



New Generation Forum: Application Guide

Please read these notes carefully before filling in your application.

1. Who is Revolving Doors Agency?

Revolving Doors Agency is a national charity that aims to change systems and improve services for people ‘in the revolving door’ – i.e. people who come into repeat contact with the criminal justice system due to multiple unmet needs such as mental ill-health, poverty and traumatic life events.

We work to create a smarter criminal justice system that makes the revolving door avoidable and escapable. We do this by working alongside national and local decision-makers. We combine lived experience insight, robust research and system knowledge to create policy and practice solutions that work.

Our Lived Experience Forums are run by people who have overcome profound adversity and are now inspiring others. The forums are power-shifting spaces, bold and truthful powerhouses for co-creating effective solutions to the revolving door.

2. What is the New Generation Forum?

New Generation Forum aims to give young adults a voice on the criminal justice system, particularly policing. The aim is to bring together a group of young adults with lived experience to influence local and national decision makers.

We plan to recruit and train young adults with personal experience of repeat contact with the criminal justice system to become influencers on criminal justice reform. There will be opportunities for you to tell us what works and what doesn't, comment on important policy topics, collaborate with commissioners to design new services, conduct face-to-face research with other young adults with similar experiences and campaign with us using social media and traditional press.

New Generation Forum is delivered by [Revolving Doors Agency](#) and supported by three independent funders, the Barrow Cadbury Trust, the Esmee Fairbairn Foundation, and the Lloyds Bank Foundation. It is part of a three year programme aiming to support policing leaders to implement new strategies to better support young adults coming into the criminal justice system for relatively minor offences, and begin to offer deferred prosecutions and diversion schemes to keep young adults out of the criminal justice system.

New Generation Forum follows Revolving Doors Agency's over ten years of experience of developing policy and practice responses in collaboration with people with lived experience. Our lived experience team members work in policy and campaigns, research, procurements, assurance and service design. In the last year they have influenced amongst others: Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunals Agency, HMI Probation, NHS England, the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence and parliamentary Select Committees. They have won multiple awards, including "Outstanding Organisation" Award for the development of peer support within Liaison and Diversion services in police custody and courts. We now want to extend our offer to the 'new generation' of young adults, so that statutory agencies listen to their lived experience insight and change what they do as a result.

3. Who can join?

We are looking for a diverse group of young men and women (aged 18-24) from different backgrounds and geographical areas who:

- Have experience of multiple arrests or cautions
- Want to share their experiences to make a difference on the lives of other young people.

4. What will I gain from being part of New Generation Forum?

As a member of New Generation Forum, you will:

Directly influence decision-makers: You will meet and work alongside decision-makers in justice, health and related sectors and help them understand the priorities of young adults, what works best and help them to make better decisions

Develop your skills and experience: You will gain valuable skills and experience in policy, research and communications, which you can use for your CV and applications to further education or employment.

Design services that work for young adults: You will learn how to design effective services by working alongside commissioners, service providers and design specialists and help them to focus on the needs and aspirations of young adults.

Meet new people: You will meet a diverse range of young adults from across England, and work alongside professionals from different organisations.

You will be paid £10 per hour, plus any reasonable expenses to take part in the forum. Your expenses may include a data package for up to £15 per month if meetings are online, or any standard train tickets and public transport to the venue and refreshments.

5. If I join, what will I have to do?

The New Generation Forum will be active between May 2020 and December 2022. Forum members will be asked to engage with the content as much as they are able and willing to. Below is a list of options in the order of increasing degree of involvement:

Take part in research and policy consultations: You will take part in phone/digital interviews to share your views and experiences on a range of subjects, such as your definition of good life, what improves and hampers it; trust and helpful relationships; your experience of police and other services.

Take part in local New Generation Forums: You will participate in monthly meetings with other young adults in your local area to reflect and review the progress of the New Generation Policing project, discuss new ways forward. You will work with local decision-makers, such as commissioners and service providers to feedback on what works best, and design new services.

Be involved in peer research in police custody and other places: You will be involved in carrying out face-to-face research through interviews and workshops to gather the views of other young adults in the criminal justice system. You will also contribute towards the analysis of information gathered and present your findings to the local and national decision-makers.

Take part in National New Generation Roundtable Events: You will be invited to take part in quarterly meetings with other young adults across the partnership areas. At these roundtable events, you will share learning from local sites, and set new goals. The events will host professionals so that you can share your insights directly with them and influence their decisions. You will also report from these events to our Project Advisory Board made up of Chief Constables, Police Inspectorate, public health leads, and academics.

Campaign and influence decision-makers: You will receive training to run effective campaigns and develop new skills to influence decision-makers. This may include communicating your key messages through blogs, short videos, social media and interviews with newspapers, radio and television. We will also seek out opportunities for you to meet and speak to senior policymakers, members of parliament, ministers and peers.

6. How do I apply?

Please email burcu.borysik@revolving-doors.org.uk or contact her via WhatsApp/ phone 07983 612 728.

Within a week of your application, we will ring you to have an initial conversation about the project, what you would like to gain from this experience and how we might be able to support you.

We look forward to receiving your application.