

Youth Trustee

Role: Youth Trustee

Location: Wandsworth or South West London

Reports To: Mentor on Board of Trustees and the Chair of Trustees

Position Type: Volunteer/Part-Time/Unremunerated

About Us: Age UK Wandsworth is an independent, local charity dedicated to supporting older residents in the Borough of Wandsworth. For over 60 years, we've been helping people age well, stay healthy, and live independently.

Role Overview: Are you passionate about making a positive impact in your community? We are introducing a Board Fellowship Programme this year to give back to our community by training new trustees and to simultaneously increase the diversity on our Board even further. As a Youth Trustee on our Board Fellowship Programme, you'll bring fresh ideas and energy to our Board and you'll be fully supported in your new role. Your voice will help shape our strategies and ensure that the perspectives of young people are heard loud and clear. Join us in making a real difference to the older people of Wandsworth!

Benefits: You will gain hands-on training and experience in governance, leadership and strategy; learn how a charity operates at Board level; build professional connections that will help develop your personal and work skills; develop your confidence in analysing information and decision-making in a group; and have the privilege of knowing you are making a tangible difference in the lives of older residents.

Key Responsibilities: You will bring a youth perspective and voice into Board discussions; share your ideas and collaborate with trustees, staff, and older people; and support the Executive Team to develop the charity's intergenerational strategic direction and services.

Qualifications:

- **Age:** 19-25 years old.
- **Residency:** Must be a resident of Wandsworth or a neighbouring South West London borough.
- **Passion:** Keen interest in our goal to help older people age well in Wandsworth and the challenges facing older people in Wandsworth and beyond.
- **Communication Skills:** Good at expressing yourself, both verbally and in writing.
- **Team Player:** Enjoy working with others to achieve common goals.
- **Commitment:** Ready to dedicate time and energy to meetings and activities. We have 6 Board meetings a year on Wednesday evenings and there are various sub-committee lunchtime meetings that you are encouraged to attend. Our meetings are a mix of in-person and virtual (on MS Teams). We expect a

commitment of 18 months on the Fellowship and after that we will discuss you joining either our Board or support you with your application to another charity's Board.

- **Experience:** Leadership roles, youth organisations, or community volunteering experience is a plus.



The recruitment process

Interview: Recruitment will be via an online meeting with our Chair and CEO and shortlisted candidates will be invited in to meet clients and staff at our day centre.

Pay/Remuneration: This is a voluntary role, so you will not be paid. Your local travel expenses to and from meetings may be claimed, if receipts are provided.

DBS Requirement: This post is subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check, which we will organise and pay for you.

References: We ask all volunteers and trustees to provide two referees, who are not family members or friends.

Training requirements: You will be required to complete Safeguarding training, which we will organise and pay for you, and may be offered a variety of other training opportunities.

Term of office: Youth Trustees on the Fellowship can serve for an 18 month period and may then be invited to join our Board or supported to find another Board to join.

How to Apply: Ready to make your mark at Age UK Wandsworth and develop your leadership skills? Send us an email telling us why you're excited about this role and how you can contribute to our mission. Expressions of interest can be sent to our CEO, Natalie, on ceo@ageukwandsworth.org.uk by 30 September 2025.