

Apply to be a 2023-2024 Send My Friend to school Campaign Champion!

Send my Friend to School is looking for year 9 & 10 students who would like to be youth leaders and champion our next education campaign!

Are you a young person who is passionate about campaigning and making a difference?

Do you feel strongly that every child across the world has the right to a quality education?

Do you want the opportunity for your voice to be heard in classrooms, communities and Parliament?

Then apply to be a Send My Friend Campaign Champion today!





Send My Friend is a group of charities who are all working together to ensure that **every child across the world has the right to a quality education.**

Becoming a Campaign Champions is an incredible, unique opportunity for 14-15 year olds across the UK, to get involved in high level campaigning on issues of global education, and be **empowered to make genuine change.** It is their voices that are heard in classrooms, communities and in parliament, saying that all children have the right to a quality education.

Find out more here: https://bit.ly/SMF_Champions

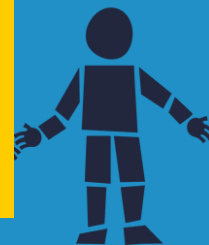


I would definitely recommend this experience. The most attractive element of SMF is that young people are at the forefront of the campaign. Students feel they have a voice and are able to make a change and be heard."

- Sophie, Campaign Champion 2021

"I found it amazing and enriching. Great on the resume, sets you apart from others, gives you an edge"

- Finn, Campaign Champion 2022



The Send My Friend to School campaign values diversity, equality and inclusion for persons working for and on behalf of the campaign. We strongly encourage applications from young people of any gender, disabled young people and young people of diverse cultural, ethnic, socio-economic and other distinctive backgrounds. If you need any additional support to complete the application form or attend the training, then please do get in touch.

As a campaign champion you will:

- Attend a fully funded residential training weekend, with experts from top organisations across the UK*
- Become a youth leader in your school and community, leading other young people to make change.
- Develop a range of skills including public speaking, communication, resilience, teamwork, and problem solving
- Have the opportunity to attend Westminster, and to influence politicians on issues related to Global Education**
- Have the opportunity to attend the Labour and Conservative Party conferences
- Speak at and attend high level events
- Attend regular online training & catch up meetings from Send My Friend and other organisations along with fellow campaign champions
- Have the opportunity to shape the UK's leading coalition on Global Education's campaign, involved with the decision making process from the beginning.

How to apply:

Applications must be made jointly by two students and one teacher and emailed to

Nada.Mounzer@sendmyfriend.org.uk before 16/12/2022.

Interviews will take place over zoom on the w/c 09/01/2023

Please get in touch with any questions.

Download the application form here



Notes for teachers:

TEACHERS



*The Send My Friend Campaign is a wonderful opportunity for our students to be **active global citizens**. The annual campaign raises awareness of global inequalities in education, something our students are passionate about, but more importantly gives them the tools to do something about it. Students develop skills including teamwork, leadership, communication, critical thinking skills. Developing **youth empowerment** through the programme often encourages the students to use their voice in other areas of their lives - in their school, community, other campaigns.*

S Dixon, Campaign Champion teacher, St Dominics school, Belfast

- The Campaign Champion programme is an incredible opportunity for teachers to experience their students personal development, and see the genuine impact they can make on the world.
- To apply, schools need to submit one application, for two students and one teacher.
- The campaign itself is incredibly easy to run in schools, (e.g. as part of tutor time, in geography, PHSE, citizenship, english or as an enrichment activity)
- The teacher will be the point of contact between Send my Friend to School, and the school's chosen Campaign Champions.
- Campaign Champions will be ambassadors for the campaign - using what they learn during our residential to take the campaign message to the heart of government, meeting with MPs, Ministers and other high-level figures. They will champion the Send My Friend to School campaign within their schools and their wider community by running local actions and events.
- They will learn all about campaigning for change and will take part in lots of exciting events and opportunities for the campaign.
- Students and one teacher must attend the residential event (date & location TBC but likely to be 31st March- 2nd April)
- Teacher will need to accompany students to any additional in-person national events, such as Parliamentary Action Day, Party conferences, (which are always a real highlight!), meetings with other young campaigners from across the world and other additional opportunities that may arise.
- It is a really exciting opportunity for young people to work with our coalition members to speak at high level events, be on panels, write blogs or prerecorded videos, and also become real leaders in their schools and local communities. We will provide support throughout the year for you and students to make this opportunity as fantastic, and simple as possible.
- Links incredibly well to enrichment programmes and developing youth leadership
- Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions, or for an informal chat with Nada.Mounzer@sendmyfriend.org