



Home Office Young People's Board (YPB)



What is the YPB?

A UK-wide participation group for young people to discuss and give their views on a range of Home Office (mainly immigration) related issues.

Why has it been set up?

For the Home Office to engage effectively with children and young people on issues that are a priority for and directly affect them. The importance of doing this was brought to light by the independent Windrush Lessons Learned Review.

What does it look like?

The YPB currently contains 15 young people, aged 13 to 22, who have personal experience of the Home Office.

What support is available?

The YPB has a designated safeguarding lead to support participants who need it. If a safeguarding or protection related issue arises, appropriate actions are considered by the safeguarding lead, in consultation with the young person affected.

How does it work?

Online sessions (which last 1 hour) take place every 2 months while face-to-face sessions are held 2-3 times a year.

Who facilitates these meetings?

The Home Office Safeguarding Advice and Children's Champion (SACC) team, but participants can also perform this role themselves, with our support.

Can young people decide what is discussed?

Yes - participants can propose issues for discussion. This is alongside suggestions from SACC or Home Office policy and operational leads.

Won't the Home Office just take control here?

SACC is a safeguarding team that is independent from the Home Office immigration decision-making process. Our primary focus is supporting young people to provide their views on the issues that are a priority for them.

Will the Home Office consider YPB suggestions?

The Home Office has publicly expressed its commitment to the YPB. As part of this, considerations and recommendations are shared with senior officials. Young people have also personally presented these, where possible.

Why join the YPB?

- For the **opportunity to be heard** and contribute to longer-term progress and change.
- To help identify areas for **strengthening policies, procedures, and practices** across the Home Office.
- To ensure we deliver **a child and young person-centred service** in accordance with our statutory duty to children and wider safeguarding responsibilities.

How will you benefit?

The YPB provides opportunities to build your communication, influencing, and leadership skills. The Home Office will also recognise your contributions by providing you with a certificate of participation. This can be helpful for academic and job applications.

To learn more about the YPB, please contact YPB@homeoffice.gov.uk