

## Who are we?

Little Green Pig is a charity focused on inspiring and mentoring young writers across Sussex, especially those who do not have access to the arts and creativity or are living in challenging circumstances.

We run a number of free after school writing clubs throughout the school term for children aged 7-11, we also run one-off projects and in-school residencies.

We recently launched our Young Writers Collective for writers aged 12 and 18, inspiring projects like Amplified at Brighton Festival.

Creativity is truly at the heart of everything we do and if you wanted to find out more about us you can check out our website <u>here</u>

# What is a Youth Board?

A Youth Board is a group of creative young people who meet once a quarter to share their ideas with each other and with us, helping steer Little Green Pig in the right direction.

Each meeting will be focused on different things, like mind mapping current projects and how they can be improved, or ideas for new ones.

Since the Youth Board began, they have helped come up with the Young Writers Collective branding, and given feedback on designs, as well as helping to ensure our events are accessible to all.

Because we work primarily with young people (under 18s), we want your voices to be leading the way forward.

## Is the role right for you?

We are looking for passionate and diverse young people approximately between the ages of 14 to1 8 who are excited to learn new skills, are interested in improving opportunities for their community, and willing to share their ideas and voices with us! We will also accept applications from those who do not fit into this age bracket.

You must be able to make a commitment of 1-2 hours every 3 months to attend the Youth Steering Group meetings in central Brighton (travel expenses within Brighton will be covered if needed), or participate on a device via Zoom in the case of access needs.

Below are some examples of the sorts of qualities, experiences, or interests of the kinds of people we are looking for but you do not need to meet all these points.

- If you have 1-2 hours available every 3 months
- If you are an organised or motivated person
- If you like having discussions in class or with friends or are good at asking questions If you enjoy writing lists or making mind maps
- If you enjoy problem solving
- If you enjoy working with others
- If you want to learn more about charity organisations and working with young people.
- If you are interested in gaining more skills that could help you in future work placements
- If you feel like your voice isn't currently being heard

If any of these sound like you please do apply. We're really open to applications from lots of different young people.

#### Requirements

You might be wondering if there are any requirements to join the Youth Board. The only requirements are that you must be able to make a time commitment of 1-2 hours once a quarter to come into central Brighton or join via a zoom meeting, and we are happy to cover travel expenses if needed.

### What would you gain?

By participating in the Little Green Pig Youth Board you would:

- Build your team working and creative skills
- Make connections with other writers and creatives of all ages
- Learn about how charities and arts organisations are run
- Add some valuable experience to your CV and UCAS form or any job application.
- Have a real impact on young people in Sussex
- Help improve the projects that LGP runs for young writers
- Start a pathway towards becoming a member of the Board of Trustees at Little Green Pig

#### Can you become a full Trustee?

Trustees are the volunteers who lead charities and decide how they are run. You may have heard them called board members or the board. Trusteeship is a great way of contributing to causes you care about and developing strategic and leadership skills at the same time.

If you are a dedicated member of the Youth Board and are passionate about this project, there is a pathway to you becoming a full member of Little Green Pig's Board of Trustees within one-two years, provided you are over sixteen at the time.

## How to apply?

Step 1: Fill out the Expression of interest form.

**Step 2:** Answer the three questions provided in the information pack by writing a response (100-150 word limit per question) <u>or</u> recording a 3 minute video or audio response (1 minute limit per question).

**Step 3:** Submit your application before the deadline.

- Send both the Expression of Interest form to sally@littlegreenpig.org.uk
- Make sure the subject line of your email includes your first name followed by "LGP Youth Board Application"

#### Deadline for applications: 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

#### Having issues with the application process?

If you have any issues to do with your application, we would be happy to help, so please don't hesitate to ask!

You can email <u>sally@littlegreenpig.org.uk</u> or call/text 07539 191661 for more support with your application.