



**NCB LINKS Young People Advisory Group (YPAG)**  
**Est. February 2018**

**What is the LINKS project?**

NCB facilitates a support network, LINKS, for all organisations grant aided by the Big Lottery Fund under the Empowering Young People's Programme. Through Empowering Young People, the Big Lottery Fund supports projects that give young people in Northern Ireland aged 8-25 the ability to cope with challenges in their lives.

**Terms of Reference**

**1. Purpose of the advisory group**

The purpose of the LINKS 'Young Person's Advisory Group' (YPAG) is to make sure that all the help offered to organisations funded in our LINKS programme makes a difference for young people. Members should be aged between 8-25 years and will receive training and guidance to become young advisors so that they can support the development of this project.

Their main roles in the project will be as follows:

- Act as a sounding board for NCB as the support contract evolves
- Provide a 'challenge function' to NCB, ensuring that the programme is relevant, responsive and 'real' in terms of supporting organisations to meet the needs of young people in similar situations.
- Assist in the development of resources for the promotion of participation work with grant holders
- Test out such resources
- Participate in training that will be developed and that can be used with other young people in 'peer education' groups

**2. Membership**

Membership of this Advisory Group consists:

Anastazja Wisniewska  
Cara Dixon  
Rebecca McMillan  
Laura Carvill  
Megan McGregor  
Zahra Baz

**3. Communication**

Meetings will take place four times a year, planned in advance.

Members will join the Young NCBNI Facebook page and be added to the LINKS YPAG closed group, where we will communicate about meetings and share documents.



Email/text communication may be used between meetings to support ongoing work.

#### **4. Chairing and support**

The group will be chaired by Gill Hassard, Senior Participation Officer, NCB NI  
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#### **5. Finance**

This advisory group has no responsibility for any financial procedures. Each young advisor will receive travel costs to and from meeting and food/refreshments for each of the project meetings they attend.

#### **6. Timeframe**

This advisory group will exist for the lifetime of the LINKS project, i.e. until September 2024.

#### **7. AOB**

As a member of the group has a nut allergy there is to be no products containing nuts to be brought into meetings.