

Paid Youth Advisory Opportunity

Role: Youth Research and Impact Advisor

Age range: 18–25

Placement length: 2 hours per week for 1–2 months. Starting Oct/Nov

Location: London / Hybrid

Payment: £15ph in vouchers. All time spent on the project will be paid. Travel expenses will also be reimbursed

If you are interested, please email yesha.bhagat@childhoodtrust.org.uk by **midday on 19th October** and we will share more information.

About us

The Childhood Trust is a child poverty charity. We are dedicated to alleviating the impact of poverty for children growing up in poverty in London through funding and delivering programmes. Listening to and engaging with young people who have experience of living in poverty, is critical to ensuring our efforts truly reflect their needs and aspirations.

We are looking for a small group of young people aged 18–25 to help us understand how the experience of poverty in London can shape young people's lives and their experiences. We are developing our Theory of Change (ToC) – a framework that describes the change we want to help create, the activities that contribute to that change, and the outcomes we want young people to experience.

We want to make sure our Theory of Change reflects the real experiences and perspectives of young people with lived experience of poverty.

You will work alongside our team and other young people to explore what people, places, experiences or opportunities have made a difference to you. You will also have the opportunity to develop practical skills in research, data analysis, evaluation and communicating findings.

What you will do

As a Youth Advisor you will:

- Take part in workshops and discussions with other young people.
- Carry out peer research.
- Share your perspective and, where you feel comfortable, draw on your experiences.
- Help us understand what can make a difference to young people in London.
- Learn about different ways organisations collect and analyse information.
- Work with the team to develop recommendations based on the group's findings.

Who we are looking for

We would like to hear from young people aged 18–25 who:

- Have lived experience of poverty or financial hardship in London.
- Have experience of receiving support from charities, community organisations or other services.
- Are interested in sharing their views.
- Want to learn about research, data, evaluation or the charity sector.

You do not need previous research or data analysis experience. Training and support will be provided. We recognise that everyone's experiences are different and there will be no expectation to discuss anything personal that you would prefer not to share.

What you will gain

You will have the opportunity to:

- Gain practical work experience.
- Develop research and data analysis skills.
- Learn about Theory of Change, evaluation and impact measurement.
- Develop teamwork, communication and presentation skills.
- Contribute to research that could influence how organisations support young people experiencing poverty.
- Gain experience that can be included on your CV and discussed in future job or education applications.

We will combine in-person workshops with independent or remote activities, with sessions taking place over approximately 1–2 months. The final format will be designed to make participation accessible and meaningful for the young people involved.