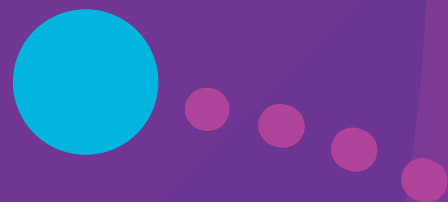


# Influencing Committee

## Frequently Asked Questions



### Why have these changes come about and why is this important?

You told us:

“If kids really participate, they get a better life...” (Young person, ACT)

“I guess because you're the one in care and everything is happening to you so it's really important that they listen to you. You're still growing up and your choices should be heard...” (Young person, WA)

“I feel like we get heard more when we come to CREATE, people are quiet when I talk and don't talk over me” (Young person, SA)

“I like being involved because it helps me to get a better perspective on what's happening in the out of home care sector. It also is a great way to meet new people and gain new knowledge” (Young person, TAS)

From your feedback we decided to take the approach of actively shaping advocacy material with Young Consultants drawing from the insights we have gained through CREATE's Youth Advisory Groups (YAGs) and consultations with children and young people in care, a review of the research and emerging guidance from out sector partners including Commissioner reports, government inquiries and insights from the community sector. We want your input to make sure our messaging and 'asks' from government will help to improve the lives of children and young people in care.

You'll also have the chance to help us re-name the Influencing Committee at our first meeting, because we want this to be a space that you own and can express your ideas for change.

### How long does the Influencing Committee run for and how does it work?

The Committee meets quarterly (approximately 4 times a year) online, for approximately 2 hours in a workshop style format. Young Consultants will serve 12 monthly terms on the Committee.

### I am eligible to apply?

Up to eight positions are available for young people to join the Influencing Committee. Hopefully one from each state/territory.

### To apply you'll need to be:

- aged 15-25 years
- a clubCREATE member and have completed Speak Up Training (SUP) Level 3
- an active participant in the state/territory Youth Advisory Groups and state activities
- able to attend regular meetings over Teams with the Advocacy and Influencing Team – dates to be determined by the group but we anticipate at least 4 meetings in 12 months
- willing to preparing for meetings by reading the materials (provided by the Advocacy and Influencing Team) in advance
- share your opinions, ideas and perspectives about a range of topics related to CREATE's Advocacy Priorities and actively participate in the meeting this may include leading/driving discussions for change and supporting facilitation of workshops.

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

## Will I get paid for my time?

As a Committee Member you'll be invited to attend regular meetings running for approximately 2 hours per meeting. CREATE will ensure you are paid for the 2 hours to attend the meeting and an hour prep time per meeting.

CREATE will reimburse you at the current SCHADS Award Level 3.1 base rate as a casual amount per hour with a minimum of 3 hours.

A certificate of participation will be provided as acknowledgement and in recognition of your involvement in the committee.

## What happens to my information?

CREATE will summarise what you and other young people say in Committee minutes. No names or personal information will be used in the minutes. The minutes will show the age and state/territory of everyone in the Committee. CREATE values what children and young people say and we try to include as many of the young people's actual words as possible. If something you say is used as a direct quote, your name will not be used—only your age and state/territory will be given to acknowledge the source of the comment (e.g., Young person, 14 years, NSW). For more information on CREATE's Privacy Policy, go to <http://create.org.au/privacy-policy/>

## Ready to apply?

You can apply using the Application Form below and must identify two suitable references (people who can support their application and suitability for the role). You might also want to also give your State Program and Engagement Coordinator a heads up so they can support your application. They can also be a Referee for you.

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

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