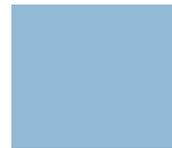
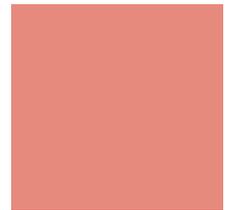


# Youth Advisory Panel

## Information Pack



SPIRIT OF 2012  
INVESTING IN HAPPINESS



Watch our video here:

<https://youtu.be/jzmctoZCSeY>

[www.spiritof2012.org.uk/joinouryap](http://www.spiritof2012.org.uk/joinouryap)

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# The Participation People

## Who are we?

Spirit of 2012 is the London 2012 legacy charity, funding community projects that bring people together. Spirit was established by the Big Lottery Fund with a £47m endowment from the National Lottery. It was founded to continue and recreate the spirit of pride, positivity and social connectedness that people experienced during the London 2012 Games.

Our largest investment is a consortium led by Activity Alliance where Spirit awarded £4.3m to help people Get Out and Get Active in 18 locations across the UK.

We recently launched our ground-breaking community cohesion programme Breaking Boundaries at the fourth annual British Ethnic Diversity Sports Awards (BEDSAs). This £1.8 million, three-year project will connect people across different ethnic and faith communities as cricket players, fans and volunteers. Led by local young people, it will offer trained volunteering opportunities, as well as social hubs for them and their families.

*Being on a panel and feeling like you've been given responsibility is a beautiful thing*

**Reuben Braithwaite,  
2017/18 YAP Member**

## What is the Youth Advisory Panel?

Spirit funds projects that bring people together – to learn something new, do something different, or experience something unique – and that leaves behind a social legacy of increased wellbeing at an individual level, as well as happier and more connected communities.

To do this, we want to bring together a group of young adults to advise us in the fabric of decision making and help inform what Spirit does, how it operates, the programmes and partnerships it develops and how it communicates. By volunteering your time and sharing your views, you can help make a real difference and even get to develop your own fund.

## What you'll be doing?

You'll be advising and being ambassadors for Spirit.

This could mean giving us feedback on activity across the lifecycle of a project from funding applications, shaping and advising projects so they reach the right audience and the support is relevant, practical and accessible to these young people. You will also be asked to represent Spirit at youth and other regional events.

It also means developing and shaping your own fund from a specific investment pot of £100,000 from identifying the scope to promoting the fund, assessing applications and ultimately choosing what project you collectively want to invest in to increase wellbeing at an individual level and bring communities together.

## And where?

That's the best bit!

The panel is made up from young adults from across the UK. Most of the time you can help us from anywhere when you have a bit of free time via a computer or laptop, or your internet-enabled phone using Slack or What's App.

And three times a year we'll have a get together in London or elsewhere across the UK so you can meet everyone in the group, share experiences and help us shape our work.

We also have additional meetings virtually to speak about specific items or masterclasses that you can engage in.



*Young people are leaders. We have the imagination, potential and power to change the world for the better.*

**Sana Amin,  
2017/18 YAP Member**

*Before joining the Spirit of 2012 Youth Advisory Panel, I had never heard of organisations giving young people the opportunity to develop their own funding pot and to consequently make funding decisions on their behalf.*

**Josh Saydraouten  
2015/16 YAP Member**

## Who are we looking for?

- You'll be aged between 18-28 years old and live in the UK
- You'll be passionate about the arts, sport and/or volunteering and their potential to change lives – all part of Spirit's mission
- You'll be driven to make a difference, develop new skills and see things through to the end, until at least December 2020.
- You're a great team player encouraging others to have a voice as well as confident to speak your mind and represent others views that are affecting young people today
- You'll be able to give a couple of hours a month to us, plus attend three get togethers a year

## What you'll get from us

- You'll be part of a team of fun, like-minded young people from across the UK that make a difference to real people
- You'll have a member of staff who will support you in your role and who you can contact with any questions as well as meet and work with senior decision makers
- You'll be able to receive individual and group skills coaching and mentoring through our amazing partner Participation People
- You'll get to put your existing skills into practice, learn new ones – including assessing applications, developing a fund, shape social media content, blogging and team-work
- Once you've volunteered for 12 months, you'll receive an accredited certificate and we'll be happy to provide a reference
- You'll be reimbursed for any agreed expenses whilst carrying out the role

## How to get involved

If this sounds like the kind of thing you'd be interested in we'd love to hear from you! Click on the [link](#) to go to the application form and view the questions.

We welcome you to write your answers on the google form, film your answers and send a wetransfer.com link to [antonia@participationpeople.com](mailto:antonia@participationpeople.com) or record a voice note of your answers. If you have any questions please contact Antonia or call 07921 907210.

Step	Date
Applications open	6 August
Virtual application support session #1 <a href="https://zoom.us/j/370496684">https://zoom.us/j/370496684</a>	5 November, anytime between 6 – 7.30pm
Virtual application support session #2 <a href="https://zoom.us/j/542217101">https://zoom.us/j/542217101</a>	14 November, anytime between 6 – 7.30pm
Closing date for applications	16 November, 5pm
Invites to interview	By 23 November, 5pm
Interviews (virtual)	w/c 3 December
We let you know	By 14 December
First meeting and induction – SAVE THE DATE!	Evening of Friday 8 until Sunday 10 February 2019

