



Joseph Levy
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Introduction

Joseph Levy Foundation (JLF) is a UK Charity, driving change so that people under 35, who experience disadvantage have fair access to all they need to flourish.

Role	Young Advisory Board Member
Application window	29 June 2026–24 August 2026
Interviews	September 2026 (online), We will find a time that works for you.
Appointments confirmed	October 2026
First meeting	November 2026
Term length	Two years (with the option to renew once)
Average time commitment	5–8 hours per quarter
Location	London, UK
Age requirement	18–25 at the start of the term
Honorarium	£700 per year, plus expenses

About JLF

The Foundation is committed to creating opportunities and improving outcomes for young people who experience disadvantage.

In 2024, the Foundation adopted a new strategy built around a simple principle: **decisions are stronger when they are informed by lived experience**. The Foundation believes that young people should play a meaningful role in shaping the decisions that affect them.

To support this commitment, JLF is establishing its first Young Advisory Board (YAB).

The Young Advisory Board will provide insight, challenge, and advice to help strengthen the Foundation’s work. Members will contribute their perspectives, help shape funding priorities, and ensure that the experiences of young people remain central to decision-making.

The YAB is not only an opportunity to influence the Foundation’s future, but also an opportunity for members to develop leadership skills, governance knowledge, and practical experience in philanthropy and charity leadership.



Message to Applicants

Young people have valuable insight into the challenges facing communities today.

The Joseph Levy Foundation is looking for individuals who are curious, thoughtful, and committed to creating positive change. You do not need previous board or charity experience. We are interested in your lived experience, your ideas, and your willingness to contribute.

If you care about improving opportunities for young people and want to help shape how a charitable foundation operates, we encourage you to apply.

**Your voice matters.
Your perspective
can help drive
better decisions
and greater impact.**

About the Role

As a Young Advisory Board Member, you will help ensure that young people's experiences and perspectives inform the Foundation's work.

The YAB has three key areas of responsibility:

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Strategic Advice and Challenge

You will learn about the Foundation's strategy and explore how it is delivered in practice. You will:

- Review and discuss the Foundation's work
- Provide advice and constructive challenge
- Identify opportunities to strengthen impact
- Help prepare quarterly recommendations for the Board of Trustees

The YAB will submit formal minutes and recommendations to the Trustees every quarter.

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Grant Making

Each year, £20,000 grant funding will be ring-fenced for recommendations made by the Young Advisory Board. You will:

- Explore funding opportunities aligned with the Foundation's strategy
 - Review ideas and proposals
 - Make grant recommendations to Trustees
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Learning and Development

A core part of the role is personal and professional development. You will gain practical knowledge of:

- Charity governance
- Strategic decision-making
- Philanthropy and grant making
- Trustee responsibilities
- Leadership and communication skills

Every meeting includes a dedicated learning and development session designed to help members build confidence and experience.

What You Will Gain

As a Young Advisory Board Member, you will benefit from:

Insight into Charity Leadership

Develop an understanding of how charitable foundations make decisions and create impact.



Governance Experience

Learn directly about governance, trusteeship, and strategic oversight.



Grant making Experience

Gain practical experience in reviewing funding opportunities and making recommendations.



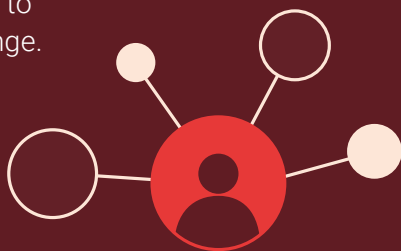
Leadership Development

Build confidence in communication, critical thinking, decision-making, and collaboration.



Professional Networks

Meet Foundation leaders, Trustees, sector professionals, and other young people committed to social change.



Dedicated Support

Receive one-to-one development conversations with the Foundation Executive Director every six months to support your growth and future ambitions.



Who We Are Looking For

We are keen to hear from young people who usually don't get the chance to be involved in advisory roles or grant making. We want the Young Advisory Board to reflect the diversity of experiences, perspectives, and backgrounds of young people across the UK.

You do not need previous experience in advisory groups, governance, or grant making to apply. We are looking for people who care about creating positive change, are willing to share their perspectives, and are open to learning. Whatever your background or life experience, your voice is valuable and we encourage you to apply.

To be eligible to apply:

- You are aged between 18 and 25, based in the UK
- You care about opportunities for disadvantaged young people
- You are interested in social impact and positive change
- You can work respectfully with people from a range of backgrounds
- You are open to challenge and learning from others.
- You are committed to sharing your experiences and perspectives
- You are open to learning and development
- You can commit to attending meetings (online and in person) and participating fully.

No previous board, governance, or grant making experience is required.



We particularly welcome applications from young people whose voices are often underrepresented in decision-making spaces.

This includes young people who:

- are D/deaf, disabled, or neurodivergent
- are from communities that experience racial inequity
- identify as LGBTQ+
- lived experience of faith led communities
- have migration experience
- have lived experience of being in care
- or experience as a carer.

What is Expected of You?

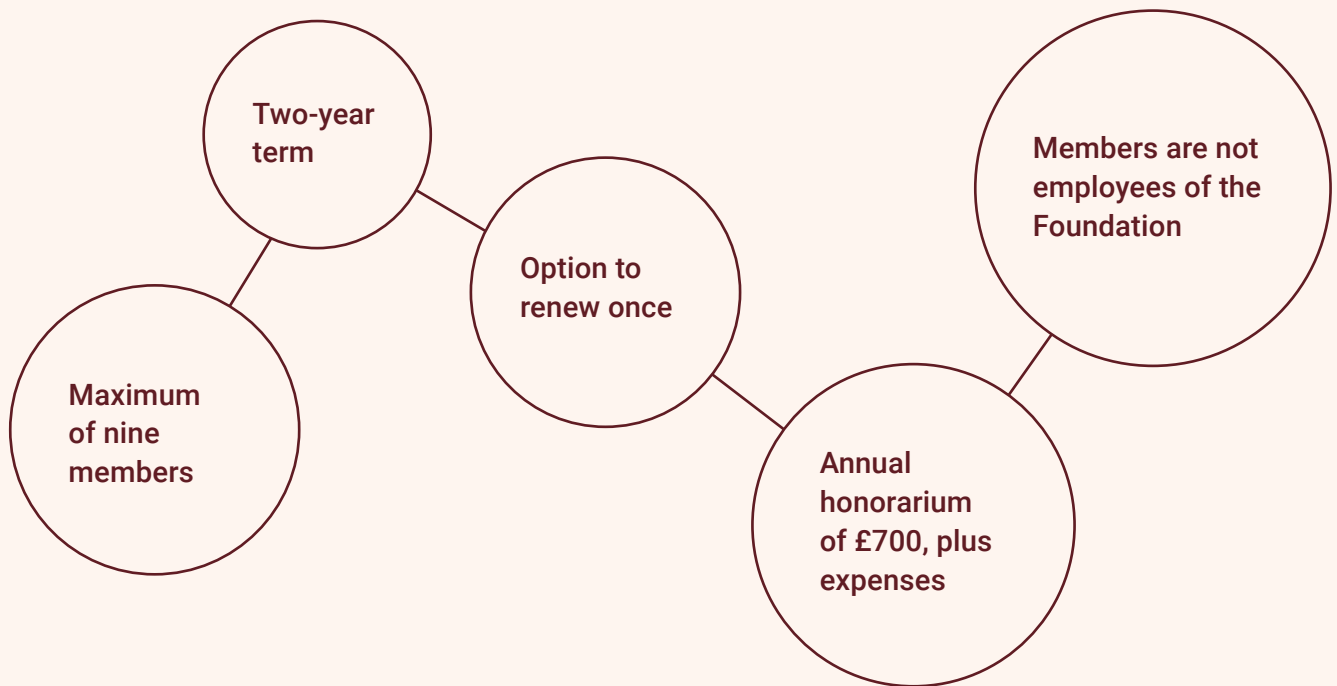


There are a variety of ways to contribute as a Young Advisory Board member. Alongside quarterly meetings, we will hold bi-monthly catch ups to stay connected, share updates, and gather feedback on emerging areas of work. We recognise that members will have different interests, commitments, and levels of availability, and we are committed to creating flexible opportunities for participation. Our aim is to ensure every member can make a meaningful contribution while balancing other aspects of their life.

Young Advisory Board Members are expected to:

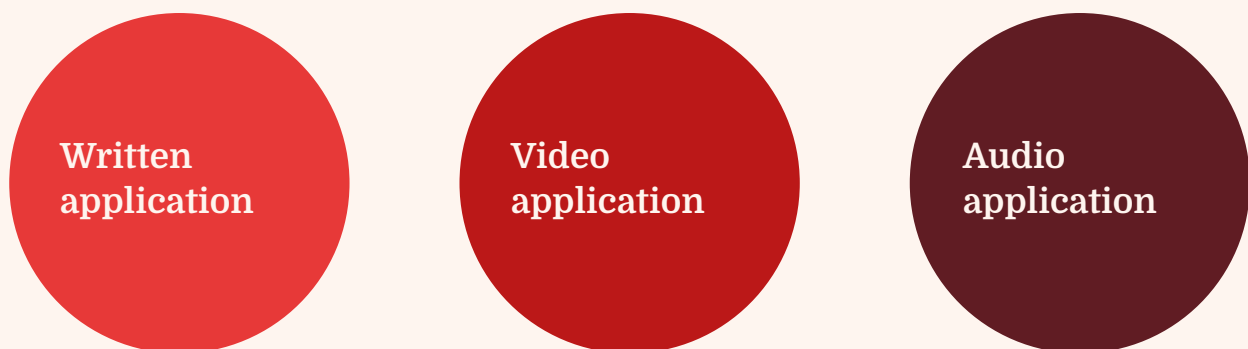
✓	Attend Quarterly Meetings The YAB meets four times per year for approximately two hours. Meetings are held in person at the Foundation's offices in London, with online participation available when required.
✓	Participate Actively Members should contribute ideas, reflections, and constructive challenge during discussions.
✓	Support Governance Processes Members may take turns chairing meetings and producing minutes, helping develop practical leadership and governance skills.
✓	Engage in Development Opportunities Members will be invited to attend training sessions, workshop opportunities, and visits to organisations that align with the Foundations mission.
✓	Engage with Trustees One YAB member will attend each Trustee Board meeting as an observer. Over the course of a term, every member will have the opportunity to attend at least one Board meeting.

Membership Details



How to Apply

Applications can be submitted in a format that works best for you:



The Foundation is committed to making the recruitment process accessible and inclusive.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Foundation before applying if they would like an informal conversation about the role.

Application Questions

Please answer the following questions by submitting an online written application, or by submitting an audio or video application. Details on how to apply are below.

1. What interests you about joining the JLF Young Advisory Board (YAB)?
2. What would you want to learn from being a member of the YAB?
3. What issues affecting young people today do you feel most passionate about, and why?
4. Tell us about a time when your experiences or perspective helped improve an idea, project, or decision.
5. Tell us about a person you admire who has made a positive difference in the lives of young people facing disadvantage?

Recruitment Timeline

Stage	Date
Applications open	29 June 2026
Applications close	24 August 2026
Interviews	September 2026 – we will find a date that works for you.
Recommendations submitted to trustees	October 2026
Successful candidates notified	October 2026
First YAB meeting	November 2026

Three Ways to Apply

1. Complete application form [here](#)
2. Send a voice note to 07821667448, via WhatsApp, answering the 5 questions in the application form.
3. Send a video to 07821667448, via WhatsApp, answering the 5 questions in the application form.

Please note: If submitting audio or video. Maximum length is 7 mins. All recordings to start with "Please accept this recording as my application to the Joseph Levy Foundation Young Advisory Board." Say your full name, age, contact number and email address. Only record yourself.

Accessibility and Support

We are committed to ensuring that all applicants can participate fully in the recruitment process.

If you require any adjustments or support during the application or interview process, please let us know and we will work with you to remove barriers to participation.

What Happens Next?

Once we've reviewed all applications, we'll shortlist candidates for the next stage.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited to a short online interview in September 2026. We will find a date that works for you.

We aim to confirm decisions before or during the week commencing 19th October 2026.

Please also read our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for additional important information before applying.

If you have any questions, please contact us at info@jlf.org.uk.

We look forward to hearing from you.



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