**Join our Exciting**

 **Computing Science Young Person Advisory Group**

**Aim of the Group:** To support the Computing Science team at Edinburgh University to

learn more about *what* children and youth across Scotland want to learn about

Computing Science and *how* they want to learn it. To learn new research skills, make

friends, and be a part of a community creating change.

**What does Computing Science Include:** Computing Science includes web design,

programming, using information and data, online security and cyber security, and digital

learning. It’s important to us to find out what young people think about what is taught in

Computing Science and how it is taught because we really want more young people to

study the subject.

Computing Science is a subject that will help people in a wide range of different careers,

and there are many jobs available in Scotland for people with computing skills to help

businesses grow.

**Who will be supporting your group** Laura and Christina are researchers who are a part of

the University of Edinburgh. We are both committed to supporting young people to be

involved in decision-making and ensuring that you have opportunities to share your

views about topics that you think are important.

**What does being a Computing Science Young Person Advisory Group (CSYPAG) Member**

**Involve?**

**Your Role (to be confirmed with the group):**

* 12 hours of online meetings (approx. 6 X 2-hour meetings after school)
* Communicating with the group between meetings and completing different activities
* Supporting other pupils in your school to complete the consultation (5+ hours)
* Designing a simple creative reports/video to share the learning

**What are the benefits of being part of this team?**

* Sharing your ideas to strengthen Computing Science in schools across Scotland!
* Learning how to co-lead research with your peers
* Presenting your ideas to adult leaders
* Meeting other cool young people from across Scotland
* Receiving an amazon gift card for being a part of the team
* Other opportunities to be decided with the CSYPAG members

**Payment:** We appreciate that CSYPAG members will share your time to take part in this

group. For all young people who participate in the group meetings and support the

consultation there will be an honorarium (like a gift) at the end of the process of £240.

We will try to hold meetings at times that everyone can attend, but if you have to miss

many meetings or cannot be a part of some activities we will need to reduce the amount

of your funding.

**Time:** March 2021 – October 2021

**First Meeting: Wednesday March 31st 4:30pm to 5:30pm**

**Ethics**

We will use the conversations from the meetings to develop the consultation with young

people and teachers. We will write a report of the process and we may use quotations

from the discussions but we won’t tell anyone which group member said what at the

meetings.

We won’t publicise that a particular young person is involved in the group unless they

choose to do so. In order to complete the consultation, group members will need to talk

to teachers and other pupils at their school.

We won’t use any images or video footage of any group members for any reason without

their written consent (and their parent’s written consent if the group member is under

16).

**How do I apply?**

If you are interested in being a member of the CSYPAG please answer the questions on

the other side of this information sheet. You can either send them in an email to the email below or video yourself on your phone answering the questions and email it to us.

Unfortunately, we might not be able to give a place to every person who wants to be in

the group. If you are not selected, you still might have a chance to share your ideas

through the activities that the CSYPAG will lead with different schools.

**Questions?** Please email Laura Wright at lwright4@ed.ac.uk and Christina McMellon

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**Deadline:** please send us your answers to the questions by **Tuesday March 23rd, 2021.**