

CYCJ seek new members of EGG

In 2021 the Children and Young People's Centre for Justice (CYCJ) adopted a [Participation and Engagement strategy](#) created by young people with experience of the youth justice systems, of participation and of CYCJ. One of the steps that CYCJ is taking to achieve the ambitions outlined within that strategy is to recruit two people with experience of the youth justice systems to join our Executive Governance Group (EGG). With their help, we believe that CYCJ can push forward a rights-respecting agenda for children in conflict with the law.

If you have a passion and interest in making things better for children and young people in conflict with the law, and think that you can help CYCJ make a difference, please read on.

Who are CYCJ and what do we do?

Primarily funded by the Scottish Government and hosted within the University of Strathclyde, CYCJ is a boundary-spanning organisation, which supports practitioners, policy makers, politicians, and organisations involved in supporting children and young people who have been, or who are at risk of, in conflict with the law. Our work includes delivering training, carrying out research, influencing policy and amplifying the voice of those with experience of the youth justice systems. By doing this, we hope to help Scotland #KeepThePromise and to be the best country for children and young people to grow up in.

What is EGG and what do they do?

CYCJ is overseen by EGG; a group of experts in the field of children in conflict with the law, and in running organisations in this area. They help to scrutinise and shape the direction of CYCJ through quarterly meetings and by offering suggestions and ideas as to what developments CYCJ should undertake in the future. They do not have a hands-on, day to day function. Instead, they have a more strategic role.

What does the role involve?

[Members of EGG](#) attend four meetings each year where they discuss important decisions about the direction that CYCJ takes and the work it focusses on. This requires members to read a number of papers in advance and to participate in strategic and organisational discussion. All EGG meetings are scheduled well in advance in order that members can arrange their diaries accordingly. All current members of EGG are there in their capacity as leaders in their own organisations.

Membership of the EGG will be for 1-2 years. ***Successful applicants to this role will be paid for their time and travel by CYCJ if they are not able to attend through their existing position within an organisation.***

What skills and experience do I need?

Applicants to this role are actively being sought from people who have lived experience of the youth justice systems. This may be current or prior contact with police, court, secure care, prison or similar environments. We are also interested in hearing from parents/carers of someone who has experienced those. This expertise will assist EGG and CYCJ to keep the voice and lives of children and young people in conflict with the law in mind in its decision making. In addition to your lived experience, successful applicants will have an ability to listen, to question, to think of solutions and to think strategically. Understanding of policy initiatives such as the [Youth Justice Vision and Action Plan](#), the [Youth Justice Standards](#), [Secure Care Pathway and Standards Scotland](#) and conclusions of [The Promise](#) would be beneficial. You may also have abilities, experience and skills gained from other areas of life including work or education. These are all valuable and could help you make a real difference to how we work at EGG and CYCJ.

What support will I get?

Contributing to EGG can be challenging, and can mean engaging in discussions about difficult and complex topics. To help you with this you will be provided with support to plan and prepare for the meetings, including contact with our Chair Sandy Cameron and Director (Interim) Fiona Dyer. You can also receive input from any members of the CYCJ team on a particular subject if you require it. CYCJ strives to be a trauma responsive organisation, and will provide the necessary support before, during and after EGG meetings if you feel you need this.

How can I apply for this role?

There are several ways you can apply:

- Send your CV along with a short supporting statement of up to 500 words highlighting why you would be a suitable person to join EGG to CYCJ@strath.ac.uk. Your statement should say why you are interested in the role and what abilities, skills and experiences you would bring to it. Please also highlight your personal values.

OR

- Complete the attached application form and email it to cycj@strath.ac.uk.

OR

- Send in a video that outlines why you would be a suitable appointment and what abilities, skills and experiences you would bring to the role. Please highlight your personal values and keep your video to under 5 minutes. Please send it to cycj@strath.ac.uk.

What happens next?

Candidates who are shortlisted for the role will be invited to have a conversation with Sandy Cameron who chairs our EGG, Fiona Dyer the Director (Interim) of CYCJ and representatives of young people from our existing participation projects.

Closing date

The closing date for applications to join EGG is August 31.

Other ways to be involved

If you are unsuccessful in your application or think you would rather be involved in other ways, then you have a number of options through our participation projects. Please get in with Ross Gibson via ross.a.gibson@strath.ac.uk to find out more.

Questions

If you have questions about any of the above information, please contact Fiona Dyer at fiona.dyer@strath.ac.uk.

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EGG application form

Name:

Telephone:

Email:

Please respond to the following prompts, expanding the text box as necessary:

I would like to be a member of EGG because...
The skills, abilities and experiences I can bring to this role are...
I can improve and develop EGG and CYCJ by...
I believe that in the future, the following things need to change in the way we support children in conflict with the law...
My personal values are as follows...
I believe that EGG membership should include people with experience of the youth justice systems because...