

Partnership with FLARE, the young people's advisory group to the Department for Education

An invitation to existing groups/classes

The Council for Disabled Children are recruiting 3 children and young people's groups to widen representative voices to feed into the Department for Education.

We would like to partner with existing groups, e.g., a class at school, a youth group, or a participation group. The partnered groups would work alongside FLARE, the young advisors to the Department for Education supported by CDC, to feed into the Department for Education.

We are looking specifically to partner with groups of up to 14 young people with SEND who are particularly seldom heard. This might be:

- A group whose members are predominately Black, Asian and from other minority ethnic groups
- A group of 7-11-year-olds
- A group of young people who have sensory or communication support needs

Benefits of involvement to your group

- Your group will feed into the strategic work of the Department for Education
- Opportunity for young people to part of strategic decision making
- Support young people's development skills such as decision making, team work, understanding complex issues, communication skills and confidence
- Development of skills young people can use and evidence as they move through their academic career and into adulthood
- Each young person will receive £10 per 1-hour session
- We would credit your school/class/group on our website as being partner groups to the FLARE group
- The partnership is a great opportunity to share with Ofsted and CQC
- Children and young people to receive a letter of participation outlining what they had worked on

Do you have a group of children and young people with SEND who would like to partner with the FLARE group to advise the Department for Education?



Details of partnership

The partnership is 1 year long, and your group would commit to 6 x 1-hour sessions a year which would coincide with the dates of FLARE's meetings. The dates of the sessions are: May 2021, July 2021, September 2021, November 2021, January 2022 and March 2022.

CDC will support the group and the group leader to deliver the same activities that the FLARE group participate in, and the information gathered from the activities will then be collated and sent to the SEND team at Department for Education and form part of our work to develop best practice for the ongoing implementation of the SEND reforms.

The topics of the sessions are set jointly by the FLARE group and the Department for Education and are all related to the implementation of the SEND Reforms.

The session material and activities would be fully prepped by CDC. If the session is online, the session can be delivered by the group leader or by CDC staff. Face to face sessions would be delivered by the group leader.

This is an amazing opportunity for the young people you work with to contribute to strategic decision making in Government and to develop a range of skills!

For more information and if you are interested in this partnership opportunity, please contact Charlotte at cohalloran@ncb.org.uk or 07432 738 940 by

Wednesday 21st April.