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Youth Ambassadors



Are you passionate about supporting young people in their career? Do you want to be an advocate for other young people in the Northwest? If so, we want to hear from you!



Our Youth Ambassadors

We are looking for some enthusiastic, committed and dependable young people to join our Career Connect Youth Ambassador Programme.

Are you looking to make a difference in your community and using your voice to advocate for other young people in the Northwest? Our Youth Ambassador role might be for you!

WHAT IS A YOUTH AMBASSADOR?

A young person who volunteers their time with Career Connect to help us create the best possible service for our young people.

At Career Connect, we value Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child that every child has the right to be listened to and taken seriously. It is therefore our aim to facilitate this right for our young people.



About the programme

OUR GOAL:

To create a safe, inclusive and friendly group of representatives for young people to participate their voice to form and shape Career Connect services so we can best benefit our young people.

HOW OLD DO YOU NEED TO BE?

16-24 years old

HOW LONG IS THE PROGRAMME?

12 months

DO YOU NEED ANY QUALIFICATIONS?

Nope! You just need to have accessed or currently be accessing a Career Connect service.

HOW MANY AMBASSADORS WILL THERE BE?

12 young people





About Career Connect

OUR VISION:

A society where every individual realises their full potential.

OUR MISSION:

To drive social mobility by enabling more people to access and succeed in education, training and employment.

OUR VALUES:

- Inclusive: we believe diversity is a strength and each person should be supported to achieve the best possible outcomes, irrespective of their background.
- Person-centred: we care about people as individuals, we advise and advocate on their behalf so that they can achieve their goals.
- Aspirational: we are committed to raising aspirations and achieving a greater level of social mobility.
- Impartial: we work independently as a charity, to broaden horizons and help people to find an opportunity that's right for them.
- Professional: we are passionate about our work; we are highly skilled and knowledgeable, working with integrity to achieve results.



"This is a great opportunity for our young people of Career Connect. It is invaluable that we hear the voices of young people and work with them to help shape our careers services. Not only that, but it is a great way to improve skills and develop a unique experience whilst having a bit of fun too!"

**Evie Chambers,
Youth Voice Co-Ordinator**

"We are so excited to welcome our Youth Ambassadors to the Career Connect Team. Our young people are at the heart of everything we do, and it is so important that we give you the ability to advocate for yourselves and other young people. These individuals will be vital to helping us develop as a charity and encourage conversations to make big changes to our services. We can't wait to meet you all!"

Barry Fletcher, CEO





The role

As a Youth Ambassador, we will need to do a variety of things:

- Be a champion for other Young People
- Promote Career Connect and our services
- Give honest feedback on services, staff and events offered by Career Connect
- Make suggestions on how to improve our services to our policymakers
- Assist in the recruitment, interviewing and induction of staff
- Inform us about problems Young People currently face
- Run and participate in Focus Groups & events
- Conduct 'mystery shopper' activities
- Assist in the creation of social media content such as introduction videos and promotional content
- Offer support for other Young People
- Form a friendly community of ambassadors who work together
- Meet monthly with Evie both in person and online



The rewards

So what will get in return for your hard work?

- Training, skills sessions and upskilling workshops tailored to you
- An experience to enhance your CV & applications
- Ambassador merchandise
- Having your voices heard by policymakers
- Changes made to the Career Connect community based on your feedback and advice
- Monthly meetings with our Youth Voice Co-ordinator
- The opportunity to connect with other young people in the Northwest to create friendships
- Certificate of participation
- Additional freebies for larger tasks
- An online forum with our Youth Voice Co-ordinator and other Ambassadors to get quick, 1:1 advice
- Representation on social media
- Networking opportunities
- Using your voice to make a difference to our young people
- A reference for applications

Applications

WHAT QUALITIES DO I NEED?

- Be passionate about Youth Voice and representing other young people
- Friendly and approachable
- Reliant and dependable
- Can confidently voice their opinions and ideas
- Willing to help others

I'M INTERESTED! WHAT NOW?

If you are looking to apply, get in touch with your Key Worker/Advisor and they will get you the relevant forms to complete or download them from our website.

WHAT IS THE APPLICATION PROCESS?

In the application form, you will need to complete a few questions about youth voice and why you want to be an ambassador. You must also sign an Ambassador Contract. You may then be invited to interview with our Youth Voice Co-Ordinator. If you are successful, you will then become a Career Connect Youth Ambassador.



Interested?

Your voice matters so if this sounds like something you are interested in pursuing to enhance both your career and other young peoples' careers, get in touch with your Key Worker/Advisor to get the relevant forms or download them from our website.

Once you have completed the application form, please send it to Evie at:

evie.chambers@careerconnect.org.uk

Feel free to also use the above email to contact Evie if you have any questions, problems or queries.

