



National Influencing Committee Member Expression of Interest Application form

- 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 these questions, why don't you nominate yourself as a member of our National Influencing Committee?

About CREATE's Influencing Committee

The purpose of the Influencing Committee is to bring together CREATE's Policy and Advocacy and Marketing teams to develop and implement key strategies to promote CREATE's advocacy goals.

Two positions are available for young people to join the Influencing Committee. Young people can nominate themselves using the Application Form below and must identify two suitable references (people who can support their application and suitability for the role). The young person's 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:

- Attending a monthly Influencing Committee meetings over Zoom if young people are not based in Qld;
- Preparing for meetings by reading the material in advance and discussing any questions (with a member of the Influencing Committee) before the meeting;
- Sharing your opinions, ideas and perspectives about a range of topics related to the National Influencing Strategy and actively participate in the meetings.

INTERESTED? – Please check out the eligibility (what you need to have to apply) and fill out the form below. Please return your completed form to your CREATE office by **Friday 4th, February 2022** or email create@create.org.au. If you need help filling out the form you can ask for help from anyone you choose. For any enquiries please contact the Brisbane National office at (07) 3062 4860.

Eligibility

All applicants need to have the following to be able to apply:

- Be between 15 – 25 years of age
- Have an out of home care experience
- Be a clubCREATE member and have completed Speak Up Training (SUP) Level 3
- 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
- Willing to engage with other children and young people in care, to adequately represent their views
- Possess good communication skills and is able to work constructively in a group/team.

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

Payment

Young people are expected to attend monthly meetings for approximately 1.5 hours. 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 club/CREATE 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.

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