

Young Challenge Group Member Role Overview

The Young Challenge Group (YCG) is an advisory and advocacy group of young people from across London, aged 15 – 23, who will help make a real difference to young people's access to **creative and cultural opportunities in London**.

The group will act as advisors on **Challenge London**, a major new programme run by A New Direction. Through Challenge London, A New Direction will invest £900,000 in new initiatives that will enable new or different creative opportunities for children and young people across London, and you can have your say in which initiatives get selected.

The Young Challenge Group will:

- Put young Londoners' voices, ideas, concerns and considerations at the centre of the Challenge London programme;
- Meet approximately once a month for the first year of Challenge London, May 2018 – April 2019 (the first meeting is 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Thursday 10th May 2018);
- Act as advisors to A New Direction about Challenge London. This will include looking over proposals for new initiatives we receive and offering thoughts and suggestions;
- Play an ongoing advisory and advocacy role throughout the challenge, including supporting the monitoring and evaluation of Challenge London;

We are looking for young Londoners who:

- Are between the ages of 15 – 23;
- Are passionate about creative and cultural opportunities for young people in our city;
- Enjoy working as part of a team;
- Are confident (or would like to gain confidence) speaking with a wide range of people;
- Can commit to attending the majority of YCG meetings over the course of the first year of Challenge London (May 2018 – April 2019);
- Would like to gain more insight into the creative and cultural landscape in London.

What we can offer you:

- Experience of being 'on the inside' of a large-scale arts and creative programme;
- The opportunity to be part of one or more sessions with a visiting speaker or specialist from the arts sector;

- Opportunities to visit and learn more about projects made by, with and for young people across the City;
- New experiences and the chance to make a real difference to the creative and cultural opportunities for young people in London;
- A chance to develop your team working, planning, presentation and networking skills;
- The chance to help plan and deliver an event relating to the Challenge;
- Reimbursement of travel expenses, to and from the meetings.

Challenge London

Challenge London, led by A New Direction with funding from Arts Council England, looks to address this disparity. In 2015 – 2018 we invested £900,000 in new initiatives touching half of London's boroughs, and working with over 10,000 young people. You can find out more on our [Connected London map](#).

In 2018, Challenge London continues and we will be investing £900,000 against 100% match investment from other sources. We are looking for a team of young Londoners to form a Young Challenge Group, and take on an advisory and advocacy role as we continue to encourage new and sustainable partnerships which support all children and young people to be part of our city's creative and cultural opportunities.

A New Direction

A New Direction helps London create, think and learn. Our vision is for a London where all children and young people can thrive through developing their creativity and we believe all children and young people, regardless of wealth, geography or luck should have the opportunity to shape and develop their creativity.

We work to ensure that all children and young people get the most out of London's extraordinary creative and cultural offer.

We want London to be a city where:

- cultural education is the best in the world
- all children and young people in London can develop their creativity, and play an active part in the culture and heritage of the city
- the right platforms are in place to identify and nourish young people's creative talents

Through our partnerships we create positive change across schools, education and communities to ensure that young people get the most out of London's extraordinary creative and cultural offer.