



Join QEST's Youth Board!

**Help shape the future of craft.
Apply by Sunday 6 July 2025**

Who are we looking for?

Are you aged 16–25 and passionate about craft and creativity? We're looking for young people like you to join our Youth Board and help shape the future of the craft sector.

As a Youth Board member, you'll have the opportunity to share your views on a range of topics, supporting us in our work to increase diversity and the participation of young people in the craft world.

We're looking for individuals who:

- ☐ Have a strong interest in craft and making
- ☐ Are open to contributing ideas and constructively challenging perspectives
- ☐ Enjoy working with others – sharing ideas and listening respectfully
- ☐ Care about promoting the value of hand-skills
- ☐ Are committed to creating positive change
- ☐ Want to develop their professional skillset and experience

If this sounds like you then we'd love to hear from you!

A little about us – who is QEST?

The Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust (QEST) is a charity that transforms the careers of talented and aspiring makers by funding their training and education, creating pathways to excellence and strengthening the future of the UK's craft sector.

Our *Crafting Tomorrow* programme aims to inspire a new generation of makers by offering opportunities to develop hand skills, meet professional craftspeople, and explore careers in craft and making.

Here at QEST we're always learning and trying to improve, and the Youth Board helps us with this, so we can continue to maximise the impact of our work.

You can find out more about QEST, our partners and Alumni [here](#).

How you can help:

Here at QEST we're committed to championing and supporting young makers and know this starts with listening. Your experiences and insights can help ensure our work better reflects the needs of young creatives and craftspeople and really speaks to what they care about today.

As a Youth Board member, you'll be invited to share your opinions on a variety of topics, including:

- The challenges young people face when starting a career in craft
- Challenges within your craft discipline, the wider craft sector, and its communities
- Key matters raised by our Board of Trustees and staff
- Our *Crafting Tomorrow* programmes and the support we offer to young people
- Our communication, marketing, and outreach strategies

Your voice will bring valuable perspectives that help inform and improve our charity's decision-making at every level. Helping us continue as a youth-informed charity, working towards a more diverse, inclusive, and sustainable craft sector.

What You'll Gain:

- Personal and professional development in a positive and collaborative environment
- Opportunities to connect with like-minded peers and expand your network
- The chance to participate in training and contribute to fundraising, events and creative projects
- Insight into the charity sector, with practical experience to support your future goals

Commitment:

Youth Board meetings will take place online three times a year. Members will also be invited to attend one in-person meeting per year (with travel expenses and refreshments covered).

QEST's Youth board members will be appointed for a two-year term, with an option to renew for a second term, or until the member turns 25.

Members will act as ambassadors and critical friends of QEST and will be asked to agree to a code of conduct (created by the Youth Board), as well as QEST's 's Equity, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI) and Safeguarding policies.

How to apply:

Applications to join QEST's first Youth Board are open until **end of day, Sunday 6th July 2025**.

The application form is made up of two parts:

1. Personal details
2. Personal statement

We want to learn more about you in whatever format feels most comfortable and allows you to best express yourself. Therefore, the personal statement can be submitted as a 5-minute video/audio or a 600-word written statement. More details about what to include and how to submit are in the form.

To apply, please click [here](#).

If you have any questions, access needs, or would like to discuss anything prior to applying, please do get in touch at yab@qest.org.uk or by calling 020 7798 1535.

Please note: if you are under 18 you will need the permission of a parent or guardian to apply.

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Statement:

QEST believes that diversity of all kinds enriches its mission to support and champion excellence in craft and making. It is committed to achieving greater equity, diversity and inclusivity (EDI) across the organisation, its wider network and amongst those it supports and the wider craft industry. QEST's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion statement can be seen [here](#).

Safeguarding:

We are committed to ensuring the safety and wellbeing of everyone involved in our organisation and the work we do. We believe that everyone, especially children, young people, and anyone in vulnerable circumstances, has the right to be kept safe from harm, abuse, and exploitation. QEST's Safeguarding statement can be seen [here](#).