YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

Do you want to help Teenage Cancer Trust make sure we are providing the best possible support to young people affected by cancer? Apply to be part of our Youth Advisory Group today to help us put young people at the heart of our work and make sure young people don't face cancer alone!

Applications open: Wednesday 4 November
Applications close: Sunday 22 November

Who can be part of the group?

We're looking for young people who:

- were diagnosed with cancer or had cancer treatment between the ages of 13-24 years old*
- have finished treatment within the last two years (not including maintenance treatment)
- are well enough to engage with meetings - mainly online with some in-person opportunities which are not compulsory

**If you are under 18 you will need consent from a parent or guardian to take part in this group, and they will need to accompany you to any in-person events*

What will I be doing?

There will be lots of different things you can get involved with during your time on YAG, including:

- opportunities to meet online monthly to contribute to projects from different teams across the organisation
- a minimum of one in-person residential meeting during your two-year membership of the group*
- working with senior members of staff to give your ideas, insights and feedback on the work we're doing and how we can better support young people with cancer. For example, attending Senior Leadership and Board of Trustees meetings
- using your lived experience to help design resources and projects, and influencing decisions about the future of Teenage Cancer Trust and how we support young people with cancer
- you will also have the opportunity to get a close insight of the inner workings of the organisation and we will provide training to make sure you can maximise these opportunities

**Teenage Cancer Trust will always pay for any travel and accommodation needed to make sure these opportunities are equally available to all members*

When does it start?

The group will start in **January 2027**. We'd like you to commit to the group for two years, until **December 2028**.

How do I apply?

All you need to do is complete an application form. You can either do this **online**, fill out a paper form and post it back to us or answer the same questions via voice notes or video if you'd prefer. If you'd like to do a paper form please email us on youngpeople@teenagecancertrust.org.

We will get back to you with more information on your application by **27 November**. We'll be holding short 15-minute informal chats online between **23 November** and **7 December**. If you can't make these dates let us know on your application and we can come up with an alternative.

What support will I get during my time on the group?

- YAG will be supported by Lara Perkins, Kelly Scott and the wider Youth Work and Programmes Team who you can contact with any questions, concerns or ideas.
- The team will always work to make sure that being part of YAG is a positive and fulfilling experience for everyone.
- We'll always try to make clear to YAG members what the outcomes of their involvement will be and how their feedback will be taken into account and what changes might be made as a result.
- We'll also be in contact with your clinical team as part of the application process to ensure that we can provide the support you need to take part.

Want to find out more before applying?

We're holding a relaxed online session on **Monday 16 November, 5pm to 6pm**, hosted by Lara Perkins (Youth Participation Lead) and current members of the Youth Advisory Group.

This is a chance to find out what being part of YAG is really like, hear directly from current members about their experiences, and ask any questions you might have about the role, time commitment or application process. Whether you're already planning to apply or are simply curious to learn more, we'd love you to join us. The session is designed to demystify the role, help you decide whether YAG is right for you, and give you the confidence to put in an application if you'd like to. There is no expectation to apply after attending and attendance will not impact your application in any way.

To register for the '**Curious about YAG**?' session, please email youngpeople@teenagecancertrust.org and we'll make sure you have the link to join us online.

Leadership Development Pathway

To support the move to rolling recruitment, a group of experienced YAG members from the 2025-26 cohort will stay involved for an additional year through a Leadership Development Pathway. Their role will be to help welcome and support new members, offer peer mentoring, and co-facilitate discussions and activities during YAG meetings. By creating this progression opportunity, we can retain valuable lived experience within the group, ensure continuity between cohorts, and provide a meaningful development opportunity for young people who are ready to take on greater leadership responsibilities.

If you have any questions about the form or the application process please email youngpeople@teenagecancertrust.org and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.