



Young People in the Lead team

Role description

What is a Young People in the Lead team?

At The National Lottery Community Fund, we continue to have big plans for making sure that the voices of young people are included in all our work, whether it's through the grants we make, the people we influence or the things we learn.

To do this, we need a passionate team of young people to work closely with our Northern Ireland team and our UK Youth Voice team and partner with us throughout 2022 and 2023.

About our approach

We strongly believe that when people are in the lead, communities thrive. National Lottery funding is open to everyone. As the UK's largest community funder, we're privileged to be able to work with the smallest of grassroots groups right up to large UK-wide charities.

[Read more about us, how we work and the people and projects we fund.](#)

Our Young People in the Lead impact so far

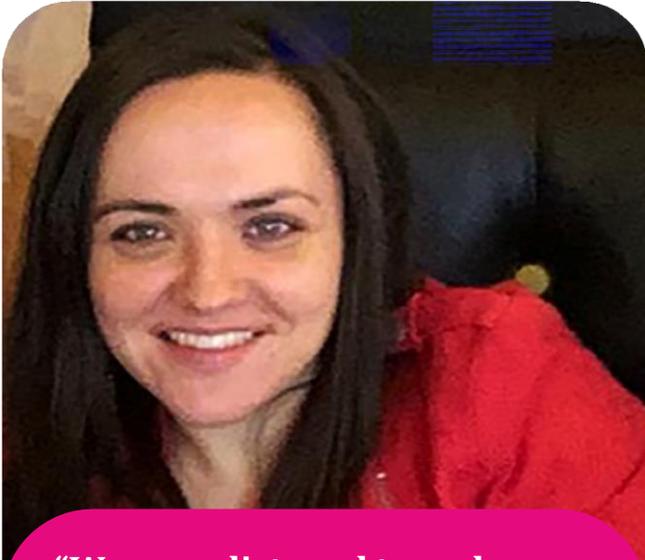
At The National Lottery Community Fund for Northern Ireland, a group of young people have been working with us and they have made a huge impact. They worked to make sure that young people's voices were included in all our work. They had first-hand experience of the types of issues and challenges that our programmes were seeking to address.

This group included young people with learning disabilities, ADHD, dyslexia, physical disabilities and sensory impairments, young carers, young parents, care leavers and young people who had run-ins with the police.

They represented the views of young people not only as advisors and ambassadors, but also as decision makers. They took part in media training, media interviews, project visits, participation training, team building and delivered workshops for new grant holders.

All members of the Young People in the Lead team will have the opportunity to pursue their interests and passion for projects using their lived experiences, while receiving training and support tailored to their future goals.

Here is what YPIL have to say



“We were listened to and we were part of the reason why decisions were made for the greater good of young people.”

Anita



“Thank you for all the opportunities you have given us - with each one I grow closer to my goal.”

Kianna

What we are looking for

Key skills

- Ability to work in a team
- Decision making
- Good communication
- Knowledge of your community's needs

Desired experience

- Being a role model
- Managing a project
- Involvement in your local community
- Representing other people's views

Key commitments

- Approximately eight hours a month
- Flexible approach to travel across Northern Ireland
- Attend induction and regular training

Main responsibilities

- Be the voice of young people within The National Lottery Community Fund for Northern Ireland
- Work with the Youth Voice team and Northern Ireland team to design future funding opportunities for young people in Northern Ireland
- Be a decision maker in funding processes
- Work as a young researcher to find out about the impact of our funding
- Ensure the quality of our funding to young people through visiting projects and partner organisations

Benefits to you

- Tailor made training and support
- Improve your skills and experience in people management, leadership, decision making and project planning
- Gain training in public speaking, influencing and team building
- Time remunerated, all travel and expenses paid for
- Opportunity to be part of change for young people
- Meet other inspiring young people like you

Key dates

- Application deadline - 15th November 2021
- Follow up chats for those shortlisted – late November/early December 2021 depending on your availability
- You will need to be able to commit to the role until December 2022 and throughout 2023 if you want to stay a further year and attend monthly meetings (dates TBC)

In a maximum of 400 words, or in a film, please provide answers to the following questions and send to: YPIL@tnlcommunityfund.org.uk

- What issue in society are you most passionate about and why?
- What skills, experience and knowledge do you have that you think are most relevant to being a Young Person in the Lead?
- Tell us about a community project you would like to create [or are already part of] that will have a positive change in your community/wider society?

Good luck!