



North Wales Young Ambassadors Programme

GUIDANCE NOTES

Please read carefully before filling in your application form.

WHAT IS A YOUNG AMBASSADOR?

The role of the Young Ambassador is to give a voice to a diverse range of young people across North Wales by helping them to get their views heard within policing and will create a platform for young people to delve down into strategic planning.

Through peer-to-peer collaboration, Young Ambassadors will be able to express themselves freely and speak on behalf of other young people in their community.

WHO CAN JOIN?

We are looking for participants aged 16-24 years who are currently residing in North Wales.

Young people are sometimes portrayed in a negative light in the media, we are therefore keen to hear from people who are passionate and driven to really make a change for young people across North Wales, who will be committed to the project and willing to do all the activities involved. We are also very keen to ensure that the Young Ambassador Programme is made up of a diverse group of young people reflecting the make-up of the local population, including those who have direct experience of the police and justice system.

Previous police contact or conviction is not a barrier to application - This role is **not** subject to police vetting / DBS check.

PURPOSE OF ROLE

- To work co-operatively with North Wales Police as follows:
 - Advise North Wales Police in community policing matters relating to young people.
 - Listen to, reflect, and advocate the often-diverse experience of young people within North Wales.
 - Contribute your own experiences to the wider group.
 - Work constructively as part of a team to advise the police and other agencies.

MAIN DUTIES

To bring your personal experience and knowledge to assist North Wales Police.

- Attend bi-monthly meetings (hybrid - face to face and online) with senior officers from North Wales Police.
- Be responsible for obtaining the views of other young people in your area through engagement and consultation. Support will be given in order to carry out this peer-to-peer consultation.
- Be involved in scrutinising the use of police powers (stop search, use of force, arrests); complaints and incidents involving young people, provide feedback and make recommendations to North Wales Police.
- Working as a team of Young Ambassadors will assist North Wales Police in planning events and youth engagement initiatives. You will be invited to help run these events whenever possible subject to it not adversely impacting on school / college / work commitments.
- Have a voice in policy making involving and / or affecting young people.
- Have a voice in the recruitment and training process for Police Officers.
- Provide inputs to new police officers around youth engagement and police perceptions including some who may offer lived experience of police interactions and the criminal justice process.
- To contribute to the production of written reports when necessary.
- To undertake and contribute to research as and when necessary.

WHAT WILL I GET FROM BEING PART OF THE YOUNG AMBASSADOR PROGRAMME?

- **Directly address issues with senior police officers and key partners:** Help them to understand what young people in your area think about police and crime.
- **Training opportunities:** Confidence building, teamwork, and leadership.
- **Opportunities:** Have your voice heard in a meaningful and effective way.
- **Develop your skills and experience:** You will gain valuable skills and experience, which you will be able to use for your Welsh Baccalaureate, CV, or applications to Further or Higher Education.
- **Become ambassadors for other young people:** You will give a voice to young people in your area by helping them to get their views heard.
- **Certificate of recognition:** for your involvement in the programme, subject to attendance at 80% of meetings / activities.
- **Expenses (travel):** For attendance at meetings and engagement events.
- **Meet new people:** You will meet a diverse range of other young people from the North Wales area, and work alongside professionals from different organisations.

HOW TO APPLY - *CHOOSE ONE OF THE BELOW OPTIONS*

- Application form from the individual.
- Through a 3rd party referral - If you are employed or working voluntarily within the youth sector and know of a young person who would be an asset to the programme, please use the professional's referral form to apply on their behalf. Please ensure referral consent is obtained from the young person (and parent / guardian if under 18) prior to submission.

Privacy: Your privacy is really important to us. By filling in the North Wales Young Ambassador application form, you are consenting to North Wales Police using your personal information to keep in touch with you over the course of the project. If your application is not successful, or you decide to withdraw your application, we will delete your personal data from our files. If you want to withdraw your consent at any time you can contact the Youth Engagement Officer at youthengagementofficer@northwales.police.uk

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT ONCE I SUBMIT MY APPLICATION?

You will receive an email to confirm that we have received your application. Applications will then be reviewed, and shortlisted candidates will then be invited to attend an informal discussion about the role.

All applicants will be informed of the outcome of their application.

Remember: email your form to youthengagementofficer@northwales.police.uk