Young Residents in Partnership

Job Advert

We are seeking a new member of the team to lead the Young Residents in Partnership Programme (YRiP). This is a collaboration between three housing associations, Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing (MTVH), Clarion Futures and the Hyde Group, and Partnership for Young London. You will be committed to ensuring young people's voices influence policy and practice, have a solid understanding of peer research and have experience of working in cross-sector partnerships. This is a three-day-a-week post (£34,500 FTE) and is based in the City of London.

'If you believe young people should have a genuine voice in shaping the decisions that affect their lives, this is an exciting opportunity to turn that belief into action. Working alongside young peer researchers, you'll help young people grow their influence and make a real difference to their housing futures' Sarah Willis Head of Strategic Partnerships & National Delivery, MTVH

'We want you to join us, be a pillar of change for this project, to help guide and direct the work with the peer researchers and steering group' Kara

'*You should apply for this role because you will be working alongside energetic and passionate young people making meaningful change across the housing sector'* Ethan

For more details about the role, please click here.

Please submit your CV and a supporting statement (no more than 4 sides of A4) based on the job description to cindy.boa@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Applications Open	6th November 2026
Deadline for Applications	30th November 2026
Interviews	9th and 10th December 2026

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About Young Residents in Partnership

Young Residents in Partnership is a youth-led peer research programme delivered by Partnership for Young London (PYL) in partnership with Clarion Housing Group, MTVH and Hyde Housing. It builds on MTVH's 2022 research, Housing Futures: The vital role of home in young people's futures, which highlighted young people's need for greater housing security, accessibility and knowledge, and for young people to be heard in relation to their housing prospects.

Young residents remain underrepresented in housing decision-making. Many are not lead tenants or leaseholders and are frequently excluded from housing policy, governance and service design. Young Residents in Partnership works to embed young people's voices meaningfully in social housing decision-making and in their own housing futures. The programme is designed to align with the Regulator of Social Housing Consumer Standards, in particular the Neighbourhood and Community Standard and the Transparency, Influence and Accountability Standard – helping partner housing associations provide meaningful opportunities for residents to influence decisions and evidence better outcomes. More details can be viewed here.

The evidence of need

Young Residents in Partnership's Shaping Housing Futures research found that:

- **76%** of young residents felt they had little or no say in decisions affecting their housing situation
- **66%** would like to be involved in youth leadership and decision-making in housing
- **72%** said being able to afford a home was their biggest concern for the future
- Many housing association colleagues recognised the importance of youth voice but were unsure how best to engage young residents through current mechanisms.

What has been achieved

Since 2023, peer researchers have worked directly with senior leaders, including housing association CEOs, and the programme has:

- produced research and reports including Shaping Housing Futures and the Young Residents in Partnership Impact Report 2024–25, with six priority recommendations (drawn from 15) now anchoring the work
- reached approximately 800 colleagues across the housing sector through learning and engagement activity
- led workshops, presentations and panels at 22 national, regional and local events, including the London Housing Summit and Housing 2024

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- achieved this through an investment of £20,000 per housing association per year, covering London Living Wage employment for two young residents per partner and the wider partnership work.

The five-year ambition (2026–2031)

Quality at scale: meaningful youth engagement sustained across the housing sector, with continuous learning and the agility to flex with a changing policy landscape. By 2031, Young Residents in Partnership aims to:

- grow from 6 to 30 peer researchers across five regional groups (London, East, North, South and West)
- expand from 3 to 15 housing association partners, with two peer researchers from each
- support the creation of youth boards or specialist advisory structures across housing associations
- expand region by region: the East by the end of 2027, the North by 2029, and the South and West by 2031
- increase young people's influence on housing policy with the GLA, MHCLG, Parliament, the Regulator of Social Housing and the National Housing Federation
- build a network of 20 corporate partners drawn from housing association supply chains and other industries.

Further Reading

https://www.partnershipforyounglondon.org.uk/post/shaping-housing-futures-young-residents-using-peer-research-in-housing-to-make-the-invisible-visible

https://www.partnershipforyounglondon.org.uk/post/young-residents-in-partnership-showing-impact-of-peer-research-in-housing

https://www.partnershipforyounglondon.org.uk/post/young-residents-in-partnership-peer-researcher-profiles

The Six Recommendations

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Define young people as a **separate stakeholder** into housing policy with specific procedures in place.

Get young people **involved in decision-making** with meaningful roles to influence and supported by **remuneration** processes.

Create a **youth voice representation structure** that is integrated in decision-making processes **at every level of organisation.**

Create inclusive spaces for young people in decision-making structures that are **inviting, engaging and relevant** for young people.

Articulate goals clearly:
Be more specific with the ambitions of achieving youth voice structures
(stay away from language such as 'empowering young people' or 'amplify youth voice')

Housing Associations should use their platforms to **influence the wider housing sector** to embed youth voice across their structures.

Application Process

Please submit your CV and a supporting statement (no more than 4 sides of A4) based on the specific skills, knowledge and experience outlined in the job description to cindy.boa@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

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