



NHS YOUTH FORUM 2021 / 2022

Application Information Pack

**Deadline:
11:59PM Sunday 25th July 2021**

The NHS Youth Forum

Since 2014, NHS England has had a Youth Forum, made up of up to 25 young people a year from all over the country, who have a passion for improving health services. It gives a space to young people to express their thoughts on the health issues that matter most to them.

By bringing young people together to share their perspectives and experience, and those of their peers, it is possible to identify and address key areas for healthcare improvements. The Youth Forum works in partnership with NHS England, Public Health England and Department of Health enabling them to have a direct impact on the health services that young people use.

The core aims of the Forum are:

Support health professionals by providing advice about national programmes of work in NHS England

Challenge existing policy and suggest improvements to health services for young people

Encourage other young people to get actively involved in their own healthcare



“ Young people make up nearly one quarter of our population and are thus prominent users of GP practices, hospitals, clinics, online NHS services as well as many other healthcare facilities. It is crucial for us to have a say in our healthcare, feel empowered to feedback our views and give recommendations on what the future of the NHS looks like for us. ”



Find out more about the NHS Youth Forum



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The British Youth Council

The British Youth Council is the National Youth Council of the UK. As a youth-led charity, we empower young people aged 25 and under to influence and inform the decisions that affect their lives. We support young people to get involved in their communities and democracy locally, nationally and internationally, making a difference as volunteers, campaigners, decision-makers and leaders.

To find out more about the British Youth Council click here:

www.byc.org.uk/



About the programme

Facilitated by the British Youth Council, The NHS Youth Forum works to improve health and social care services for young people across England and directly impact decisions within NHS England and Improvement (NHSEI). Starting in September 2021, the cycle will last 7 months, coming to a close in March 2022.

Members of the forum will work directly with the Youth Engagement Team at the British Youth Council and stakeholders in NHSEI, to identify the main issues affecting young people today. As part of your role, you could build skills in researching, consulting and gathering data to feedback to the NHS. You can find some of the work that the 2020/21 cycle created [here](#).

As a member of the forum, there will also be a range of opportunities offered to you to influence decisions in NHSEI, the British Youth Council and other areas of healthcare!

As part of your commitment to the NHS Youth Forum, our commitment to you is that we will provide you with the relevant skills required to help you develop as a young leader and support you in each step of the process.

Find out what else we have to offer later in this pack!



Your role on the programme

Key responsibilities

As an NHS Youth Forum member, your role is to advocate for young people on issues they face around healthcare. This includes developing campaigns, co-facilitating workshops, sharing your own and other young people's experiences, speaking at events and being active on social media. You also act as ambassadors for the British Youth Council and NHS England and Improvement.

The things you'll need

1. The ability to work as part of a team.
2. The ability to speak on behalf of other young people and represent their view.
3. The ability to stay motivated and connected to the forum remotely and proactively be supportive on project work.
4. Experience of NHS services.
5. Be passionate about representing the voice of young people
6. Enthusiasm for creating positive change in the NHS.



Your commitment to the programme

1. Up to 12 hours a month to support the development of ongoing projects.
2. Engage with and attend monthly check-in meetings.
3. Come to external opportunities such as events, webinars and workshops when you can.

If you require additional support to carry out this role please contact the Youth Engagement Team at nhsyouthforum@byc.org.uk

Our commitment to you

We will provide you with:

1. Accessible and inclusive spaces to ensure all young people can take part in our programmes, events and workshops.
2. Training and skills development in line with your role.
3. A safe and confidential space for you to share your experiences.
4. The opportunity to receive an ASDAN Youth Voice Award qualification to reflect on your work as a young leader.
5. Regular updates with opportunities you can get involved with.

The key dates to commit to

01

Induction session one (Virtual)

Introduction to BYC and the NHS Youth Forum
Saturday 11th September - 10am - 3pm

02

Induction session two (Virtual)

NHS Masterclass on priority issues
Saturday 18th September - 10am - 3pm

03

Induction session three (Virtual)

Project Planning Session
Saturday 25th September - 10am-3pm

04

Induction session four (Virtual)

First monthly catch up
Tuesday 5th October 5pm - 6:30pm

05

Monthly Check-In

To deliver forum updates, receive support and hear about any opportunities
First Tuesday of each month until March 2022

06

Monthly Skill Development Sessions

To provide forum members the skills required to be young leaders
Third Tuesday of each month until March 2022

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As part of your role as a Youth Forum Member, you must be able to commit at least 12 hours a month to delivering your projects.

The Process

01

Application closes

11:59PM Sunday 25th July 2021

02

We invite you to interview or let you know you've been unsuccessful

Week Commencing 2nd August 2021

03

We hold interviews

Week Commencing 9th August 2021

04

We let you know if you have a place on the programme or not

Week Commencing 16th August 2021

05

Induction sessions start

10am - 3pm Saturday 11th September 2021

(Unfortunately due to the number of applications we receive, we are unable to give feedback to applicants not selected, but we'd love to keep in touch with you to share future opportunities.)

How to apply

To apply please complete the application.

[Click here to apply](#)

To apply we'll ask you to provide three things via the link above:

1. A short piece of writing, video or audio note about why you want to join the programme.
2. A few questions about you and who you are
3. A quick bit of information on how we will keep the data you share with us safe.



Equal Opportunities



The NHS and the British Youth Council is committed to the implementation of Equal Opportunities throughout its work.

Therefore, we actively welcome applications from those who identify as LGBTQAI+, BiPoC or BAME, as well as those who have a faith, live with a disability, have experience of the care system or have parenting or caring responsibilities.

Questions?

If you have any queries or would like more info please contact the Youth Engagement Team at the British Youth Council via email:

nhsyouthforum@byc.org.uk

Thank you for your interest in being part of the programme.

We can't wait to hear from you!

