



We're looking for new Youth Advisory Board members

Do you want to meet some other passionate young people, learn new skills and get some brilliant experience for your CV? Read on!

The Ernest Cook Trust's Youth Advisory Board is now open for applications

We are really excited to announce that we have some openings for new members for our Youth Advisory Board, which is integral to developing our [Influencers Schemes](#) (match funded by the #iwill Fund*) and has significant input into future programming at the Trust.



[The Ernest Cook Trust](#) is an educational charity and one of the UK's foremost providers and funders of Outdoor Learning. Our Vision is for an **environmentally engaged society with better connections to nature**, with a mission is to improve life chances of children and young people through a range of Outdoor Learning experiences.

We enable underserved young people to learn from nature, empowering them to have a positive impact on our environment.

What does the Youth Advisory Board do?

The Youth Advisory Board will meet regularly in the summer months (usually via Microsoft Teams) to get a feel for the Trust and the goals of the Youth Advisory Board. Subsequent meetings will be decided by the Board and will depend on programming by the Trust.

The Board will decide on its own direction as a decision-making body and identify its own goals and priorities while playing a key role in furthering youth voice and representation across the Trust. Some things you might be involved in:

- Selecting organisations to be funded through our funding streams
- Designing of programme frameworks (evaluation, monitoring, structure etc)
- Representing The Ernest Cook Trust at external events
- Organising events and training for representatives of the youth & environment sector

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for applications from a diverse range of environmentally engaged and passionate **14-20 year olds** (or thereabouts). The current Youth Advisory Board members are particularly interested in hearing from those who have not had experience of decision-making spaces before but would like to try. The Youth Advisory Board has a number of experienced young people who would be happy to mentor any young person that feels they need some extra support to get involved.

We believe that diversity drives innovation and change, and we welcome applicants from all backgrounds including those that have been historically under-represented in the environmental sector. Our aim is to create a stronger, more inclusive environmental community.

The Youth Advisory Board members will be reimbursed for any travel costs and are provided with expenses for meetings.

How to Apply

Please complete the online application form:

https://ernestcooktrust.formstack.com/forms/the_ernest_cook_trust_youth_advisory_board_application

If you also want to send a video (max. 4 minutes), we'd be very happy to receive this as an attachment to your completed application.

Deadline for applications is 5pm Friday 31 May 2024. We will be in touch with the results of your application the week beginning Monday 17 June.

Interviews will take place between 18 June and 1 July 2024.

Get the word out!

Please share this opportunity via our posts on social media @ernestcooktrust and @BlueInfluencers, and look out for messages from our current Youth Advisory Board members on why joining is so worthwhile!

* The #iwill Fund is made possible thanks to £66 million joint investment from The National Lottery Community Fund and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to support young people to access high quality social action opportunities. The Ernest Cook Trust is acting as a match-funder and awarding grants on behalf of the #iwill Fund.

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