

Apply now!

Children and Young People's Panel on Europe

Children in Scotland is a national children's charity. We have been asked by the Scottish Government to organise the Children and Young People's Panel on Europe. We are working on this with Together (Scottish Alliance for Children's Rights), a charity that promotes and protects children and young people's rights.

This project will give a group of children and young people the chance to share how they feel about the UK leaving the European Union (also known as Brexit!). Children and young people have a right to be heard in Brexit discussions. The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) says that every child has the right to be heard in decisions that affect them.

Why does the Panel matter?

Unlike in Scottish elections, 16 and 17 year olds did not get to vote on Brexit. Children and young people need to have a chance to say what they think about the process of leaving the European Union.

The Panel will give children and young people in Scotland a voice in the Brexit negotiations. It will bring together children and young people with a range of views on Brexit to provide impartial advice to the Scottish Government.

Is the project for me?

This project might be for you if you like standing up for the things you believe in, and talking about:



- **What Brexit might mean for your family and friends**
- **What people in charge should be doing to help children**
- **What rules people in charge should follow when they make decisions about Brexit**
- **Why children should have their say on Brexit**

You don't need to know much about Brexit to apply. We will share information with you to help you to take part.

What will the Panel do?

The Panel will work with Mike Russell, who is a Member of the Scottish Parliament. He is in charge of talking to the UK Government about what Brexit means for people in Scotland.

This is your chance to tell Mr Russell what matters most to children and young people. He has promised to tell the UK Government what the Panel has said, and to make sure the Panel know what will happen next.

Who can apply?

Anyone aged 8-18 who lives in Scotland can apply to come to the selection day. You can also apply if you were under 18 at the time of the EU referendum on 23 June 2016.

If you are good at working in a team, listening to others, and talking about what matters in your life, we would like you to take part! An adult you trust can help you to apply.

We will pay your travel expenses and do what we can to support you to take part (this might include bringing along your parent, carer or support worker, organising an interpreter or arranging special meals if you have allergies).

How do I apply?



Mike Russell MSP and Marie Todd MSP announce the project alongside YOYP Ambassadors, June 2018

To apply to come to the selection day just answer these three questions, and provide your name, and date of birth to Jemma at JTracey@childreninscotland.org.uk by **2nd August 2018**:

1. Why do you want to be involved?
2. What makes you who you are?
3. What do you feel about Brexit?

You can share a response with us in whichever way you like. For example you could send us a video recording instead of a written response.

Find out more: childreninscotland.org.uk

Email: jtracey@childreninscotland.org.uk

Call: 0131 313 2322

What happens next?

We will be in touch with everyone who has applied regarding the selection day on **Tuesday 7 August** in Edinburgh, which will give attendees a chance to find out more about what the project involves, and to meet other young people.

If you are selected, you will then attend a training day in Edinburgh with around 20 other Panel members.

The Panel will meet four times and the project will come to an end in December 2018.