

VOICE AND INFLUENCE TEAM

Application Pack

## About the Voice and Influence Team

We are setting up a team of young people aged 16-24 who have experience of migration to the UK. The team will work together to speak out on behalf of other young people and stand up for young migrants’ rights.

**Please read the leaflet which tells you what you will be doing in the group and what training and other benefits you will get from it.**

At the Children’s Society, we have policy and campaign teams who try to make changes at a local and national level to improve children’s and young people’s lives. **We believe it is important that young people take a lead in our campaigning work so they can be listened to by the people in power about the things they care about.**

**We hope that if we can make your voices heard, you can be powerful change makers.**

## Practical details

* The first meeting will be on **Monday 1st April, 11am-3pm**. We will provide your lunch.
* The next 3 meetings will be **on Monday evenings on 8th, 15th, & 29th April, 4.30-6.30pm**. We will provide snacks.
* These meetings will be in Leeds City Centre.
* We will reimburse your bus or train fare.

## How to get involved

* Apply for a place in the group by completing an application form
* Return the form to Ella by Monday 18th March 2019
* We will be in touch before 25th March to let you know if you have a place and discuss how to get there and practical arrangements to attend the first meeting.

If you have any questions please contact Ella Montgomery-Smith, Voice and Influence Worker

Call: 07710 395 673 / 0113 387 6410 Email: ella.montgomery-smith@childrenssociety.org.uk



Voice & Influence Team APPLICATION FORM

Please return by Monday 18th March 2019

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## Your details

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Name |  | Gender |  |
| Address |  | | |
| Home Tel No |  | Mobile Tel No |  |
| Email |  | | |
| Date of Birth |  | Age |  |

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Immigration status

**We will use this information to try to make sure the group**

**has a mixture of people at different points in their journey**

**through the immigration system.**

Photo: Stella Scott

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| **Status** | **Tick (✓)** |
| Prefer not to state |  |
| Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking Child (UASC) |  |
| UASC Care Leaver over 18 with no secure status |  |
| UASC/Discretionary Leave |  |
| Appeal Rights Exhausted |  |
| Appeal Rights Exhausted with Fresh Claim lodged |  |
| Refugee Status |  |
| Indefinite Leave to Remain |  |
| Humanitarian Protection |  |
| Asylum Seeker here with an adult |  |
| Other - please state here: |  |

## Attendance and support

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|  | | Yes (✓) | No (✓) |
| Are you able to get to meetings in Leeds City Centre? (We can reimburse bus fares) | |  |  |
| Are you able to come on 01/04/2019 11am-3pm? | |  |  |
| Are you able to come on 08/04/2019 4.30-6.30pm? | |  |  |
| Are you able to come on 15/04/2019 4.30-6.30pm? | |  |  |
| Are you able to come on 29/04/2019 4.30-6.30pm? | |  |  |
| Do you need an interpreter to communicate in English? | |  |  |
| What’s your first language? |  | | |
| Are there any other languages you speak confidently? |  | | |
| Do you need any additional support that we should know about to help you come to the meetings and join in? If yes, please describe: | | | |

Photo: Laura McCluskey

## Tell us why you want to join this group – there are no right or wrong answers

I want to join this group because…

## Reference

**Please can you give us the name and details of your project worker who can support your application to this group?**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Name, role, organisation |  | | |
| Office Tel No |  | Work Mobile Tel No |  |
| Email |  | | |

**Consent:** If you are under 18 and you become part of the group, we will need permission from a parent or carer, once we have received your application we will send you this form separately.

What happens next?

By Monday 18th March either:

1. Post this application form to: Ella Montgomery-Smith

*(If you think it might not* The Children’s Society

*reach us by 18th March* Hillside Enterprise Centre

*please contact us to let* Beeston Road

*us know to expect it)* LS11 8ND or

1. Ask a project worker to securely email this form to:

Ella.Montgomery-Smith@childrenssociety.org.uk or

1. Send a clear photo by WhatsApp to Ella on 07710 395 673. (Please do not by text as this will not be secure)

**We will be in touch before 25th March to let you know whether you have a place, have an informal chat about the team, and to give you practical information about the first meeting on Monday 1st April.**