

GMCA - Young Person's Guarantee

Doing things differently

Youth Advisory Group Terms of Reference

Background

In June 2020 the Mayor of Greater Manchester, Andy Burnham, announced his appointment of Diane Modahl as Chair of the new Youth Task Force. The Youth Task Force will help to develop a Young Person's Guarantee in Greater Manchester.

The Task Force has been set up in response to the impact which we know the COVID-19 crisis is having and is likely to have on young people.

The Young Person's Guarantee will focus on four key areas:

Keeping connected - Increased challenges caused because of social and digital exclusion, particularly amongst young people who are most disconnected and disadvantaged;

Staying well - greater risk of poorer mental health and wellbeing caused by social isolation, reductions in support and increased anxiety about the future;

Preparing for transition back into work and/or education - Increased chances of young people experiencing longer-term labour market inequalities and challenges because of the consequences of the pandemic;

Reducing economic inequalities - greater risk of poorer transitions from school and college, particularly for those young people in Years 11 and 13, and for those seeking employment.

Who is the Young Person's Guarantee for?

The scope of the Guarantee, and remit of the Youth Task Force, will be to help young people in Greater Manchester from age 11 up to 30-years-old. The Guarantee will be co-designed by young people from Greater Manchester through the development of a Youth Advisory Group.

The Youth Advisory Group will be a fundamental part of the Young Person's Guarantee and will provide essential advice, guidance and support to the Task Force Chair.

Purpose / role of the Youth Advisory Group

- The broad purpose of the group is to work closely with the Youth Task Force to support the development of the Young Person's Guarantee
- The core aims/ responsibilities of the group are to:
 - To support the thinking and development of the Young Person's Guarantee project, specifically supporting each of the four key areas - Keeping connected,

Staying well, Preparing for the transition back into work and/or education,
Reducing economic inequalities.

- o To share relevant information, and personal experiences to support the work of the group;
- o To advocate for the work of the group and support with external communication, events and activities to promote the Young Person's Guarantee
- o To act as a critical friend to the Youth Task Force and ensure that the aims and objectives stay true to the needs of young people
- o Support any evaluation and ongoing development of the Guarantee

Membership

The Task Force will run an open recruitment session and recruit 12 young people to join the Youth Advisory Group. Young people will be selected based on their availability to contribute to the group and their enthusiasm for the project.

The Youth Advisory Group is open to all young people, it aims to reflect the views of young people across Greater Manchester of the young people of Greater Manchester.

Resourcing

Youth Employment UK will be responsible for the administration, support and coordination of the Youth Advisory Group, they will assure Safeguarding and GDPR requirements are met and act as a first point of contact for the Youth Advisory Group Members.

Engagement details

- The Youth Advisory Group will have a minimum of 4 official meetings between July and December.
- The Youth Advisory Group may be asked to provide responses and feedback to certain elements of the project.
- The Youth Advisory Group may be asked to take an active role in the activities of the Task Force which may require additional time and meetings
- The Youth Advisory Group may be asked to support with media and promotional activity

Review

- The Task Force will review the activity and role of the Youth Advisory Group at the end of the initial project.