



Buttle Youth Advisory Panel recruitment guide

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Summary

Buttle is a national charity that helps children and young people. We're looking for young people aged 16-25 to join our Youth Advisory Panel. The YAP helps Buttle to improve its work and increase the impact it makes for children and young people across the UK.

To join, you need to:

- Have **been supported by Buttle**
- Be **aged 16-23** (so you're still 25 at the end of your 2 years on the YAP)
- Have **good communication skills** and speak a good level of English.
- **Work well as part of a team**
- Be **empathetic** and able to understand the others' points of view
- Be **passionate** about creating change for children and young people
- Be **open minded** and **not judgemental** of the experiences and ideas of others.

To apply, you just need to answer 3 simple questions using this **[short online application form](#)**.

You can find the questions on **[our website](#)**, so you can plan your answers before filling in the form. You can write your answers or record them as a voice note and upload them.

The closing date for applications is **10pm on Monday 29th June**.

If successful, you will be invited to attend **an informal online interview**. This will last up to 30 minutes and we will ask you a few questions about your application. The **interviews will be between 8th and 15th July**.

You will find out if your application has been successful by the end of July.

To help kick off the new Youth Advisory Panel, we're planning to run a residential in London in August. Ideally you'll be free to join this on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th August - but please still apply if you can't make these dates! Good luck!

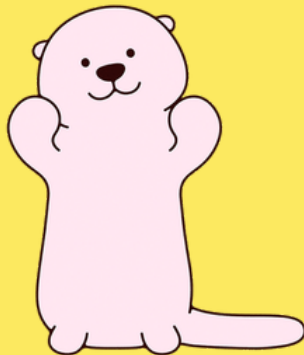
Welcome

Thank you for your interest in joining Buttle's Youth Advisory Panel!

Buttle is a national charity that helps children and young people. We give grants to families and young people who are experiencing poverty and going through tough times, so they can focus on their education rather than money. With Buttle's support, families and young people can get the help they need to improve their lives.

[Hear our current YAP members talking about Buttle.](#)

Buttle has provided over tens of thousands of grants since 1953 - join us to help make a positive impact and also improve your skills!





What is the Youth Advisory Panel?

Buttle's Youth Advisory Panel is for young adults aged 16-25 to have their voices heard!

We help Buttle improve its work and increase the impact it makes for children and young people across the UK. In the last two years we have:

- Helped Buttle create a new brand and look
- Created films to help share info about Buttle and the difference their grants make
- Recruited all new staff joining Buttle, including the CEO
- Delivered training to Buttle staff and trustees
- Met with Buttle's Board of trustees to get young people involved in decision making about the organisation

[Meet some of our current YAP members.](#)

How does it work?

Young people can be on the panel for up to two years. We have monthly online meetings which normally last 2 hours and take place in the evening. We also try to meet up in person at least three times a year - we decide where and when based on YAP members' availability.

You might also:

- Work on projects with Buttle staff and other YAP members
- Join Board meetings and speak to Buttle's trustees
- Join Buttle staff meetings to share ideas or run training
- Interview new staff members
- Run webinars or other events for our donors or partners
- Help Buttle raise awareness of its work by attending events or doing media interviews
- Attend meetings with policy makers

And much more! You can focus on what you want from the Panel, so you'll have the choice about how much you get involved in different activities.

If you feel as though it's too much, you can always take a break and come back when you're ready to participate again. Remember, Buttle are here to support YOU.

What will I get from being involved?

1. Skills and experience

You'll gain useful skills and experience, like public speaking, communication, teamwork and research. You'll work on branding and comms, finances, grant giving, fundraising and more! Buttle will give you references to help with college, uni and job applications.

2. Friends

You'll meet others of the same mindset and age who are just as determined to make a change as you are. Who knows, these people could even be your friends for life!

3. Payment

Being part of the YAP is important work, so we pay you for your time. We can do this through vouchers or money.

4. Trips

You'll have the opportunity to travel across the UK, meeting influential people along the way. Who doesn't like a trip every once in a while?

5. Knowledge about the world of work

You'll learn how charities work and make professional connections with CEOs, managers, trustees, Buttle staff and partners.



What do I need to join?

To join the Youth Advisory Panel, you need to be between the ages of **16-23**. This means you'll still be 25 by the end of your two years on the YAP.

You should have received a grant from Buttle. We may consider family members of grantees or those who have personal experience of living in poverty.

No previous experience is necessary, but we're looking for young people who:

- have good communication skills and speak a good level of English.
- can work as part of a team.

and

- can understand the others' points of view and show high levels of empathy.

We really want applicants who are **passionate** about the aims of Buttle and **committed and dedicated** to working on the Panel.

We are also looking for applicants who are **open minded** and **not judgemental** of the experiences and ideas of others.

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How to apply

To apply, please complete the [short online application form here](#).

The questions you will need to answer are:

- Please tell us why you'd like to join the Youth Advisory Panel (max two paragraphs or 1 min recording):
- What would you bring to the YAP? For example, skills, attitude, experiences (max two paragraphs or 1 min recording)
- What difference would you like to make by being on the YAP? (max two paragraphs or 1 min recording)

You can use [this document](#) to plan your answers before filling in the form.
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Good luck!

For More Information

If you have any questions or want more information about the Youth Advisory Panel, you can contact Charlotte, our Youth Engagement Manager. Email her at coproduction@buttleuk.org or call or message her on 07873 705 568.

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