



National Influencing Committee Member Nomination Pack

- Are you aged 15-25 years, and have completed CREATE's Speak Up Program (SUP) Level 3?
- Do you work well in a team?
- Do you want to speak up and have your voice heard to help CREATE make the out-of-home care system for the better for all children and young people?

If you answered YES to the above, why don't you nominate yourself for appointment as a member of our National Influencing Committee?

The purpose of the Influencing Committee is to draw together CREATE's Policy and Advocacy and Marketing team to develop and implement key strategies for promoting CREATE's advocacy agenda as outlined in the Strategic Plan. The Influencing Committee will source information from states and also be responsible for circulating its progress across the organisation.

There are two positions for young people on the Influencing Committee, and young people can nominate themselves using this Application Form. Young people must identify two suitable referees (people who can support their application and suitability for the role). Additionally, the State Coordinator must support the application.

All applications will be considered, and the Influencing Committee Members will shortlist applicants and offer them an opportunity to have a chat about their application through an interview.

Influencing Committee responsibilities will include:


- Attend monthly Influencing Committee Meetings (the first will be face to face) and the others if young people are not Qld based will be over the phone;
- Read the material for the Influencing Committee meeting in advance of the meeting and discuss any questions within the agenda for young people (with a member of the Influencing Committee) prior to the meeting;
- Contribute to the Influencing Committee meeting and provide your opinions, and perspective about a range of topics related to the National Influencing Strategy and actively participate in the meetings.

If you are under 18 you must discuss your nomination with your parent, guardian, carer or case worker and have them sign the form.

INTERESTED? – Then all you need to do now is apply. Check out the eligibility (what you need to have to apply) fill out the attached Application Form and return it to the CREATE office by **30 March, 2020**. If you need help filling out the form you can ask for help from anyone you choose.

All applicants need to have the following to be eligible to apply

- Be between 15 – 25 years of age
- Have an out of home care experience
- Completed Speak Up Training (SUP) Level 3
- Be a clubCREATE member
- Been an active participant in the state/territory Youth Advisory Groups and state activities
- Willing to commit to being an active Influencing Committee Member for six months

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- Willing to engage with other children and young people in care, to adequately represent their views
 - Able to work constructively in a group/team.
 - Possess good communication skills.

Payment

For the first meeting, we will invite the two successful applicants to attend the meeting in Brisbane in person. Cost of flights and where essential accommodation will be met by CREATE for this first face to face meeting. If you are under 18 you will require an adult to travel with you. Unfortunately, CREATE cannot cover the cost for this person. However, options may exist with agencies to support the carer/case worker to attend.

Young people are expected to attend monthly meetings for approximately 1 hour. CREATE will cover 2 hours pre reading and preparation, 2 hours for the meeting day and 1 hour for post meeting follow up = 5 hours per month. This will be reviewed after six months.

CREATE will reimburse young people for their time at the current Youth Facilitator rate of pay (which is slightly different in each state).



National Influencing Committee Member Application Form

Personal information

Full name: _____

Street Address: _____

Suburb: _____ State: _____

Postcode: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

What is your date of birth? ___ / ___ / ___

What is your clubCREATE Membership number? _____

In what type of location do you live at present?

- Capital City
- Large city (not a capital)
- Small city or town
- Rural area

What is your cultural background? (please tick one box only)

- Aboriginal
- Torres Strait Islander
- Both Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander
- Australian (other than Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander)
- Other cultural background: which one? _____

Have you been in out-of-home care for six months or more, in total?

- Yes
- No

Are you in out-of-home care now?

- Yes
- No

What are you mainly doing now?

- Full time work
- Part-time or casual work
- Volunteer work
- Unemployed / looking for work
- TAFE course
- University
- Other (please give details) _____

Do you have any special needs that we need to be aware of to ensure your successful participation as a Member of the Influencing Committee? Please outline any specific supports that you may need.



Skill and Experience

1. How long have you been involved in CREATE? _____ Years _____ Months

2. Have you undertaken Speak Up Training Level 3?

- Yes
- No

Note: if you have not completed Level 3 unfortunately you are unable to apply

3. Why do you want to be a member of the CREATE National Influencing Committee?

4. What strengths or skills would you bring to the role?


5. Tell us about your ability to communicate effectively in a group setting, and how you are able to share your point of view to others.

6. Tell us about your ability to engage with other young people, and listen to their opinions and promote them to others.

7. Outline how you would manage your time to be able to pre-read the Influencing Committee Meeting material, prepare for the meeting and then participate at the meeting?

8. Have the responsibilities of being an Influencing Committee Member been explained to you?

- YES
- NO



Before signing, please make sure you have answered all questions. If you need more space you are welcome to

Nominee Signature

Date (dd/mm/yy)

If you are under 18, you need to show this application to your guardian. Please have them sign this form if they agree for you to apply

Parent/ Carer Signature

Date (dd/mm/yy)

Parent/ Carer Name

Contact Number

Please return this form by **COB Monday 30th March** to – create@create.org.au

For any enquiries please contact the Brisbane National office at 07 3062 4860