

# Youth Advisory Panel Lead

Swim England West Midlands are recruiting a new voluntary role; Youth Advisory Panel Lead. The region has recently launched a new 4 year strategy which highlights a vision to better understand our members and listen more proactively to their views, thoughts and opinions. In line with this direction of travel, the region created a Youth Advisory Panel in 2022, to ensure an avenue for the youth voice to be heard. The panel ranges from 16 – 24 years of age.

In light of the Swim England listening report and the Regional Club Culture report, we are keen to ensure that the participant is at the heart of everything we do and by introducing a Youth Advisory Panel Lead, we hope will help imbed this culture into everything we do, and the lead of the panel will act as a consistent check and challenge for this.

We are seeking someone who has valuable experience working with young people, desirably in a sports setting but not essential and is passionate about ensuring the views of young people are heard. We are looking for someone who has the confidence to provide direction in the youth voice space and is prepared to check and challenge the work the region is undertaking as well as confidently leading a panel of young people. We welcome applications from anyone with experience in this area, and who has an ambition to shape and develop this area of work with us.

## Key tasks of the role:

- Lead and oversee the Swim England West Midlands Youth Advisory Panel
- Identify how the region can better understand and listen to the youth voice to influence key areas of work and new projects
- Identify educational opportunities for key stakeholders that support the provision for young people across our sports
- Act as the liaison between the Youth Advisory Panel and the Regional staff team/ Regional management board

## Time commitment for the role:

- Attend regular Youth Advisory Panel meetings (approximately once per month, mainly online)
- Have regular touch points and email communication with the panel and key staff / board members
- Ad-hoc meetings with Regional staff to progress identified work areas

## What can you get from the role?

This role is a unique opportunity to be involved in the aquatic sports in the West Midlands region, and make positive changes to the current landscape.

- Gain valuable skills and experiences that will aid in personal development, as well as receiving recognition of contributions which can be used to enhance a CV.
- Support of the West Midlands team to work collaboratively to ensure work areas and projects put the participant at the heart of everything we do
- Opportunity to network with key stakeholders across the region

### What will we expect from you?

Below is a broad outline of what the region envision for the role, but the responsibilities may change following the initial panel meetings and discussions:

- Communicate clearly and frequently with the panel members, keeping them up to date and engaged.
- To work professionally alongside the Regional Employees to deliver key messages, engage in discussions, and feedback to the WMR board.
- Represent the interest of young people participating and volunteering in aquatics.
- Be willing to learn and develop knowledge of all the aquatic disciplines.
- To support communication between young people, the group, and the wider community.
- DBS and safeguarding – or a willingness to complete for the role

### Application process

If the above role is of interest to you, please provide an expression of interest (no more than side of A4) to [westmidland@swimming.org](mailto:westmidland@swimming.org). If you would like an informal chat about the role please contact Amanda Swan – Regional Operations Manager: [Amanda.swan@Swimming.org](mailto:Amanda.swan@Swimming.org)

**The expressions of interest will close on the 27<sup>th</sup> September at 5:00pm.**