

Brighter Futures Youth Ambassador Application Pack

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Hey legends,

We are on the lookout for emerging young leaders who think big and want to be part of this awesome initiative to help improve the futures of young people in care.

As a youth ambassador you will meet and work with other awesome youth ambassadors, get heaps of support and share and contribute your ideas, insights and energy to help guide us.

If this sounds like you and you have a care experience and live in Outer Eastern Melbourne (or near the East) check the role details below and apply before January 28th to be part of it.

Add your voice, insights and ideas with us.

Best,
Brighter Futures Team

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YOUTH Ambassadors



We want to give all young people with a care experience opportunity to engage with their community and kick start their futures! – Brighter Futures Youth Ambassador

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Youth Ambassador Role Details

We believe young people have invaluable insights, ideas and contributions to make.

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Role Description

Youth Ambassadors are passionate young people who help make a difference. Youth Ambassadors help guide Brighter Futures.

Communicating and sharing ideas, can think big and know small things matter too. Youth Ambassadors are team members and form the Brighter Futures Youth Ambassador Group.

Youth Ambassadors are emerging leaders, have a lived experience of care and are supported to contribute and share their insights, ideas and energy.

"To have a house you need to get a job, to have a job you need to get an education, and to get an education you need to be surrounded by people who care" - Young person's message as part of Brighter Futures Co-Design Sprints

What You Bring!

- Youth Ambassadors are young people passionate about making a difference.
- Happy to commit to be a key member of the Brighter Futures Youth Ambassador Group (YAG)
- Have a lived experience of care
- Help young people's voices and insights be at the centre of Brighter Futures.
- Open to training, support and tons of leadership and professional development opportunities.
- Willingness to learn more about Brighter Futures (don't stress, we will give you the info you need in a way you will understand).

The Opportunities:

- Help change how people view and work alongside young people
- Participate as a key member of your Youth Advisory Group
- Present at events, meetings, workshops, submissions and share your ideas and feedback to Brighter Future head honchos.
- Get opportunities to help plan, design run youth events for young people engaged with Brighter Futures
- Work alongside passionate and supportive youth ambassadors, workers and head honchos
- Get support, training and tons of development opportunities
- Be part of co-design activities (*nothing for us without us*)
- Policy/practice change opportunities
- Help develop new initiatives
- Review resources and documentation and give your feedback and contributions,
- Participate in panels and conferences
- Review submissions
- Review processes and activities with your Youth Advisory Group
- Help develop content for distribution

"We want people who are in our lives because they want to be, not because they are paid to be" Young Person

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What Else is Involved?

- Participate in monthly YAG meetings with CREATE and Brighter Futures.
- Undertake training and development opportunities including CREATE Speak up Training and positive psychology training.
- Balancing commitments with school/work/study/family life and the YA role.
- Participate and communicate regularly and you have access to the internet, phone and app group convos.
- Youth Ambassadors contribute, help guide and enhance Brighter Futures activities including meetings, youth feedback, meeting and working with head honchos and organising and help run youth events.
- Youth Ambassadors (YA) are valued members of the Brighter Futures team. YA time and insights are valued by us.
- Youth Ambassadors have been part of the co-design, launch and the roll out of the Brighter Futures Pilot.
- Get paid for your time.

Want more info? Check out the FAQ attached



More info about Brighter Futures: <https://melouteast.areapartnerships.vic.gov.au/news/outer-eastern-melbourne-children-and-youth-area-partnership-brighter-futures-showcase>

Brighter Futures Youth Ambassador FAQ's

(Frequently Asked Questions)

Brighter Futures & CREATE Foundation are committed to working alongside young people keeping their voice at the centre of everything we do.



1. Who Do Youth Ambassador's represent?

- Youth Ambassador are passionate emerging young leaders who are passionate to see young people in care get opportunities to reach their potential.
- Youth Ambassadors help represent and be a voice for the children and young people in the Outer East who have a lived experience of care and transitioning from care.
- Youth Ambassadors help guide Brighter futures in a number of ways
- Youth Ambassadors have a range of experiences and interests and identify with a diverse range of community groups.

2. What's The Time Commitment Like?

- As a Youth Ambassador your happy to attend and contribute to monthly face to face meetings with your Youth Advisory Group (YAG)
- You're happy to participate in regular communications through email, smart ph app and teleconferences.
- We encourage Youth Ambassadors to contribute to focus groups on specific topics of interest held throughout the year.

3. Are Youth Ambassadors Paid?

- Yes!
- Brighter Futures value what young people contribute and bring with them to help guide us!
- Youth Ambassadors are paid at a rate of \$50 per half day or with gift cards of equivalent value (if happy to receive them)
- Examples include Youth Ambassadors being paid to attend and contribute to face meetings, events, invites they attend, help plan etc
- We will negotiate with you to help cover reasonable travel costs.

4. What Opportunities Do Youth Ambassador's Get?

- Tons!
- Youth Ambassadors and their YAG get to present at events, meetings, workshops, submissions and share ideas and feedback to Brighter Future head honchos.
- Youth Ambassadors receive support, training and tons of professional development opportunities.
- Youth Ambassadors will get opportunities to help plan, design run youth events for young people engaged with Brighter Futures

If you have further questions don't hesitate to contact us! Hit up Luke at the CREATE Foundation with any questions or with help completing the application!

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Name :

Age:

Best Contact Number:

Email:

Your Suburb:

1. In your words why are you interested in this role?

2. What makes you a great candidate for this role? *(Can share examples including your strengths, goals and character traits highlighting why you will be an awesome Youth Ambassador)*

3. Do you have any experience working in a team and/or as a leader?

4. Do you have a lived experience of out of home care? Yes No

5. Can you travel to Outer Eastern Melbourne for regular monthly meetings? *(Note locations will be arranged that that support youth ambassadors meeting)*

Yes No

6. Referees. Who are some adults who are happy to tell us why you will be a great Youth Ambassador?

Referee A

Name:

Contact Number:

Relationship:

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Referee B

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Contact Number:

Relationship:

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7. **Final Step! Your nearly there! Send Your Completed Application to Luke**
at: luke.westwick@create.org.au **Applications Close 28th Jan 19**

P.S Hit us up with any questions or to say hi and let us know you're interested!

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