RECRUITING FOR OUR: #YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
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Child Helpline International is looking for young volunteers between 18 and 23 years old to promote children’s and young people’s voices on children’s rights, youth participation and the role of child helplines.

Introduction: #Youth
The #Youth is the Youth Advisory Council of Child Helpline International, made up of young people promoting children’s and youth’s voices in Africa, Asia Pacific, MENA, Europe, Americas and the Caribbean. Through a peer-to-peer approach, #Youth helps Child Helpline International – and by extension its 173 members – remain up-to-date on issues that are important to children and young people. #Youth members operate within their own region as well as internationally.

The goals of the #Youth are to:
- Promote youth voices and the impact of #Youth on Child Helpline International’s activities relating to children’s right to participation;
- Ensure meaningful youth participation through active engagement of the #Youth;
- Improve diversity and equal representation of children and youth and their voices in the work of Child Helpline International;
- Promote youth leadership for a sustainable #Youth;
- Establish good communication channels and information flow between #Youth, child helplines and Child Helpline International.

#Youth members can expect to be involved in, for example, research, data collection, analysis and publication, writing articles and features on issues relevant to children’s rights and child helplines, and (re)present youth voices at relevant forums and platforms. #Youth members collaborate not only with each other, but also with other youth advisory councils at local child helplines, as well as staff and Supervisory Board of Child Helpline International.

Profile
Child Helpline International is looking for a diverse group of young people who can become conduits for the diverse opinions and views of children and young people across the world. Members of #Youth are passionate about children’s rights, understand the importance of youth participation, and are committed to advocate for the well-being of their generation. To ensure effective representation, #Youth members must be between the age of 18 and 23. In addition, #Youth members:
- Are proactive, communicative, and possess leadership skills;
- Are proficient in written and spoken English (proficiency in additional languages is greatly appreciated);
- Have experience working with and / or using the services of child helplines;
- Can commit at least 12 hours a month, for a minimum period of one year.

Why join the #Youth?
The #Youth provides active young people with a platform to have their voices heard and to allow for their meaningful participation in society. #Youth members also get the opportunity to learn about the diverse NGO world, and gain practical knowledge on child helplines, children’s rights, and child protection mechanisms.
Application Procedure
To apply, please fill in this application form. For any questions, please feel free to contact Hanis Shamsul-Béné at hanis@childhelplineinternational.org.

Background
Child Helpline International is a collective impact organisation with 173 members from 142 countries and territories around the world. We coordinate information, viewpoints, knowledge and data from our child helpline members, partners and external sources. This exceptional resource is used to help and support child protection systems globally, regionally and nationally, and to help our members advocate for the rights of children and amplify their voices.

Child Helpline International’s Youth Advisory Council, the #Youth, was created in 2014 to increase youth participation and strengthen youth voices within the organisation and network. Child Helpline International recognises the great importance of understanding children and young people’s perspectives – after all, our work involves addressing issues that directly affect them. To learn more about the work of the #Youth, please visit the website.