

# A National Voice

## Notes for professionals

### Who are Coram Voice?

Coram Voice exists to enable children and young people to actively participate in shaping their own lives and to hold to account the services that are responsible for their care. We serve children and young people who are vulnerable to harm or exclusion from society, and who rely on the state or its agencies for their rights and wellbeing.



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We want to challenge stereotypes of children in care and we think the best people to do that are the children and young people themselves. A National Voice will amplify young people's voices to influence the national policies and practices that discriminate against them, and in turn improve the local care they receive.



### What is the Ambassador Programme?

We are looking for care-experienced Ambassadors, aged 16-25 from across England. The Ambassadors will have monthly meetings in London and work on a project to address a specific issue around being in care. All travel expenses will be provided. The young people will lead the project and choose what they want to say and how they want to say it. They could choose to respond creatively or decide that they want to deliver training to professionals for example. We will provide support and training for the Ambassadors, to empower them to take the project where they want it to go.

### How can young people get involved?

Young people can find more information and sign up on our website <https://coramvoice.org.uk/young-peoples-zone/national-voice>

### What other opportunities are there with A National Voice?

Applications for our young people's writing competition open in December. Voices is a platform for children in and around the care system to share their stories and talent. It promotes a positive image by showcasing and celebrating young people's creativity and improving understanding of their experiences. For more information, please take a look at our website <https://coramvoice.org.uk/young-peoples-zone/more-about-our-voices-writing-competition>