

Role description for a Childnet Youth Ambassador

Are you passionate about making the internet a better place?

Do you want to speak out about online issues that affect you and others your age?

Do you want to make sure young people's views are heard?

If this sounds like you, then you are in the right place! You could be a perfect fit as a **Childnet Youth Ambassador** for **Project deSHAME**. We are looking for a national team of 10 young people aged 13-17 who are dedicated to working towards online equality and removing online pressures and harassment.

Perhaps you have seen people online calling others names based on their gender, or sexual orientation. You might have witnessed a friend become the focus of online gossip, or have a private photo shared around. You may have also experienced issues like these yourself.

Project deSHAME will give Youth Ambassadors the opportunity to share their views on these important issues and more, including cyberbullying, peer pressure, online relationships and sexual harassment online. You will be asked to think about how these issues affect young people, ways we can work to support young people when faced with these situations online and how we can make sure they know ways to report them.

You will be supported in developing your skills and knowledge to talk about these issues with confidence and understanding. We see young people as the experts when it comes to their own internet experiences and we also believe you have the power to make change possible, to tackle these problems and to do something to solve them.

Youth Ambassadors will be directly involved in planning, developing and launching a national campaign to raise awareness of these issues, and will be able to suggest solutions for teachers, parents and the police. We want to let young people take the lead, and advise adults on how to make the internet a better and more equal place.

Are you interested?

Someone might describe you as:

- **An online 'upstander':** You have ideas about what would improve the way young people use the internet, and how to support them when they have negative experiences online.
- **Passionate:** You're enthusiastic, keen to get your voice heard, and would feel comfortable talking about these issues to other young people and adults.
- **Connected:** You're a social media user and you regularly communicate using the internet.
- **Encouraging:** You're supportive, respectful of other people's opinions, and enjoy working with others.
- **Hopeful:** You believe change can happen, and you are up for the challenge.

What's in it for you?

Make a difference:

- Advise the Childnet Team on how we can engage and inspire other young people.
- Review new resources, reflect on research and make suggestions on lesson plans and guidance to educate young people and adults about online pressure and harassment.
- Offer your insight and ideas into how we develop and launch a national campaign to raise awareness of these challenging issues and how to overcome them.

Learn new skills:

- Broaden your knowledge of online safety and youth issues from experts in the Childnet Team.
- Meet like-minded, passionate ambassadors who you can debate with about important online issues.
- Develop future employability skills that you can put on your CV, including leadership, planning and creative thinking.

Lead the way:

- Encourage other young people to get involved in speaking up about these issues, and inspire more activism in this area of online safety.
- Find ways to share the work you have contributed to with more young people across the UK.
- An opportunity to take the future of the internet into your hands – if you have an idea about reporting, educating others, inspiring change or anything else to tackle these issues, we want to hear it.

What we ask from you:

- Attend our 2 day Board Meeting in London 24th-26th July 2017. You must have an adult chaperone (teacher/parent/carer) who can accompany you. Travel and accommodation costs will be covered by Childnet.
- Be willing and open to discussion with other Ambassadors and the Childnet Team.
- Maintain communication with the Childnet Team via email/phone.

Potential extra opportunities:

- Collaboration with the Youth Ambassadors from other European partners.
- Represent the Youth Board at national and international events, including the Expert Advisory Board made up of representatives from internet industry (Facebook, Google, YouTube), the police, youth charities, teaching unions, and government.
- Tell others about your experiences, e.g. writing blog posts, speaking at public events etc.
- Participate in other Childnet events.

About Childnet and Project deSHAME:

At Childnet, our goal is to help make the internet a great and safe place for young people. We work directly with young people to find out about their experiences online and call on this knowledge to help develop Childnet's resources for schools, teachers and parents. Project deSHAME is a new collaboration between Childnet and European partners that aims to prevent and respond to forms of online sexual harassment.

How to apply:

The application process opens on 18th April 2017 and will close on 16th June 2017.

Apply using our [application form](#)

Candidates selected for interview will be sent an email in the week of 19th June. They will be invited to take part in a short, informal phone call to talk through their application.

If you do not receive an email from us by the 23rd of June, unfortunately this means you have not been selected.

More information:

If you would like more information about the role or the project, contact Maithreyi Rajeshkumar, Communications Officer at Childnet.

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Please note this role is voluntary, but Childnet will cover the costs of travel and accommodation.

We welcome and encourage applications from young people of all backgrounds. We will ensure that all our events will be accessible for disabled people.