

# SNG Youth Social Action Network Terms of Reference

*This is version 2 of the SNG Youth Social Action Network Terms of Reference, 2025-2026.*

## Purpose of the SNG Youth Social Action Network

- The SNG Youth Social Action 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 Beatfreeks who will lead sessions and provide specialist knowledge and support around youth-led work.

## Term

This Terms of Reference is effective from 1st April 2025 and continues until you decide to opt out or the Network completes (at the latest by December 2026).

## Membership

The SNG Youth Social Action Network membership is expected to comprise of:

- SNG employees, for example members from SNG's #iwill Project Team.
- Representatives from SNG's partner organisation, Beatfreeks.
- 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 Youth Social Action Network:

- Members will be encouraged to engage and participate in the SNG Youth Social Action Network through attending network meetings and participating in a group Zoom channel.
- Members will be asked to engage in ongoing evaluation of the SNG Youth Social Action Network and 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 Beatfreeks.
- All members will be invited to attend network sessions.
- Meeting agendas and supplementary information will be provided by Beatfreeks, where appropriate.
- Network meetings will be on a quarterly basis – this year's meetings have already been confirmed as below:
  - Meeting 1: Quarterly Network Meeting, Wednesday 7 May 2025, 13.00-15.00.
  - Meeting 2: Innovation Lab, Wednesday 9 July, 10.30-12.30..
  - Meeting 3: Quarterly Network Meeting, Wednesday 15 October, 13.00 -15.00.
  - Meeting 4: Innovation Lab, Wednesday 11 February 2026, 10.30 – 12.30pm.

Meeting details and calendar invites as above will be sent to current Network members on 16th April or when they sign up, and recirculated the Monday before each meeting.

Any additional meetings will be scheduled with at least two-weeks notice given to Network members.

## WhatsApp Group

- All members are able to access a WhatsApp Group, to ask questions, share opportunities and useful resources, and engage in conversations outside of meetings.
- **By joining the WhatsApp group, members understand and agree that their mobile phone number will be shared with other members of the WhatsApp group.**
- Beatfreeks will lightly moderate the WhatsApp group to ensure it remains respectful, useful and aligned with the values of the network. If any concerns arise, Beatfreeks will lead on dealing with each concern appropriately.
- Network members are encouraged to upload files to share resources with others. Beatfreeks will monitor uploads and reserve the right to delete and inappropriate, outdated or off-topic content.
- All members are able to email [noush@beatfreeks.com](mailto:noush@beatfreeks.com) to be added to the group or for support. A QR code and joining link will be circulated in all communications from Beatfreeks.
- Beatfreeks are sole administrators of the WhatsApp group with any SNG colleagues able to join as members only; SNG colleagues are unable to complete any administration tasks in relation to the Whatsapp Group.

## 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 Youth Social Action Network.
- Details of what you are looking to gain from the SNG Youth Social Action Network.
- Details of any key contributions to Network meetings or any specific benefits, outcomes or connections from Network meetings.
- Your feedback from 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 Youth Social Action Network at any time by [completing this form](#).