

Become a Young Reviewer for the McPin Foundation

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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

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.

Where will the biannual meetings take place?

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

Do I need to attend meetings with an adult?

If you are older than 16, we do not ask for an adult to travel with you. If you are over 16, but under 18, independent travel is at your parent/legal guardian's discretion.

What happens if I am not able to complete a reviewing task?

We completely understand that it's not always possible to complete every task. We will always email you first to see if you are available and want to complete a task. If you have agreed to complete a task but are no longer able to complete it, please try to let us know as soon as possible by contacting Tillie (tilliecryer@mcpin.org).

What if I am not well enough to complete reviewing work?

McPin understands that we cannot be well all of the time. If there is a time at which you are not well enough to complete reviewing work, please get in touch with Tillie (tilliecryer@mcpin.org).

How much payment is offered for the work I complete?

We pay our reviewers at the standard rate of **£14.10** per hour. This is the same for all McPin Peer Review Panel members.

How is payment arranged?

Every time you complete a 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. McPin can book your travel in advance for you.

Why is the age range set to 16-24?

We ask that you are 16 or over so you can travel independently to biannual meetings in central London. McPin's Young People's Advisory Group's (YPAG) age range is 13-24, people who fall in this age range are who we define as "young people".

Why are you particularly asking for young people to have direct experience of psychosis?

Some of McPin's work relates to young people's mental health, particularly psychosis, and we want to make sure that our work and the work of our research partners benefits young people who use mental health services, their parents/carers and healthcare practitioners. People with other experiences are also welcome to apply.

What happens after I turn 25, can I still be a Young Reviewer?

After you turn 25 you will be transitioned to become a peer review panel member, you won't be asked to leave the panel completely. We may recruit some younger members after you turn 25 to maintain a range of ages on the panel.

What if my interests in mental health change?

We will contact you on an annual basis to make sure that you still want to be on the panel, your current interests and if you have any feedback.

What should I do if I want to leave the panel?

You can email, write or phone Tillie Cryer (tilliecryer@mcpin.org; 020 7922 7874) to let us know you would like to leave the panel. You do not have to give a reason if you don't want to and there is no notice period that you have to give.

Do I have to currently be accessing services for my mental health?

No, this is not a requirement.

How will people be selected?

Two people will be selected to join the panel based on the quality of their application but also to enhance the diversity of our panel, both in terms of experiences and backgrounds.