



SpeakUP! - Youth Voice and Leadership 2022

Call out for Speak UP! Youth Panel Members (18-25 years)

We are looking for 6 young people aged between 18-25 years to be part of Arts Connect's Young Panel for a regional youth voice and leadership event.

We hope that in your role as a LCEP Member, teacher, educator, youth worker or artist you can help support a young person you know to access and take part in a fantastic work experience opportunity which will help develop their skills and CV.

What is it?

SpeakUP! - Youth Voice and Leadership, is a day of creative workshopping activities for up to 85 young people aged 9-25yrs from across the West Midlands, that will help to inform and shape the development of arts and cultural opportunities in the West Midlands.

We are inviting young people who have taken part in a variety Arts Connect programmes to SpeakUP! so that we can better understand their experiences, needs and future ambitions for arts and culture provision aimed for, by and with children and young people (0-25 years).

We aim to use our findings to inform and shape both the work of Arts Connect and support our place-based Cultural Education Partnerships in the West Midlands.

At the event young people will have the opportunity to:

- Meet other young creatives with a passion for arts and culture in the West Midlands
- Share their experience of taking part in arts and culture
- Work together to identify some of their key values, priorities and ideas for arts programmes and projects for, with and by children and young people
- Develop their leadership skills

The SpeakUP! event will take place live at **Midlands Arts Centre on 10th November 2022 (10.00am-3.00pm)**



Who are we looking for?

We are looking for 6 young people aged between 18-25yrs to be Arts Connect's SpeakUP! Youth Panel members both before and during the event.

They will help us by contributing to the planning and delivery, being our additional eyes and ears, observing activities that take place, and listening to the conversations that are held... finally feeding back their reflections of the voices they heard and their recommendations on the next steps.

Applicants will be required to:

- Meet before the event to discuss the brief, plan and prepare; (This could be online)
- Attend the event itself and help to capture the key points and actions.
- Meet after the event to collate their findings in a way that can be shared effectively with Arts Connect and our wider sector partners. (This could be online)

We are keen to reflect the diversity of the regions we represent, and therefore we positively encourage applications from young people from the widest possible diversity of backgrounds, cultures and experiences.

What's the time commitment?

Participants will need to:

- Be able to attend the event at MAC 9.30am to 4.30pm on 10th November 2022
- They will need to attend a minimum of 3 virtual pre-event sessions of a minimum of 1hr each before the event (to be prepared and plan their role)
- A further 3 virtual sessions of a minimum of 1hr each post the event to reflect, feedback and plan how their findings are shared effectively with Arts Connect and our wider sector partners.

How much will it cost?

Nothing. We are able to offer a bursary of £250 plus agreed travel to support involvement of each young person.

Who's providing support?

The nominating organisation – as we are holding planning for this event online, we are asking that all young people nominated are aged over 18 and up and including 25-year-olds. If a young person nominated requires a **supporting adult**, please indicate who this would be and provide their details too. For example, the supporting adult could be a teacher/ youth worker / project manager or parent/carer. A **supporting adult** and **nominating organisation** would also ensure that any young people involved can access equipment and internet usage in a safe and supportive space.



The Youth Panel will be supported by a Facilitator, with experience of working with young people, engaged by Arts Connect. There will also be support from Clare Mitchell, Arts Connect's LCEP Manager, and Events Team.

What will the Youth Panel Member need?

For online planning meetings and communication:

- Access to a phone, tablet, or laptop with internet access,
- A quiet place where you are happy, they can engage in conversation,
- Support and awareness of the activity taking place and, if needed, additional help from a supporting adult/organisation.

For the event:

- Ability to travel to MAC by 9.30am on 10th November 2022
- Appropriate and comfortable clothing that allows free movement, ensures they do not get too hot at the event. Large logos or slogans should be avoided, and we would recommend, 'Smart Casual' – that can still mean trainers and jeans. A suit is not required.

To be part of the team:

- A positive character, someone who is happy to engage in conversations online or in-person,
- A keen interest in arts and culture,
- An inclusive nature, welcoming the views of everyone around them
- Time to keep in touch with us and attend the event.

How to apply?

Complete the application form on the next page and email the form and any supporting information recorded by **12 noon on 9th September 2022 to Clare Mitchell – LCEP Manager**
Clare.mitchell@wlv.ac.uk

*An LCEP or Local Cultural Education Partnership (LCEP) is made up of arts, cultural and educational organisations or individuals who are interested in sharing resources, knowledge and skills across the education and cultural sectors to support the development of high-quality arts and cultural education provision for children and young people aged 0-25 years



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Youth Panel Member Application 18-25yrs

Section 1 - Contact Details of Young Person:

Name: _____

Age as of 1st September 2022: _____

Home address: _____

Email address: _____

Contact telephone number: _____

What is your most recent or current place of education or work? _____

Section 2 – If you require additional support please provide the contact details of the adult/organisation who will be supporting you

Support Adult Name (and if relevant organisation): _____

Relationship to young person: _____

Address: _____

Email address: _____

Contact telephone number: _____



For the rest of these questions, you can either answer in writing or ask a supporting adult to help you record a video telling us your answers

Please tell us why do you want to apply for this role? A max of 100 words

Please tell us what you hope to get out of the experience? A max of 100 words

Please tell us how could we help you make the most of this opportunity? (Please let us know if you have any accessibility needs)

Is there anything else you'd like to say?

Please return this form &/or any recordings to: clare.mitchell@wlv.ac.uk

By 12 Noon on 9th September 2022.

We will let everyone know the outcome no later than 12 noon 16th September 2022.

If your application is successful and you are invited to join the team, we will ask you to complete a full registration and media consent form, including asking for emergency contact details. We will also ask you to complete a separate equal opportunity form.