

## Young People's Advisory Group (YPAG) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### **What is the difference between being a YPAG member and a Young Reviewer?**

A. The role of a Young Reviewer is to review a range of research documents online, on request. You will receive training for this role and the research topics will mostly be psychosis. We will ask what your research interests are, so sometimes you may be asked to review other documents related to your interests.

YPAG members may also be asked to review documents occasionally but will spend more time working in groups in face-face meetings. These meetings may involve working on different projects at one time. YPAG members will also have the opportunity to attend and/or speak at events related to research. For more information, please [click here](#) to see how the YPAG have been involved in the past.

### **When do the YPAG meetings take place?**

Meetings typically take place from 12:30-4pm on a Saturday.

### **Where do the YPAG meetings take place?**

They are usually held at the McPin Foundation head office although this can change depending on the event.

### **Do I need to attend meetings with an adult?**

If you are under age 16, we ask that you travel to and from meetings with an appropriate adult. This adult **does not** need to attend the meeting itself, but they are welcome to do so if you wish.

### **Who counts as an appropriate adult?**

An appropriate adult is a parent, guardian or social worker; or if no person matching this is available, any responsible person over the age of 18.

### **What happens if I am not able to attend a meeting?**

We completely understand that it's not always possible to attend every meeting. Prior to confirming a date, we sent out a doodle poll to all YPAG members to find out their availability and we will choose a date which suits the most people. If you have agreed to attend a meeting but are no longer able to make it, please try to let us know as soon as possible by contacting Rachel ([racheltemple@mcpin.org](mailto:racheltemple@mcpin.org))

### **What if I am not well enough to attend some meetings?**

McPin understands that we cannot be well all of the time. If there is a time at which you are not well enough to attend meetings, please get in touch with Rachel ([racheltemple@mcpin.org](mailto:racheltemple@mcpin.org)). Even if you are not able to attend some meetings, you are still welcome to get involved by completing some work via email.

**Besides the YPAG meetings, what else might being a YPAG member involve?**

Members of the YPAG may attend and/or speak at conferences and events, write blogs for McPin and review various research documents (such as questionnaires, consent forms, study protocols, and lay summaries) via email.

**How much payment is offered per meeting or for the work I complete?**

Payment for attending YPAG meetings is £80.00, which includes the work outside of meetings. As for work outside of meetings, such as reading documents or attending events, payment will vary depending on the length of the task.

**How is payment arranged?**

Every time you attend a meeting for us or do a paid piece of work for us, we will provide you with an invoice form. Here, you can provide us with your bank details (or your parent/guardian's) and you will receive your payment via bank transfer within 30 days.

**Do I have to pay for my travel to meetings?**

We cover all reasonable travel expenses to and from meetings. If you need to travel with an appropriate adult, we will also cover their travel expenses. Expenses can be claimed by completing a McPin Expenses claim form and attaching receipts (or copies of receipts). You will receive your reimbursement via bank transfer within 30 days.

If you have further questions, please contact Rachel temple: [racheltemple@mcpin.org](mailto:racheltemple@mcpin.org)