

Calling all young volunteers!

Are you a young person aged 14 – 18 who is blind or partially sighted?
Do you want to be actively involved in your community to make it a better place for yourself and other young people with sight loss?
Then we need you!

Come and join Young Voices!

Young Voices is made up of a group of 7 young volunteers from across England, who want to bring about positive change for their community. They meet once a month (virtually) and 3 times a year in person to talk about their experiences and work on projects that matter to them, that will make a difference to the lives of blind and partially sighted young people. If this sounds like you, then read on!

We need you to be:

Committed – We need people who will show up and continue to show up. You will be need to put in that work!

Passionate – We want people who are passionate about helping and improving your communities and are passionate about volunteering.

Advocates – We need you to be willing to stand up and help others and be a voice for those who may not have one.

Empathetic – We want people who are understanding, kind and can connect with others' experiences.

Inclusive – We need you to have an understanding of inclusion, and why it is so important for you and your community.

We can offer these amazing benefits:

- **Learn and build new skills** – We will give you the chance to learn and develop your skill set that will improve your life and look great on CVs and university applications.
- **Make a difference** – the work you do will make real impact on the lives of the blind and partially sighted community.
- **Meet new people** – not only will you join a group of 7 amazing young people, you will get the opportunity to meet other people at Thomas Pocklington and other sight loss organisations.
- **Be part of a community** – you will get the opportunity to really build a relationship with those around you and with other young people who are blind and partially sighted.
- **Take on a new challenge** – push yourself and take on new challenges this year, whether it be podcasting or campaigning, film editing, creating social media content or contacting your local MP there will always be something to take on!
- **Gain confidence** – all of your new skills will boost your confidence and we can help you to work out what you need help with and support you to do just that.

If this all sounds amazing to you then get in touch to find out more about the application process. Email Sally, who is the lead of the Young Voices group on: sally.carpenter@pocklington-trust.org.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you!