

# THE SQUAD

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## Values

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## Expert

knowledgeable about the issues that we are pursuing with and on behalf of young people.



## About: The Squad

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It's a capacity-building programme, designed to inspire, empower and connect young people by equipping them with the skills to go on to lead social change. It equips those from underrepresented communities to lead social change at a local, regional and national level.

## Who is The Squad For?

This programme is for young people aged 16-30 who are keen to learn more about how they can influence change in policy\*\*, promote our activities and events as well as learn skills to become a leader within the youth sector. We also welcome 16-17 year olds who are accompanied by our partner organisations.

\*\*There's no requirement to have an interest in politics to join The Squad!



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Enable more young people to engage in democracy and politics in general.

Provide political education and a safe space to engage in discussion.

Provide tools and networks to influence policy and create change.

## Outcomes

**1.**

More young people from underrepresented backgrounds develop their skills, confidences and networks to affect decision-making at a local, regional and national level.

**2.**

A long-term sustainable programme to help address the issue of low youth participation at elections and more broadly democratic activities.

**3.**

To establish the biggest youth political network in the UK.

# MEMBERSHIP TYPES

## Squad Member

My Life My Say supporters who want to follow our journey, get involved in the action and become community members.

- Networking opportunities with organisations and NGOs
- Access to exclusive MLMS LinkedIn group
- 24hr early registration access to our events

## Squad Leader

Aspiring future leaders who wish to explore what it means to become a changemaker by joining in our leadership programme.

- Gain valuable skills in community leadership through our programme
- Opportunity to meet VIP's and guest speakers at events
- Networking opportunities with organisations and NGOs
- Squad Leader merchandise kit
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## Squad Ambassador

Our alumni who have successfully completed the leadership programme and now represent The Squad community.

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