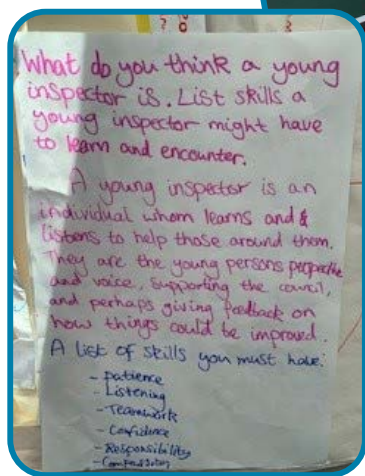


Young Inspectors in Cumbria



Young Inspectors

Youth Inspection is a method of youth participation that is focussed on giving critical feedback to projects, organisations, services, funders, or other bodies that are connected to young people to improve the quality of their work.

Cumbria Young Inspectors examine council and partner services, to make sure they are doing a good job and delivering high quality services to young people. A range of different methods are used, including interviewing staff, speaking to the young people using the services, and investigating processes or websites to see if they are 'young person friendly.'

Once inspection work is complete, a report is produced and presented to the managers of the service inspected, with suggestions on how things can be improved and what things should be celebrated. Inspections are mostly carried out in school holidays, although there may be occasions when we undertake inspections in the evening or at weekends depending on the service.

Youth inspection enables inspectees to consider the views of children and young people when they make decisions about their 'offer' to children and young people.

If you are a young person

Young people aged between 11 and 19, and up to 25 years old for those with special educational needs and disabilities can apply to become a Young Inspector. You do not have to take part in every inspection and will be offered the opportunity to choose based upon your interest, personal experience, and availability. This is an important role and therefore there is a selection process following the initial training.

As a young inspector you will:

- Receive full training to undertake your role and support from a Participation Officer.
- Learn new skills, meet new people, and improve your confidence; this will be through a range of activities and events.
- Take part in regular follow-on training sessions with a chance to have some fun while learning new skills
- Be able to commit to be available for at least two inspections per year.
- Make a real difference to the lives of young people in Cumbria.
- Include your role on your CV.

If you would like to apply for the training, please complete the application form **Appendix 1**.

If you are an organisation

If you believe your organisation or project could benefit from an independent review from a team of Young Inspector's, you can complete a request form - **Appendix 2**.

Youth inspection can either be assessment based or development based.

Assessment based inspections focus on grading or scoring against fixed criteria or set of standards.

Development based inspections focus on identifying areas for improvement and in-depth recommendations on how the inspectee can improve its work. For more information regarding youth inspection please read 'Youth Inspection – A guidance Framework'.

For more information or to discuss your requirements please contact:

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Appendix 1 - Young Inspectors Application Form

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Young Inspector

Ensure you read the Young Inspectors information fully before filling out this application form, please return your completed form by email to lynne.murray@cumbria.gov.uk

What is your preferred first name?

And your last name

Date of birth

Address

What is your email address?

This is so we can let you know the decision from the recruitment process

Contact Number

Are you part of any other youth organisations? If so, please list them here.

What is the best way to contact you (please give details)

Email Text Other (please state)

Please tell us why you would like to be a Young Inspector (100 words approx.)

We want to know:

Why you want to do this role, why you think you will be good at it and other projects you have been involved with.

We also need your parent/ carers consent for you to apply.

Parent/Carer name

Address

Contact no

I give my consent for

to apply for the role of Young Inspector.

Signature

Date

Now we need to ask some further questions - sorry that we need so much information. We do this because we want to make sure we have all the different experiences of being a young person in Cumbria represented in this group.

If you would rather not answer all of these, you can send us information about yourself and the group you represent separately so we know more about you. You can do this by emailing lynne.murray@cumbria.gov.uk

What best describes your gender

Non binary

Man

Woman

Gender fluid

Prefer not to say

Other (Please tell us)

Is your gender identity the same as what you were assigned at birth?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Other (Please tell us)

What is your cultural heritage choose as many as you like

Asian

- Bangladeshi
- Chinese
- Indian
- Pakistani
- Any other Asian background

Arab

- Iranian
- Iraqi
- Kurdish
- Turkish
- Syrian
- Any other cultural background

White

- British
- Eastern European
- Gypsy
- Irish
- Irish or Scottish traveller
- If you have said other can you tell us?

African

- Caribbean
- Somali
- Any other black background

Mixed/Multiple Heritage

- White & Asian
- White & Black African
- White & Black Caribbean
- Any other multiple heritage

- Roma
- Any other white background
- Not sure
- Prefer not to say
- Other

What best describes your sexual orientation

- | | | | |
|-----------|---------|-------------------|----------|
| Lesbian | Gay | Bisexual | Straight |
| Pansexual | Asexual | Prefer not to say | |
| Other | | | |

Please select any of the below that you think apply to you now or have done in the past

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|--------------------------------|---|
| Visual impairment | Other long term/chronic health conditions |
| Hearing impairment/Deaf | Eating disorder |
| Physically disabled | Not sure |
| Cognitive or learning disabled | Prefer not to say |
| Mental health condition | |
| Other | |

What do you do with your days?

In education	Unemployed
In training	Self employed
Employed	Prefer not to say
Other	

What is your highest education qualification you have at the moment?

None	A level
Below Level 2 (5 GCSE's grade A*-C)	Undergraduate degree
Above Level 2 (5 GCSE's grade A*-C)	Postgraduate degree
AS Level	Prefer not to say
Other	

Do any of the below describe your current or past circumstances

Offender/ex-offender	Being homeless
A care experienced child or leaving care	Young carer
A refugee/asylum seeker	Victim of bullying
Growing up or living in a low income household	Living in temporary accommodation (like a B&B)
Being a parent	Living in a rural/isolated place that can sometimes be a challenge
Growing up in a single parent family	
Prefer not to say	
Other	

Has gang culture or violence impacted or is currently impacting your life?

Yes	No	Prefer not to say
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What is your faith?

Buddhist	Sikh
Christian (including all Christian denominations)	Agnostic
Hindu	Atheist
Jewish	Not sure
Muslim	Prefer not to say
Pagan	

Belief system not related to a religion (please say)

Any other religion, please tell us

Other ... please tell us

Privacy Statement

We will store all information about you securely, in line with GDPR regulations.

We will only use this information for three reasons:

1. Recruitment – to make sure we have really good representation of young people in this project.
2. Reports – some of these details will be shared in reports, but it will ALWAYS be anonymous.
3. Residential – some of this information will be shared with the team who give pastoral support at residential events. It will only ever be shared on a 'need-to-know' basis.

The information collected as part of this application will be stored with Cumbria County Council for a maximum of 12 months from the end of the project and then will be deleted.

I accept

I don't accept

Signature

Date



Appendix 2 - Youth Inspection Request

Name of organisation

Contact name

Address and postcode

Tel. No and email

Description of the project to be inspected

What do you need and why? (Maximum 150 words)

Age range, numbers and characteristics of children and young people accessing the service / project

* Delete as appropriate

0 – 5 5 – 11 11 – 19+

Geographic Area of Delivery

Signature

Date

When Completed Please Return to lynne.murray@cumbria.gov.uk



