

SNG #iwill Youth Network Terms of Reference

Purpose of the SNG #iwill Youth Network

- The SNG #iwill Youth Network sits alongside the SNG #iwill Fund to create a learning environment for individuals interested in increasing youth social action in their organisations and communities.
- The Network is aimed at those interested in youth social action. Whether your organisation is new to youth social action, you've been funded through the SNG #iwill Fund, or if you're interested in how to develop your youth social action projects and ideas.
- The Network is a space to make connections, share best practice and come away with new skills and ideas.
- The Network will be led by SNG in partnership with The Foyer Federation who will lead sessions and provide specialist knowledge and support around youth-led work.

Term

This Terms of Reference is effective from the network launch date of 1st May 2024 and continues until you decide to opt out or the Network completes (at the latest by December 2026).

Membership

The SNG #iwill Youth Network membership is expected to comprise of:

- SNG employees, for example members from SNG's #iwill Project Team.
- Representatives from SNG's partner organisation, The Foyer Federation.
- Organisations funded through the SNG #iwill Fund.
- Other organisations interested in youth social action.
- Guest speakers and sector experts will be sourced to attend network sessions as appropriate.

Expectations of members of the SNG #iwill Youth Network:

- Members will be encouraged to engage and participate in the SNG #iwill Youth Network through attending network meetings.

- Members will be asked to complete a post-outcomes survey when the network comes to an end (or earlier, if they decide to leave the network).
- Members will act in line with the #iwill vision and values:
 1. **Empowering:** Young people are treated as equal partners in tackling common challenges. We listen to them, work with them and give them the space to create and lead change.
 2. **Collaborative:** To achieve our shared vision and goals, we need to work together. #iwill stimulates collective action by connecting organisations, policymakers and young people to collaborate and create change.
 3. **Challenging:** We push for meaningful change to culture, policy and practice so that more young people, particularly from low income and ethnic minority backgrounds, are supported and empowered to make a positive difference.
 4. **Inclusive:** We embrace, champion and celebrate young people, individuals and organisations from a diverse range of backgrounds and beliefs to co-create solutions and access benefits of youth social action. We stand united against all forms of discrimination based on an individual's race, ethnicity, class, beliefs, sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, health or any other status.
 5. **Independent:** #iwill belongs to everybody. It remains independent of the interests of any single organisation, political party, funding source, form of youth social action or cause.
- Members will drive progress towards the four #iwill impact goals:
 1. More children and young people, especially from low income and ethnic minority backgrounds, take social action that embodies the six quality principles.
 2. More children and young people, especially from low income and ethnic minority backgrounds, shape decisions in the public, private and voluntary sectors.
 3. More organisations and institutions demonstrably take action to grow the power of youth.
 4. There is a shift in public perception on the role children and young people can play in society.

Meetings

- All meetings will be chaired by The Foyer Federation.
- All members will be invited to attend network sessions.
- Meeting agendas and supplementary information will be provided by SNG and The Foyer Federation, where appropriate.

- Network meetings will be on a quarterly basis, with confirmed date and times to be given at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting date.

Data Collection

The following information will be collected for our administration and evaluation purposes:

Essential Data

- Your full name.
- Your email address.
- Your name.
- Your organisation name.
- Your role within the organisation.
- Which of our localities your organisation covers.
- Which specific areas within our localities your organisation works in and your base address, if you have one.

Optional, but Encouraged, Data

- Your mobile or telephone number
- Details of why you want to join the SNG #iwill Youth Network.
- Details of what you are looking to gain from the SNG #iwill Youth Network.
- Details of any key contributions to Network meetings or any specific benefits, outcomes or connections from Network meetings.
- Your feedback of each Network meeting.

Amendment, Modification or Variation

This Terms of Reference may be amended, varied, or modified in writing after consultation and agreement by Network members.

Opt Out

You can opt out of the SNG #iwill Youth Network at any time by emailing iwillfund@sng.org.uk. We will send you a follow up MS Form that you will need to complete to confirm that you would like to leave and with an opportunity for feedback.