

QUEST is looking for a group of young people (13-25) to support us, ensuring that every of our actions is youth-informed and youth-led! Youth Advisory Board members can offer their own unique perspectives and experiences, with the aim to ensure that QUEST can represent a wide range of EU diverse young people and children.

MISSIONS

- **Sharing experiences and insigh**t into issues faced by young people and children
- **Providing constructive feedback** to the QUEST team on their strategies and work
- **Presenting ideas** about what QUEST should be delivering to be more tuned to children and youth needs
- Helping to keep connections with youth and children in their country
- **Promoting** QUEST values
- **Sharing information & good practices** identified at QUEST with other youth in the EU, notably about children's rights in education

Don't worry - we know these responsibilities are broad! We would like for you to take tasks and responsibilities according to your own interests. We will support you in expressing yourself in ways that work best for you, such as through discussion, presentation, writing, or creative activities.



TIME COMMITMENT

The Youth Advisory Board is a **volunteering position** that will take a few days of your time per year.

The majority of the work will be done in an **intensive three days in person meeting** (financially sponsored by QUEST). The rest of the time, your commitment will be limited to **a few meetings per year** (2 or 3 other online meetings)

ABOUT YOU

You need to:

- Be aged between 13 and 25 years old
- Be living in the EU
- Have a good knowledge of **English**, as it will be the working language

You:

- Want to learn through experience
- Be comfortable working within a **group**, sharing experiences and ideas
- Have a passion for youth participation and for making a positive change in society
- Be **empathetic**, **considerate and open** to giving and receiving constructive feedback
- Be able to use your unique experience and circumstances to support QUEST

If you don't have all the skills listed or don't feel confident with something, we still encourage you to apply - most things can be taught, and you will have the opportunity to practise new skills within a safe environment.

WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

All of the young people we work with have access to support from our staff and other new opportunities to take up while working in your role.

This includes things like:

- **Travel expenses** covered once a year to meet in person with the other youth advisory board members (normally in Brussels, but it could also be in other parts of Europe) subject to funding availabilities
- Support building your professional experience
- Opportunities to take part in travels and meetings
- A certificate of recognition from us
- A reference from us for future jobs or voluntary positions
- Awareness of how a non-profit organisation works







Your application should include the following:

- Some **basic information** about you (your full name, address, email, age, study...)
- Something you would like to tell us about yourself (interests, passions, fun facts...)
- The answer to the following question: given your experience, what do you think are the biggest challenges facing young people today? You can answer in relation to your own country or Europe, as you prefer, and you can indicate one or more challenges.

You can submit your answers with text, video or audio.

Please email your submission materials to info@quest-eu.org by September 1st, 2024

If you need any support with your application, please contact info@quest-eu.org



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Youth Advisory Board?

The Youth Advisory Board is a group of young people who come together to provide insights, suggestions, and recommendations on QUEST's programs and initiatives, ensuring that the perspectives of youth are heard and acted upon.

Who can apply to be on the Youth Advisory Board?

We welcome applications from young people aged 13-25 who live, work or study in the EU and have good knowledge of English

How long is the term for a Youth Advisory Board member?

Board members serve for a term of one year, with the possibility of renewal.

How do I apply for the Youth Advisory Board?

You can apply by emailing us your submission materials to info@quest-eu.org.

What is the deadline for applications?

The current deadline for applications is <u>September 1st, 2024</u>.

What happens after I submit my application?

After the application deadline, we will review all submissions. It is possible that we will contact shortlisted candidates for interviews.

How often does the Board meet?

The Board will meet approximately 3 times a year, two online and one in person.

Do I get paid for being on the Board?

This is a voluntary role. However, we do offer your travel and food expenses every time you do something on behalf of QUEST in your country or abroad.

What if I can't make every meeting?

That's ok! We know life gets in the way sometimes. All we ask is that you let us know as soon as possible that you won't be attending a meeting. This allows time for you to contribute in advance, and for us to schedule time for you to catch up if needed.

Where are the meetings?

Meetings are usually held online, plus an in-person meeting per year.





QUEST stands for **Quality Education in Europe for Sustainable Social Transformation**. We are an independent, democratic and network of European organisations from more than 17 European countries. We connect education changemakers: pioneer organisations (NGO, institutions, schools and universities) advocating for **transformation in education** and for the **promotion of lifelong learning**.

Since 2017 we promote research and practices that empower **respectful**, **innovative and transformative education**. We conduct several research projects, conferences, training, workshops, and we work to have an impact on EU policies.

QUEST has a **multilingual and multicultural environment** that allows for the development of an **open, united, responsible and sustainable spirit**.

