

Young Wales Terms of Reference

Education & Training Advisory Board

What is this group?

The Education and Training Advisory Board is a place for young people to talk about their schooling and future employment and training opportunities available in Wales.

If you're aged 11 to 15, we will focus on discussing school, and any challenges you might be facing that are getting in the way of your education. We want to work together to create better opportunities for young people, and we want your input!

For young people who are 16 or older, we are diving into the Young Person's Guarantee. It's a commitment made by the Welsh Government to provide young people in Wales with an ongoing offer of support to gain a place in education or training, find a job or become self-employed. Let's talk about how to make the most of it!

What are the aims of the group?

Here's the big picture – we are working with the Welsh Government to empower all children and young people in Wales reach their full potential.

We're creating a safe space for young people to chat about education, employment and training in Wales, with other young people who care about the issue. Have you got a genius idea for making education and training in Wales even better? We're all ears, let's discuss it!

With Welsh Government representatives attending our sessions regularly, we're passing the mic to young people, to help influence the policies, procedures and legislations that shape education, employment and training in Wales.

When will this group meet?

The Education and Training group will meet every other month, on a Saturday between 10am-12pm.

2024	Saturday 13 th April Saturday 8 th June Saturday 17 th August Saturday 12 th October Saturday 7 th December
2025	Saturday 8 th February

Who To Contact

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Young Carers Advisory Board

What is this group?

The Young Carer's Advisory Board is a group for young people aged 11-18 who have lived experience of being a young carer, to discuss and share their experiences with other young carers.

What are the aims of the group?

Our big goal? Empowering young carers, making sure your voices are heard loud and clear, and creating positive change to make life better for you!

Advocating for young carers' rights, needs and wellbeing are key to the work of this group - we want to provide a safe space where you can share your experiences as a Young Carer and feel understood.

We want to shine a light on your experiences – spread the word and raise awareness! This is why we are giving Welsh Government officials a chance to attend our sessions and listen to what you have to say. Your voice matters, and we want to make sure your experiences are shaping the rules and laws that impact young carers in Wales.

When will this group meet?

The Young Carers Advisory Board will meet every other month, on a Saturday between 1pm and 3pm.

2024	Saturday 13 th April Saturday 8 th June Saturday 17 th August Saturday 12 th October Saturday 7 th December
2025	Saturday 8 th February

Who To Contact

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Mental Health & Wellbeing National Youth Stakeholders Advisory Board (NYSG)

What is this group:

The Mental Health and Wellbeing National Youth Stakeholders Group (NYSG) is a safe space for young people ages 11-25 to talk about their experiences with mental health and wellbeing services in Wales. You can get involved if you have lived experience in this area, or just a general interest – let's dive in and make a difference!

What are the aims of the group?

Our big mission? Working with the Welsh Government, we want to make sure every young person who needs mental health or wellbeing support has access to it.

To do this, we want to hear your thoughts, your ideas can have a big impact! We want to provide young people with a platform to discuss mental health and wellbeing in Wales, with others who are interested in the issue.

Young Wales are committed to making sure young people's voices are heard, and that real change happens. With Welsh Government attending sessions, by sharing in our group, you're helping to shape the rules and laws that impact services in Wales.

When will this group meet?

The Mental Health & Wellbeing NYSG will meet every other month, on a Saturday between 3pm and 5pm.

2024	Saturday 13 th April Saturday 8 th June Saturday 17 th August Saturday 12 th October Saturday 7 th December
2025	Saturday 8 th February

Who To Contact

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Social Justice & Climate Change Advisory Board

What is this group:

The Social Justice and Climate Change Group is all about giving a voice to young people aged 11-25 years old in Wales, and making sure your thoughts on what's happening in our world are heard loud and clear. We're tackling big issues like fairness, poverty and saving our planet for the next generation. Let's make Wales better for everyone!

What are the aims of the group?

Our group is a safe space to chat about social justice and climate changes in Wales, with other young people who care about the topic. Working together, we want to create a Wales where young people have a fair chance, and our planet is thriving.

Have you got a game-changing idea for making Wales fairer and greener? Let's hear it! Your voice can spark big changes. Working with Welsh Government, you will have the chance to share your amazing views and ideas.

By sharing your thoughts, you will be helping to shape the rules and laws that impact social justice and climate change in Wales. Let's make waves!

When will this group meet?

The Social Justice & Climate Change Group will meet every other month, on a Saturday between 10am-12pm.

2024	Saturday 11 th May Saturday 13 th July Saturday 15 th September Saturday 9 th November
2025	Saturday 18 th January Saturday 8 th March

Who To Contact

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Feeling Safe (Online and in Relationships) Advisory Board

What is this group?

The Feeling Safe (Online and in Relationships) is here to make you feel comfortable and respected, both online and in relationships. It is for anyone ages 11 to 25 who has interest in this issue.

What are the aims of the group?

Our big goal? To make sure that children and young people stay safe, whether they're online or spending time with others.

We want to give children and young people a safe place to talk about staying safe online and in their relationships, with other young people who have interest in the same issues.

It will give you the chance to share your ideas on how to make online spaces safer, and how to help young people in Wales to have healthy and safe friendships and relationships. By connecting the Welsh Government to children and young people, it gives young people the chance to influence rules and laws about staying safe online and having healthy relationships.

When will this group meet?

The Feeling Safe (online and in relationships) Group will meet every other month, on a Saturday between 1pm and 3pm.

2024	Saturday 11 th May Saturday 13 th July Saturday 15 th September Saturday 9 th November
2025	Saturday 18 th January Saturday 8 th March

Who To Contact

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LGBTQ+ Advisory Board

What is this group?

Our LGBTQ+ group offers a safe space where LGBTQ+ young people and their allies can talk about topics that matter to them, review policies and practices, and to have an input by giving recommendations.

Anyone between 11 and 25 who's LGBTQ+ or supports LGBTQ+ rights can join in!

What are the aims of the group?

Our main goal? To work together to make Wales as welcoming and safe as possible for all LGBTQ+ children and young adults.

We want to provide a safe space for young people to chat about LGBTQ+ issues with other interested young people, giving you the chance to share your thoughts on how to make LGBTQ+ rights better in Wales.

By connecting Welsh Government with young people to hear their ideas on how to boost LGBTQ+ rights in Wales, we give young people the power to shape Welsh Government policies, ways of doing things and laws around LGBTQ+ rights.

When will this group meet?

The LGBTQ+ Advisory Board will meet every other month, on a Saturday between 3pm and 5pm.

2024	Saturday 11 th May Saturday 13 th July Saturday 15 th September Saturday 9 th November
2025	Saturday 18 th January Saturday 8 th March

Who To Contact

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