

**The Children
and Young
People's
Mental Health
Coalition:
Steering Group**

**Application
Pack**



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Role Description and Application Details

The Children and Young People's Mental Health Coalition is seeking 5 new members to sit on the steering group to help set the strategic direction of the Coalition's work.

Applications are open to all existing members of the Children and Young People's Mental Health Coalition, but we are specifically looking for members with expertise in:

- Neurodiversity
- LGBTQ+ young people
- Inpatient and crisis care
- Youth advocacy and engagement

We are committed to advancing equity, anti-racism, and inclusion through all aspects of our work, including representation at a senior level.

This information pack will provide more about the steering group, the role of a steering group member, and how you can apply.

If you have any questions or require this information in a more accessible format, then please contact Charlotte Rainer on charlotte.rainer@cypmhc.org.uk or on 07561 584726.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday 3rd May.

About the Steering Group

The overarching purpose of the steering group is to provide strategic leadership for the Coalition, to oversee operational plans, and to provide support and guidance to the staff team.

The steering group is chaired by the Coalition Chair, Amy Whitelock Gibbs and is made up of 10 organisations, including:

- The British Psychological Society
 - Centre for Mental Health
 - Charlie Waller Trust
- Mental Health Foundation
- National Children's Bureau
- Parent-Infant Foundation
- Race Equality Foundation
- Rollercoaster Family Support
 - YoungMinds
 - Youth Access

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Application process

There will be an open recruitment process to select 5 new members of the steering group:

1. Complete the [online application form](#) by Friday 3rd May. In order to apply, please identify a key lead contact who will join the group on behalf of your organisation. We ask that this is a senior level role within the organisation.
2. The Coalition staff team and Chair will review applications and create a shortlist of applications based on the criteria included in this recruitment pack.
3. The short list of organisations will be invited to attend a short interview with a member of the staff team, the Coalition chair and our host organisation, Centre for Mental Health. Interviews will take place virtually.

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What does steering group membership involve?

Steering group membership is reviewed every 3 years in line with the Coalition strategy. Steering group members are able to retain their position for longer.

Time commitment

- To attend 2 hour meetings 4 times a year (these predominantly take place online). If the lead contact is unable to attend, then we ask that you send a representative in your place.
- Other work is progressed virtually. We ask for feedback on pieces of work and new policy positions via email on an ad hoc basis.

Responsibilities:

- Helping to set the strategic direction for the Coalition and review progress against our strategic priorities for 2024-27.
- Provide support, advice and constructive challenge to the staff team as required.
- Share knowledge and organisational expertise to support the work of the Coalition.
- Feed views from your supporters into discussions, including children, young people, and families you work with.
- Ensuring members have meaningful engagement in the Coalition's work.
- Endorsing and helping to disseminate the Coalition's work and messaging.
- Supporting the planning of work.
- Provide feedback on pieces of work and the development of new policy positions.

Organisation Criteria

- To be an existing member of the Children and Young People's Mental Health Coalition. We are specifically interested in applications from members who specialise in the following areas:

Neurodiversity

LGBTQ+ children and young people

Inpatient and crisis care

Youth advocacy and engagement

- Good understanding of the Coalitions' work and strategic priorities.
- To be able to commit to the time required to be part of the steering group.
- An ability to work effectively and collaboratively with others.
- To be willing to share honest views and feedback.
- Commitment to the mental health of children and young people to make their voices heard; and for the youngest children to ensure their mental health needs are fully considered in policy and practice.
- A commitment to inclusion, diversity and anti-racist practice and to equality of opportunity.

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Application Questions

To apply to become a steering group member, please complete the [online application form](#) to answer the following questions:

1. Please provide an overview of what your organisation does
2. Why does your organisation want to join the CYPMHC steering group?
3. Please give a brief description of relevant skills, knowledge, and experience that you could bring to the steering group. Please also indicate if you have expertise in any of the following areas:
 - a. Neurodiversity
 - b. LGBTQ+ children and young people
 - c. Inpatient and crisis care
 - d. Youth advocacy and engagement
4. Are you able to commit to the time necessary to being a member of the steering group?

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Thank You!

**We look forward to
seeing your
applications!**