

# Children in Scotland

every child - every childhood



## Want to make your voice heard for children and young people in Scotland?

Are you aged between 8-25 and interested in working together on improving the lives of children and young people living in Scotland?

Children in Scotland is a national children's charity based in Edinburgh.

We think it is important to listen to children, young people and the adults in their lives about issues that impact on them. We work with different organisations to make sure that children's voices are heard.

We want to create spaces for children and young people to enjoy their rights, including the right to have a say in decisions that affect their lives.

This is why we are developing an **advisory group**, made up of children and young people, to help shape our work and make sure that we are listening and reacting to their views.

This is where you come in:

### YOU

Help to shape our work and make sure that we listen and respond to the views of children and young people in all our work

Help us plan and organise events. Contribute to how we share the views of children and young people across our network by writing articles and making films and vlogs

Co-design projects with us and help us speak up for children and young people with different experiences of life across Scotland

Work with us for two years and regularly contribute to meetings, both online and in person.

### US

We'll support you to take part, and:

Provide different opportunities to take part in things you enjoy and that are important to you

Involve you in decisions as a group and link you to other children and young people having their voices heard across Scotland

Listen to you and respect your views and let you know how **your work** has helped us to make changes and improve our own.

## How do you get involved?

There will be selection days on **Saturday 17th and 24th June** in Edinburgh, so you'd need to be free on one of these dates.

We will cover your travel and expenses and there will be **good food**.



## Who are we looking for?

Don't be shy! And don't worry if you've never done this kind of thing before. We're looking for lots of different types of people with different experiences, with lots to say and creative minds.

There will be lots of support from us here at Children in Scotland to take part.

We're looking for 15 children and young people who:

- enjoy working in groups
- like sharing their ideas in different ways
- can give their time and energy to work with children and young people across Scotland



## Two things we need from you:

1. Send your answers to these questions to us at [BeHeard@childreninscotland.org.uk](mailto:BeHeard@childreninscotland.org.uk) by midnight on Sunday 11 June:

- Why do you think it's important for children and young people to be heard in decisions that impact on their lives?
- What makes you YOU?
- How would you like to contribute?

You can send us your answers however you wish (photos, song, drawings, Snapchat film, written...). Whatever you decide, keep them short and snappy!

2. Also include the best way for us to reach you, and your age. If there are barriers for you taking part in activities like this, let us know and we'll do everything we can to make it easier to participate.

## What's good about taking part?

### Skills & Experience

- Team building with people who have different ideas and experiences
- Developing lots of new skills (and brushing up on old ones!)
- The chance to try things like public speaking, design, writing for a magazine, doing research, planning events
- You'll gain experience that's good for college, Uni, jobs and your future plans
- Access to short-term mentors
- Build up your knowledge in areas of interest (like housing, mental health, education etc)

### Having a Say!

- Having a say in the work of Children in Scotland
- Chance to work in a national charity
- Understanding of children's rights

### Other opportunities

- Young Scot Reward points
- Volunteering Awards
- Finding out about other ways to share your voice

## Get in touch...

If you have any questions, please email us on [BeHeard@childreninscotland.org.uk](mailto:BeHeard@childreninscotland.org.uk) or call 0131 313 2322.

