Interested in making positive changes to help young people in Haringey?

Want to get paid to learn more about youth violence?

Become a Peer Researcher with the Peer Action Collective
PAC is a ground-breaking network of Peer Researchers, Social Action Leads and Changemakers. Young people in these roles have lived experience of violence and work together to find out what needs to happen to improve their local area before turning these insights into action! From influencing school practices, to improving mental health services, co-producing violence reductions strategies or supporting more young people into employment – together, the network ensures that young voices respond to issues that directly affect them.

What is PAC?
About the role

As a Peer Researcher you will be trained and employed to talk to other young people about experiences with school and youth violence. You will develop research questions, choose a way of engaging with young people and use the conversations you have to create recommendations for change. You will also have the option to be supported to gain a Level 2 NCFE qualification in Peer Research.

About you

We are looking for a diverse group of young people aged 16 to 20 in Haringey with unique perspectives on youth violence informed by their own lived experience. We’re recruiting people who are motivated to make change. You might also have experiences and perspectives on school engagement.

You don’t need any qualifications or previous experience, just an open mind, a willingness to learn and a passion for the topic. We will provide full training and support throughout your employment.
Job Responsibilities

- Attend training sessions, to support you in your role.
- Work as a team with Social Action Leads to design a plan for achieving change around the root causes driving youth violence.
- Work as part of a team to design sensitive questions and choose a research method that supports young people to talk openly about their experiences with violence.
- Conduct research on experience with school and youth violence, building inclusive and safe environments for young people to take part.
- Take steps to keep yourself and participants safe, with support from McPin and Peace Alliance staff.
- Work with other Peer Researchers to analyse your data and produce a set of recommendations for change.
- Share your research findings with other young people and key decision-makers.
Peer Researchers will work with the McPin Foundation and Peace Alliance for two years and will be paid £13.30 an hour.

We know that young people will have other commitments so the times worked will be flexible. We expect that the Peer Researchers will work up to a day per week, although some weeks may be less than this, and during delivery of the research may be more.

All Peer Researchers will have a line manager, opportunities for 1-1 supervision and group supervision. You will also have access to mentoring and training from people at both the McPin Foundation and Peace Alliance.
Next steps

To apply please complete the forms on the opportunity page and email to contact@mcpin.org

If you have any questions please email:

Closing Date: 5pm Tuesday 31st October 2023