



PLAN
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Youth ADVISORY PANEL

Application Form | December 2017



Do you have an interest in global development issues?

Do you believe that all boys and girls should have the same rights regardless of where they live?

We do, and we will not be ignored, so let's raise our voices and make a change!



If you are aged 16-21 years old then Plan International Ireland's **Youth Advisory Panel** may be the group for you!

We encourage all interested girls and boys from across Ireland to apply by **Friday 19th of January!**



What is the Youth Advisory Panel?

The Youth Advisory Panel (YAP) is a group of 10 young people aged 16-21 years old who represent the views and voices of young people all over Ireland.

YAP members campaign for children and girls rights by participating in Plan International Ireland events, advocacy initiatives and developing leadership skills to work with peers. YAP members stand shoulder to shoulder with young campaigners all around the world - asking decision makers to put their words into action.

They also advise Plan International Ireland on how to improve the way the charity works, by making sure they keep their promise to put children at the heart of what they do.

Founded in 1937, Plan International is a development and humanitarian organisation that advances children's rights and equality for girls. We strive for a just world, working together with children, young people, our supporters and partners.

OUR PURPOSE

We strive for a just world that advances children's rights and equality for girls.

We engage people and partners to:

- Empower children, young people and communities to make vital changes that tackle the root causes of discrimination against girls, exclusion and vulnerability.
- Drive change in practice and policy at local, national and global levels through our reach, experience and knowledge of the realities children face.
- Work with children and communities to prepare for and respond to crises and to overcome adversity.
- Support the safe and successful progression of children from birth to adulthood.



What you can expect from your time **with the YAP?**

Be an ambassador for Plan International Ireland by speaking at our awareness raising events, writing articles for the press and taking up opportunities to campaign for child rights by speaking with politicians, key decision makers and your community.

Be an advisor to Plan International Ireland by firstly learning how a charity works and then advising us on how to engage young people and improve the work we do.

Learn and develop your skills in event organising, public speaking, social media and more!

Learn about Plan's projects that support children and help them attain their rights.

Work with an inspiring group of like-minded young people who are committed to being change makers.

“advise us on how to engage young people and improve our work”

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU?

From you we expect a commitment of at least 12 months, enthusiasm, motivation to improve leadership skills and engage peers.

How Plan International Ireland will support you?

Plan International Ireland's Development Education and Youth Engagement Officer will support the YAP with all of your work and learning, making sure it is safe and meaningful. We keep in regular contact and are your main link to the staff at Plan International.



HOW TO APPLY?

Simply email this application form as a document attachment including a filled out candidate information section and a 500 word expression of interest to

rebecca.ohalloran@plan-international.org

by **Friday 19th January 2018**. If selected this will be followed by a 20 - 30 minute phone interview on **Saturday 27th January 2018**.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Plan International Ireland's Development Education and Youth Engagement Officer **Rebecca O'Halloran** at **Plan International Ireland HQ** on: 086-8823765 or email rebecca.ohalloran@plan-international.org



We look forward to receiving your applications by **Friday 19th January**.

Thank you for your interest in Plan International Ireland and the YAP!

APPLICATION

The details you provide here will only be used and seen by the Development Education and Youth Engagement Officer for the purposes of recruitment, you won't be signed up to anything.

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Parent / Guardian: _____

Telephone Number: _____

1. Are you free for a 20-30 minute telephone interview with YAP on Saturday the 27th of January between 11 am and 5 pm? **YES/NO**
2. If successful, would you be free to attend a meeting in or near Dublin? (All costs covered by Plan International Ireland) **YES/NO**
(If these times are not possible for you this will not disadvantage your application)

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Please write a 500 word or more expression of interest (like a letter) covering the following questions on why you want to join YAP and what you can bring to the group:



- What are your hobbies?
- Who is your favourite superhero and why?
- Why you are passionate about global development issues and why are committed to making a change?
- Why do you want to join YAP? (What will this opportunity mean for you, why do you want to work with us, what will this opportunity enable you to do?)
- What experience and skills can you bring to YAP? Have a look at the 'What we expect from YAP' section and give us examples of how you can meet the expectations.
- Choose a global development issue that you are interested in and write a short summary of how you have or would raise awareness?

In addition to a 500 word or more expression of interest, if you are under 18 years old please include a letter of acknowledgement / email from your Parent/Guardian outlining that they are aware you have submitted an application form for YAP.

WHAT MAKES PLAN INTERNATIONAL DIFFERENT?

For almost 80 years we've been taking action and standing up for every child's right to fulfil their potential. On a daily basis, our energy is devoted to making a difference for children living in poverty.

We stand up for children's rights. We listen to the children we work with and find the best way forward together.

We trust in what we do and we strive to be open, accountable and honest.

We are different.

We are Plan International.

About Plan International

Plan International is an independent global child rights organisation committed to supporting vulnerable and marginalised children and their communities to be free from poverty. By actively connecting committed people with powerful ideas, we work together to make positive, deep-rooted and lasting changes in children and young people's lives. For almost 80 years, we have supported girls and boys and their communities around the world to gain the skills, knowledge and confidence they need to claim their rights, free themselves from poverty and live positive fulfilling lives.



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