

## Groundwork Youth – Volunteer Role Description



### Youth Advisory Board Member

We are looking for passionate and committed young people from across the UK to join Groundwork's Youth Advisory Board (YAB). The YAB will consist of up to 16 young people, aged 16-24, shaping the work of Groundwork.

We welcome young people with a range of experience, valuing the insights and energy you bring to the group!

It would also be useful if you have some experience of volunteering, taking part in campaigns or representing young people e.g., school councils or clubs.

If you are passionate about the same issues as Groundwork and would like to join a group of like-minded young people, then the YAB will support you to make your voice heard!

Groundwork is committed to making the environmental sector more diverse and inclusive, so we are particularly keen to see applications from young people from ethnic minority backgrounds, those with disabilities, and individuals from low-income households to reflect the diversity of communities we serve.

### Main tasks and duties of the role:

- Sharing your thoughts on organisational priorities e.g., Equity, Diversity & Inclusion.
- Shaping the designing youth programmes, ensuring maximum impact of our work.
- Developing youth voice within Groundwork's policy and communications plans
- Advocating for young people and Groundwork e.g., in events, projects or forums.
- Engaging in additional activities and consultations that arise e.g., focus groups.

Find out more about what the Youth Advisory Board 2023 achieved [here](#).

### What will you gain from being a Youth Advisory Board Member?

Joining Groundwork's Youth Advisory Board will enable you to see behind the scenes of a national charity and develop your leadership skills by sharing your opinions and experience with others.

You will meet young people from diverse backgrounds, gaining confidence and connection by working together to influence our work, alongside a supportive staff team.

There will be plenty of training and practical opportunities to develop your skills in leadership, communication, and advocacy.

We will also support you with ongoing mentoring and access to further opportunities in the environment sector, e.g., other youth voice roles nationally or locally.

All expenses, such as travel, accommodation and food to attend events will be covered by Groundwork.

We also offer a bursary to YAB members to participate in core online meetings, recognising your valuable time and unique talents!

### **What commitment will you give to the Youth Advisory Board?**

On average, the YAB role would take up 2 hours per month and we aim to plan with you around your other commitments.

YAB members should aim to attend at least 4 (out of 6) of the key meetings during their 12-month tenure, which will run from February 2024 to March 2025.

This includes compulsory attendance at our in person away day for YAB held at Groundwork UK, Birmingham on 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024.

Please see the example schedule for the year we have planned out so far:

- Induction meeting – online – February
- YAB away day – in person – 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024
- Core meetings to work on advisory task – online – June, September, November, February

There are lots of additional opportunities and remote tasks as follow up to meetings, so we communicate regularly between meetings using Slack/Discord, email and Whats app.