

Join our Youth Council!

Are you passionate about NYB's work? Do you want to get more involved?

NYB is looking for the next generation of youth council members so our young people's voices can be front and centre of everything that we do.

What does the Youth Council do?



Attend meetings with other members



Share ideas and opinions on NYB activities



Share NYB's work with other people to raise our profile



Work together to make NYB better for everyone!

We're looking for young people who have a passion for ballet and want to give feedback on NYB activities to help us think about what works best for young people.

If you enjoy listening to others, reflecting, collaborating, and sharing opinions and have ideas about the future of ballet, the Youth Council is for you!

What do members gain?

Being part of the Youth Council will:

- help you understand how an arts organisation runs
- give you experience having your voice heard and influencing what happens at NYB
- give you leadership skills including advocating for young people in the wider ballet sector

You will also have:

- the chance to help at other NYB activities such as welcoming or ushering at events
- contact with NYB's leadership team, so you can share your ideas directly with the people running NYB



We're looking for 10 members from across the UK.

You can apply if:

- You're aged between 14 and 24
- You've taken part in NYB activity before
- You can attend the council meeting dates for 2026 (at least 3 out of the 4 listed)
- You're confident in voicing your opinions and ideas
- You can share thoughts and ideas on behalf of other young people

Our 2026 Youth Council meetings will run on Zoom on the following dates:

- Thursday 16th April, 6pm-7.30pm
- Thursday 18th June, 6pm-7.30pm
- Thursday 17th September, 6pm-7.30pm
- Thursday 10th December, 6pm-7.30pm

This year, we're also looking for some members to take on additional roles in the Youth Council:



Young Voice Champion x 2

- Collect ideas and opinions from NYB young people.
- Share these ideas to help plan NYB's future.

Inclusion Champion

- Make sure everyone can join in at NYB.
- Help remove barriers and make NYB welcoming for all young people.



Sustainability Champion

- Help NYB look after the environment.
- Share ideas to reduce waste and encourage sustainable choices.

Event Ambassadors x 2

- Go to dance events to represent NYB.
- Talk about NYB's work and meet people in the dance sector.
- Share what you learn with the Youth Council.



You can apply to be a member without a role, if you prefer!

Want to apply?

You can apply by completing the form at the NYB website.

The form will ask:

- Your name
- Where you're from
- How old you are
- What NYB activity you have taken part in before
- Why you'd like to be part of the Youth Council
- If you have any relevant experience (this might be at school or elsewhere)
- What you'd like to gain by being part of the Youth Council
- Whether you'd like to apply for an additional role
- If yes, which one and why

You can apply by writing your answers in the form (maximum 200 words per question) or by uploading a voice recording or video (maximum 5 minutes).

If you were on our Youth Council in 2024–2025, you can apply to be part of the Council for a further two years. You need to apply again via the form.

**The deadline to apply is:
Saturday 21st February 2026 at 8pm**

We aim to get in touch with everyone in the week starting
Monday 2nd March 2026.

Anyone who we take forward to the next step will be invited to join a friendly group meeting on zoom on Thursday 12th March, 6pm–7pm, before we make the final selection.

Have any questions?

We will be holding an information session for you to find out more and ask questions. This will take place on zoom on **Thursday 5th February, 6pm–6.45pm.**

You can sign up for the information session at the NYB website.

If you can't attend or have more questions, email Natalie (she/her) at natalie.haslam@nationalyouthballet.org

Want more support?

If you require any support to apply for this role, including any reasonable adjustments or alternative methods of applying, please email natalie.haslam@nationalyouthballet.org with the subject heading 'Youth Council application'