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Dear Schools

After a forced hiatus due to Covid-19, the Norwich Opportunity Area (NOA) Youth Board is back and looking to recruit young people to become Youth Board Mentors to share their and their peers' lived experiences about their education. We want to ensure the voices of young people in Norwich are heard, and inform decisions made by the government funded NOA programme. Being fully inclusive is essential for us, so we want a diverse range of young people to represent all backgrounds.

Youth Board members will:

- Come to youth board sessions that run for 60-90 minutes, pupils may range from Year 7 to Year 13, and may be a mixed group
- Share their ideas for and concerns with their schools and local communities
- Develop their confidence in speaking and expressing their views
- Learn to plan and deliver a fundraising activity, a presentation, and a social action project
- Occasionally be invited to attend other Norwich Opportunity Area events to share their learning and ideas

We want members of the Youth Board to be fully in control of their participation and design their own projects that will benefit them and their peers in school. Meetings held by mentors will be during school hours, where food will be provided for attendees. Mentor meetings will happen afterschool and will be held at The Forum, food will be provided, and travel will be subsidised.

Youth Board members will develop their skills in communication, leadership, and diplomacy, and will be able to add the role to their CV which will look great on future job/university applications.

To find out more about the NOA Youth Board and our work visit

<https://norwichopportunityarea.co.uk/youth-board-2/>

We look forward to hearing from you,

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