

Canteen Youth Leadership

Youth Ambassador

Make a Difference with a Fun, Supportive Vibe!

Purpose:

Become a **Youth Ambassador** and share your story to inspire and connect with other young people who are living with cancer. Your voice can help raise funds and awareness, support Canteen's programs, and advocate for young people everywhere. This is a unique volunteer opportunity for young people aged 18+ who are passionate about representing Canteen, telling their stories, and making a real difference in their community.

Selection:

To become a Youth Ambassador, you'll have a one-on-one chat with your key worker to make sure you're ready for the role and feel supported. There's no guarantee of being chosen, but if you're selected, you'll get the chance to take part in some awesome national training called Leading Voices. Once completed, you'll have all the tools to get started!

Role Commitment:

As an Ambassador, you'll work closely with staff to represent Canteen in a way that aligns with our values and mission. You'll help spread the word about our programs, share your story, and represent us in media, fundraising, and advocacy activities. Here's what you'll be asked to do:

- Share a cool picture and a short bio that could appear in media, fundraising, or event materials;
- Be available to speak at schools, community events, or even conferences!;
- You'll be an Ambassador for **12 months** (this can be renewed), but keep in mind that some media or content may be used after your term.

You'll also need to complete **Leading Voices** training, which gives you all the skills to be an awesome spokesperson for Canteen.

Wellbeing & Support:

Your wellbeing is the top priority! Sharing your personal story and representing Canteen is a big responsibility, and we want to make sure you're feeling good about it. You'll meet with staff to talk through your role and any support you might need. If, at any time, the role isn't working for you or you're feeling overwhelmed, just let us know and we'll figure it out together.

Skills You'll Use & Develop:

You don't need to be an expert to apply! We'll help you develop these skills:

- Share your story, bio, and images to support campaigns;
- Speak clearly and confidently to audiences at events, schools, and more;
- Represent Canteen in media like TV, radio, or print interviews;

- Help out with fundraising events and community activities;
- Know how to share personal stories that inspire, but also know when to keep some things private;
- Be ready to take part in briefings and debriefings with staff after each event;
- Be confident and articulate when communicating with different groups, using visual aids if needed;
- Take care of yourself by knowing your limits and seeking help when necessary.

What You'll Gain:

As a Youth Ambassador, you'll get to:

- Share your experiences with the world and make a huge impact;
- Develop your leadership, speaking, and media skills;
- Be part of a supportive community of young people;
- Get training and support to help you thrive in your role.

This is your chance to make a real difference, meet new people, and be part of something special. So, are you ready to be a Youth Ambassador for Canteen? Let's make some noise and spread some love!