

Ministerial Youth Advisory Board

Questions you might have



What is the Ministerial Youth Advisory Board?

CREATE is helping the Queensland Government set up the very first Ministerial Youth Advisory Board (MYAB) in Queensland so young people with lived experience can have a say about what needs to change to improve experiences for children and young people living in residential care.



CREATE's role in the Ministerial Youth Advisory Board (MYAB)

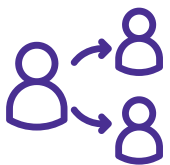
CREATE Foundation is the national peak body representing the voices of children and young people with a care experience. We engage with children and young people across a range of programs and services to understand the issues of importance to them and translate these insights into priorities for reforming or improving child protection and care systems.

The new Ministerial Youth Advisory Board, or MYAB as we like to call it, is a way to elevate the voice and expertise of young people with lived experience to drive reform of the residential care system in Queensland. The Board will do this by identifying gaps and opportunities and providing advice to government and sector on changes that will improve things for children and young people in care.

This is about voicing your ideas to drive change to improve the lives of all children and young people in residential care in Queensland. CREATE will support you all the way through, by helping you prepare for meetings, supporting you during meetings, and catching up after meetings to reflect on how it went for you.

Who selects the MYAB members?

A group of young people and adults involved in the out-of-home care system in Queensland will look at applications and review them against the selection criteria outlined below. The panel may include people from:



- CREATE Foundation, including Young Consultants
- Department Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services
- Office of the Public Guardian
- Queensland Child and Family Commission
- Queensland First Children Families Board
- Disability network
- A service provider.

The panel will take into consideration all of the selection criteria below when selecting young people to join MYAB. The panel will also think about how to make sure lots of different voices and experiences are reflected on the Board. To do this, the panel will consider:

- Age
- Gender
- Where you live across Queensland
- Cultural background
- First Nations People
- LGBTIQ+ young people
- Lived experience of the care system in Queensland
- People who are living with a disability.



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How many positions are there?

Up to 9 positions are available for young people to join the Ministerial Youth Advisory Board.

Will I get paid for my time?

As a Board member, you'll be invited to attend up to 4 meetings per year, each meeting running for approximately 2 hours. CREATE will reimburse you for your time at the SCHADS Award Level 3.1 base rate as a casual, with a minimum of 3 hours for each meeting. This means CREATE will ensure you are paid for the 2 hours to attend the meeting and will also cover an hour of prep time per meeting.

What will I do if I get selected as a Board member?

- Share opinions, ideas and perspectives about what it's like to live in residential care and what would make it better.
- Come up with ideas and solutions about how the residential care system can be improved.
- Provide the Minister with advice about the things you see as priorities for young people living in residential care
- Help implement some key actions from A Roadmap for Residential Care in Queensland.

Other benefits for you

A certificate of participation will be provided to members to acknowledge your involvement in the Ministerial Youth Advisory Board. As a MYAB member, CREATE may also be able to provide you with a reference to support you to apply for jobs and study.

What happens to my information?

CREATE will summarise what you and other young people say in Board minutes. No names or personal information will be used in the minutes. The minutes will show the age and state of members of the Board.

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 but your age might be (e.g., MYAB member, 18 years) – unless we think this might identify you. For more information on CREATE's Privacy Policy, go to <http://create.org.au/privacy-policy/>



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How it all works

Joining MYAB and getting started (recruitment and induction)

The Ministerial Youth Advisory Board (MYAB) is a way to elevate the voice and expertise of young people with lived experience of residential care to drive reform of the residential care system in Queensland.



How we keep track of what happens at MYAB (secretariat support)

CREATE will provide secretariat support for MYAB. This includes scheduling meetings, preparing agendas, taking minutes and holding pre-briefs and de-briefs with Board members.

Meetings

The Board meets up to 4 times a year, for around 2 hours. This may be a mix of in-person and online meetings. Board members who are not based in Brisbane may need to travel to Brisbane for in-person meetings and this cost will be covered.

Who will run the meetings (facilitation)

The Minister will co-chair meetings, alongside one of the young person members, who will be invited to co-chair meetings. The young person co-chair role may rotate between members or one person might be the co-chair for a while. In co-chairing, the Minister and young person co-chair will guide the discussion at meetings, make sure everyone gets to have a say, and make sure there's time to cover everything on the agenda.

Meeting papers

Board members will get to have a say about what they want to talk about each meeting and what be included in the agenda. The agenda will be sent to members at least 1 week ahead of each meeting. The agenda will include any priority issues relating to the residential care system, other important projects, and some standing agenda items that will be on every agenda. For example, this might include a regular update from the Queensland Family and Child Commission Expert Panel on Residential Care.

Team Charter

A Team Charter will be developed in the first meeting. This is where all the members will talk about how to keep the conversation safe for everyone and what this looks like in terms of respectful behaviours. All members will develop and sign the Team Charter before getting started. The Team Charter will become an important document for MYAB. It will be an attachment to these Terms of Reference and it will be sent around to members before each meeting, along with other important papers, such as the agenda and minutes.

Minutes

Minutes are a written record of what has been said at each meeting. Minutes will be written down by CREATE staff at each meeting and shared with members within 2-3 weeks of each meeting, so members can confirm that minutes reflect what was discussed. Where possible, short updates or communiques from each meeting will be shared with CREATE's networks to highlight all the great work that MYAB is leading. Communiques will first be approved by Minister and Department of Child Safety, Seniors and Disability Services before being shared broadly.

Contact

CREATE will share relevant documents and updates with the Board outside of meetings by email. This may include asking for members to input into important projects the Board is doing between meetings. If you have any questions, feedback or support needs you'd like to discuss, please contact CREATE at kathryn.burke@create.org.au.



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