the following activities:

- **Take part in two events with the whole cohort:**
There will be one event with all Young Advisors at the start of the project in June 2021, and another in May 2022. At the first session you'll meet everyone involved and have a chance to discuss the issues that matter to you. At the second session you will come back together as a whole cohort to reflect on the year's activity and feed in to future plans.
- **Work on a particular topic with one of the expert organisations:**
Each Young Advisor will work in an in-depth way with one of the expert organisations on a topic. The topics to choose from are: Employment, Transport and Economic Security. Young Advisors will take part in 3-4 sessions on your topic area over the course of the year, in collaboration with the expert organisation. You will share your perspectives relating to the topic, and act as an advisor to the expert organisation to influence their work.
- **Get creative and practical:**
You will have opportunities to work with your expert organisation to provide practical help with research. You will have an opportunity to get creative to design materials to influence decision makers.

- **Act as an advocate for change with experts and decision-makers:**
You will be able to act as an advocate for change with experts and decision-makers, in relation to your chosen topic. You will have a chance to be a part of important presentations and events to express your views on this topic and what needs to change for young people.

Please note: All events and activities will be delivered digitally, using platforms such as Zoom, Teams or similar.

5. What will I get from being part of the project?

As a Young Advisor, you will have the opportunity to:

- **Discuss issues with experts and decision-makers:**
You will meet professionals from the expert organisations and the Health Foundation and help them to understand what young people think about the issues of employment, transport systems, and economic security.
- **Develop your knowledge, skills and experience**
You will gain valuable knowledge, skills and experience, which you will be able to use for your CV and applications to education or employment. You will gain in-depth knowledge and insight about your topic area, which could be beneficial for those who are seeking to study or work in a related area.
- **Become an advocate for the issues that matter to young people**
You will have the chance to be an advocate for the issues that matter to young people. You will give voice to the challenges young people face and the changes they most need.
- **Meet new people and build your networks**
You will be connected with a diverse range of young people from across the UK, and work alongside professionals and experts from different organisations.

6. How do I apply?

Please fill in the enclosed application form and email to anna@leaders-unlocked.org by Wednesday 26th May 2021

- If you are under 18, you must also fill out the section regarding your Parent/ Guardian/ Carer. All members under the age of 18 will be asked to send across a signed consent form before the first event.
- **Privacy:** Your privacy is really important to us. By filling in the application form, you are consenting to Leaders Unlocked using your personal information to keep in touch with you over the course of the project. If your application is not successful, or you decide to withdraw your application, we will delete your personal data from our files.

7. What happens next?

Please email your completed application to anna@leaders-unlocked.org by Wednesday 26th May 2021.

After the deadline, we will carry out telephone interviews with shortlisted applicants. All applicants will be informed of the outcome by 3rd June.

We look forward to receiving to receiving your application!