

Lifeskills Education Youth Advocacy Board (YAB) Selection Guidelines & Responsibilities Summer 2020

The purpose of the Youth Advocacy Board is to give D.A.R.E. graduates an opportunity to speak on issues impacting the worldwide D.A.R.E. programme and to advise and support the development of Lifeskills Education programmes and strategies beneficial to young people in the UK. In addition to the above, the YAB is a working board, engaging in letter writing and media response, as well as role modelling and speaking at D.A.R.E. functions within the UK.

SELECTION GUIDELINES

The YAB selection criteria for the Lifeskills Education Youth Advocacy Board must include the following:

1. Must be aged at least 14 and no older 16 in and in secondary school at the time of the selection, and be willing and available to serve on the YAB for a minimum of two full years.
2. Must be a graduate of either the DARE Primary/DARE 25 and/or Keepin it REAL programme.
3. Must have a history of demonstrated academic achievement and community involvement.
4. Must be articulate and comfortable with public speaking.
5. Must be representative of the diversity of the local community.

DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

Progress report every 30 days including but not limited to:

- Any activities
- Completion of project
- Meetings
- Personal Appearance
- Writing correspondences to local decision makers
- Responding to media

- Speaking at special events
- Providing youth input through surveys, discussions, data collecting, etc.
- Attending the required YAB meetings.
- Creating Public Service Announcement videos
- Must participate in two (2) major project in the year
- Must attend the D.A.R.E. International Conference when requested
- Contributes to the D.A.R.E America/International Instagram

In addition, in the UK can:

- Have the student serve as a peer mentor
- Have the student speak at D.A.R.E. graduations where possible
- Have student volunteer at local D.A.R.E. conference booths
- Be in regular contact with Lifeskills Education staff team
- Contribute to information for schools, programmes, DARE Officers
- Engage with social media as required
- Support the training of new DARE Officers

Join the D.A.R.E. Youth Advocacy Board

MISSION

“To serve as D.A.R.E.’s student advisor and ambassador providing insight, voice, and advocacy for D.A.R.E. education programmes.”

WHY SERVE

1. Provide skill development
2. Opportunity to provide input/advise D.A.R.E./Lifeskills Education
3. Involved in community events
4. Participate in D.A.R.E. related projects
5. Ambassador and advocate to D.A.R.E. America/Lifeskills Education and their community
6. Network with YAB representatives from around the world
7. Participate in annual D.A.R.E. International Training Conference

How to become a YAB Representative

- Fill out the YAB Application form
- Attach your CV
- Upload your video to YouTube
- Provide a recommendation/nomination letter from your Year or Head Teacher

Term of appointment

Term begins year 10 or 11 until their final school year: 2-4 years

Projects

Project subject are determined each year by D.A.R.E.'s CEO. In general, YAB projects assist YAB members individually, Lifeskills Education and D.A.R.E. America collectively to market and advocate D.A.R.E. education programmes. For example, in 2016, YAB members were asked to review the new D.A.R.E. secondary curriculum and, after receiving relevant training, create a promotional video.

Pledge or Oath

Must pledge:

'We will work independently, and as a united body, to help others resist the pressure to become involved in risky behaviour, and to lead safe and healthy lives. We will always remain true to our pledge to be positive role models through our personal commitment to lead a responsible life.'

We will be committed advocates within our communities as we interact with others to promote awareness of, participation in, and involvement with the D.A.R.E. programme. We will always remember that we represent millions of young people from across the country who also strive to remain drug and violence free, and we will always speak out to champion the values that D.A.R.E. America and Lifeskills Education represents'.