



# YOUTH ENGAGEMENT 12-17 GROUP



RECRUITMENT PACK

DEADLINE:

12pm Thursday 2nd July 2026

## KEY POINTS



For young people aged 12 - 17

For young people interested in having their voices heard, helping make decisions, raising awareness and creating change on issues relating to the impact of cancer on children and young people, and helping other young people impacted by cancer



You can apply if you were referred to Cancer Fund for Children within the last 3 years for those who have a parent or guardian diagnosed, and 4 years for those who are diagnosed young people, siblings of diagnosed young people or if you have been bereaved.



## Youth Engagement Group 2026-2027



## ABOUT

At Cancer Fund for Children, we aim to ensure that the voices of children and young people are at the heart of our organisation, and they are an active voice in championing change across cancer services.

One way we aim to do this is through Youth Engagement Groups.

Our Youth Engagement group is representative of all our service users and therefore will have young people from across all of our service programmes in Northern Ireland involved, this will be a diverse group including:

- young people who have/had a cancer diagnosis themselves
- young people whose sibling has/had cancer
- young people whose parent or guardian has/had cancer
- young people who are bereaved through cancer

The group will be for young people aged 12-17, and will last one year. There are limited spaces, and as such we may need to short list or interview as part of the application process.

Membership of the Youth Engagement Groups would be from August 2026 - June 2027 (or if the young person turns 18 before June 2027, membership will end on their 18th birthday).

Working together to help shape our services and represent the views of other young people, creating change on issues relating to the impact of cancer on young people.

## WHAT'S INVOLVED

Some of the things the Youth Engagement Group have been involved in:

- Consulting with other young people about Cancer Fund for Children services
- Planning and hosting events to ensure we hear the views of other young people
- Running their own campaigns
- Sitting on interview panels for new staff members
- Being members of the Cancer Fund for Children Board
- Supporting Cancer Fund for Children staff at events e.g, The Bog Run and Family Events.

The group will meet twice a month - once in person for 1/2 a day (in the past the location for in person meetings has varied between Belfast and Newcastle, however depending on group members home locations we will keep this under review - if young people are using public transport for these sessions, support can be made available with this), and once online using zoom. For the 12-17 age group we will also have 2, 1 night, residential per year.

## SUPPORT FOR MEMBERS

We understand for young people in hospital or undergoing treatment, that in person meet ups, or committing to a longer term group might not work, please do not let this deter you from applying to be a Youth Engagement member - let us know and we can look at various accommodations to ensure your involvement.

Training will be provided and there will also be regular check-in sessions for young people involved with the staff team to talk about how they're finding being on the group, if there's any support they need and to look at personal goals they might have for their involvement in the group.

Some of the young people who were part of the group last year will be involved again this year, so can help the new members by sharing their experiences from last year

## MORE INFO

If you have any questions, need more information on the Youth Engagement Groups or applying, please contact:

07483430630  [services@cancerfundforchildren.com](mailto:services@cancerfundforchildren.com)

## HOW TO APPLY

Complete all questions on the attached linked form → [Youth Engagement 2026 Application Form](#) by 12pm 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

If you need any adjustments to the application form, or the application process, please contact [catherineblack@cancerfundforchildren.com](mailto:catherineblack@cancerfundforchildren.com).

## WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

After applications close on 2nd July, our Youth Engagement Team will

review all applications and make the selection of the young people who will join the Youth Engagement Groups this year. We'll be in contact with everyone who applied to let them know if they were selected or not. There are limited spaces, and as such we may need to short list or interview as part of the application process.