

Young Challenge Group 2021-2022 Role Overview

The Young Challenge Group is a group of young people from across London who advise A New Direction and help us to advocate for young Londoners in our work.

The Young Challenge Group will work with us in the next stage of our local partnership programme by advising A New Direction on what we can do to support culture and creativity, help us understand what's working well, and ensure that the voices of young Londoners are heard.

The Young Challenge Group is a year-long responsibility encompassing six meetings between September 2021 and July 2022. If these meetings are face-to-face, they will be hosted at A New Direction's offices on Worship Street, EC2A 2EA and travel expenses will be provided. A New Direction is committed to making meetings as accessible as possible.

We are looking for young Londoners who:

- Are aged between 16-24;
- Currently live in London;
- Are passionate about culture, creativity, and advocating for other young people;
- Enjoy working as a part of a team;
- Are confident, or would like to gain confidence, in speaking with a wide range of people;
- Would like to gain experience of the creative and cultural sector in London;
- Can commit to attending all six meetings of the Young Challenge Group from September 2021 to July 2022 (the first meeting will be Wednesday 22nd September, 6pm-7.30pm)

As a member of the Young Challenge Group you will:

- Guide A New Direction to understand the priorities of young Londoners, putting young people's voices at the heart of our work;
- Advise A New Direction on programmes and projects and the future of our local work;
- Share your thoughts about your local area and the opportunities to be creative in your life;
- Take part in cultural events and connect with creative professionals to advocate for the rights of young Londoners;
- Be an active participant at all six meetings of the Young Challenge Group from September 2021 to July 2022

A New Direction will offer you:

- Experience of the creative and cultural sector in London;
- The chance to make a real difference to the lives and opportunities of young people in your city;
- Opportunities to connect with professionals working in the creative and cultural sector, and other creative young Londoners;
- Chances to develop your team-working, research, presentation and planning skills;
- Financial reimbursement, through travel expenses and payment of £100 for attending all six meetings of the Young Challenge Group

About A New Direction

A New Direction is an award-winning non-profit organisation working to enhance the capacity and agency of children and young people in London to own their creativity, shape culture, and achieve their creative potential.

We do this by working with a diverse range of partners, making connections, sharing practice, influencing change, improving the ecology that surrounds children and young people, and by providing real and transformative opportunities - from childhood, through school years and into employment.

