

**Ever thought how young people's views about domestic abuse should be top of everyone's list?**

**Ever thought how you could make a difference?**

**Well you can!**

Apply to join the Young People Advisory Panel (YPAP) and you can be a representative voice for young people all over England.

### **What is the YPAP?**

For a long time now, Women's Aid have been advocating for children and young people to be safe, at home and in their relationships. We have developed projects to ensure their voices, views and needs are heard.

Our vision is that the YPAP will mean more involvement by young people across Women's Aid policy and services to combat domestic abuse to children and young people within the Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) strategy.

### **What is the purpose of the YPAP?**

- To make sure that the views from young people are included in Women's Aid policy and services to combat VAWG relating to children and young people.
- To build our knowledge of the needs of young people in England affected by VAWG and how these can be met.
- To make sure that Women's Aid's young people's perspective is communicated directly to Government through the many different ways we work.

### **What part will you play as a panel member?**

This is a voluntary role and as a member, you will:

- Advise on involving young people in the planning and development of Women's Aid projects and services.
- Advise on how getting the wider views of young people to Government directly and through planning exciting projects and campaigns.
- Advise on matters relating to policy, services and development of the organisation from a young person's perspective.

### **What will I have to do?**

You'll just have to:

- Attend a few meetings a year- this could be done in person, or by skype or over the phone.
- Attend training or project meetings as needed.
- Work on exciting projects between the meetings.
- Help Women's Aid to get the views of young people all over England.

### **What's in it for me?**

We will:

- train you to help make sure you'll be ok in your role as panel members.
- give you opportunities to attend interesting meetings, conferences and seminars that can help you develop your skills.
- give you opportunities to be a youth representative on various project teams.
- help with transport to and from meetings where possible.

Sounds **AWESOME** right?! So how do I apply to be a member on the panel?

- You can be of any gender.
- You have to be between 13 and 25.
- Be a survivor of domestic abuse or are involved in a specialist service supporting young people.
- Be able to work with other people in a team.
- Be proactive and responsible.
- Be committed to ending domestic abuse at home and in intimate partner relationships.

**If you've been able to put a tick on all the points above, then we'd love to hear from you!! Just check out the 'Member Specification' sheet and fill in the short application form and send it in to the National Children and Young People Officer, Thienhuong Nguyen at [t.nguyen@womensaid.org.uk](mailto:t.nguyen@womensaid.org.uk)**