

Digital Champions 2023-24 Information pack for applicants



Thank you for your interest in joining the Childnet Digital Champions!

Who are the Digital Champions and what do they do?

- They represent our entire Digital Leader community from across the UK and collaborate with other Digital Leaders outside of their school.
- They provide advice to the UK Government, tech organisations, and schools on how to keep young people safe online.
- They contribute to our regional and national events.
- They have exclusive first-hand access and contribute to the development of the programme.

So far, the Digital Champions have...

- Played a major role in celebrating Safer Internet Day including participating in the event itself and developing education materials and the theme.
- Made appearances on national news and radio platforms such as BBC and ITV.
- Met with Members of Parliament at the Houses of Parliament to discuss the online safety needs and desires of young people.
- Conducted an interview with a government minister regarding their efforts to enhance online safety for young people.
- Participated in the Safer Internet Forum in Brussels, collaborating with other young individuals from various European countries.
- Provided training to European networks focused on keeping young people safe online.
- Engaged in consultations with major tech and social media organisations.
- Advocated for online safety within their schools and wider communities.

This opportunity requires a 1-year commitment from December 2023 - November 2024. Throughout this year, we will need one video call per month as well as some additional participation work. We estimate that this additional work will not exceed 6 hours a month. Please be aware that we may require assistance from teachers to stay in contact with the Digital Champions, particularly during the initial months whilst when addressing any communication queries.

Digital Champions may be asked to participate in other opportunities, such as media opportunities and large-scale events. These opportunities may require a longer time commitment and involve travel and overnight stays. Expenses incurred by Digital Champions, such as travel and accommodation, will be reimbursed by Childnet.



Who can be a Digital Champion?

Applicants don't need to know everything about the law when it comes to staying safe online, they just need to have a passion for promoting online safety, a desire to help other young people, and be a qualified Digital Leader aged 13 or over.

How do I apply?

Please fill out the [application form](#) and ask your parent/carer to fill in and sign the [consent forms](#) by **Friday 27th October**. Applicants should be honest and be themselves!

Digital Leaders need to be available for an online interview that will last 30 minutes in the week commencing Monday 13th November. We will give the Digital Leader a confirmed date and time if they are successful in passing the application form stage. Both the application form and parent/carer consent forms need to be completed before we can offer Digital Leaders an interview.

Our Digital Champions want to encourage more Digital Leaders to apply:

“By being Digital Leaders, I'd say that you're already mostly there. Being a Digital Champion, it's just a little further step forward. It just takes a bit more time, dedication, lots of interest and enthusiasm in this area.

So if you love being a Digital Leader, then this is the perfect role for you. It also includes practising more skills, so public speaking, going outside of your comfort zone a bit, taking every opportunity that comes your way - being a Digital Leader, plus a few more extra bonuses!”

- Indira, ex-Digital Champion

If you have any questions about applying to be a Digital Champion, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us via leaders@childnet.com.