



# POWER PIONEERS

Turn the ache you feel for the issues you care about into positive action

PROGRAMME INFORMATION PACK

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Having the confidence to use your voice can be challenging. You can ask yourself where do I start? Will I be heard? Will change really happen?

**But what if the ache you feel for the issues you care about could be put into positive action to rise above the negative noise and**

**Make change happen!**



**POWER PIONEERS**



# Welcome

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From advocating for recycling bins in their homes to improved confidence in leading others, through the Power Pioneers programme young people across the Foyer Federation network have been affecting change about the issues that matter to them.

Young people are full of passion, energy and an ache for issues they care about. They want to act but don't always have access to opportunities that nurture their voice or grow their knowledge and confidence.

The Foyer Federation believes that being truly accountable to young people means offering direct opportunities to be meaningfully heard. We want to challenge the status quo by inspiring new ways to share power with young people in supported housing.



# Aim of the programme

Contribute to and/or lead on making change happen on an issue that matters to you.

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Power Pioneers will run for six months from June 2023-November 2023. Continued support will be provided for three months post programme for those who wish to accelerate their action.

## Key components

**GROW** your knowledge of and confidence in speaking up and making change happen.

**CONNECT** with others on and offline; creating space for friendship, shared ideas and resources.

**AMPLIFY** your action and gain a platform; raising awareness on the issues that matter to you.

## Outcomes

1. **Greater understanding** on how to make change happen.
2. **Better confidence** speaking up about issues that matter to you.
3. **Improved connection** with others and/or your community.
4. **Increased ability** to turn your ideas into tangible action.





## The time commitment

A commitment of six months is required. Some months require more time than others, but on average it will take around a day per month.

## Away days

Between the 28th-29th June, the Power Pioneers will come together in person for a day and a half of workshops and fun activities. Surrounded by nature and with time to reflect, this will be an opportunity to connect with like minded people and start your journey to making change happen.

## Benefits

- A certificate of achievement after six months
- A professional reference letter after six months

Workshops facilitated by ACT BUILD CHANGE will be immersive and practical sessions covering areas such as relationship building, campaigning, action planning, leadership, working through conflict/tension, care for ourselves/community and more. Your voice matters and we will guide and support you every step of the way.

**Connect sessions** are a space to come together with fellow Power Pioneers to discuss your progress and share any challenges. This is a place for you to take ownership, bring ideas and have some fun!

**Speakers** will join to share their experience in making change happen to get you inspired! Are you a young person or staff member who has already achieved something in this area? Email [isabella@foyer.net](mailto:isabella@foyer.net) to discuss opportunities.

## The role of a Power Pioneer

You don't have to try and save the world on your own. Taking small positive actions to improve your home, college or local community can have a big impact.

As a Power Pioneer you will develop a range of skills that will benefit you both in your personal and professional life including relationship building, organising, storytelling, negotiation, teamwork and more! Throughout the course of the program you will begin to apply these skills to advocate for change in a chosen area.

We're looking for young people who are:

- An active listener
- Empathic
- A team player
- Willing to learn
- Committed





## The role of a 'staff champion'

We are seeking one staff member from each service with young people involved in the programme to become a Power Pioneers 'staff champion.' Your role will be to ensure that the young people who join the programme from your service get the maximum benefit. This could include supporting a young people to attend online workshops, providing encouragement or supporting them with tasks in between sessions.

You will be someone who is passionate about improving the lives of young people and will commit to ensuring your service takes action on young people's ideas. You will also create ways to share insights from the programme with your wider organisation. If you have young people from you service applying, please support their application by filling in the staff section.





# Programme schedule

*April 2023 -November 2023*

## June 23

- Power Pioneers intro session (online) 5th June (1pm-3pm)
- Away days 28th-29th June @ High Leigh

## July 23

- ACT BUILD CHANGE workshop (online) 10th July (2.30-4.30pm)
- Connect session (online) 25th July (3pm-4pm)

## August 23

- Guest speaker session (online) 16th August (2pm-4pm)
- Connect session (online) 31st August (12pm-1pm)

## September 23

- ACT BUILD CHANGE workshop (online) 11th September (2.30pm-4.30pm)
- Connect session (online) 29th September 11am-12pm

## October 23

- Half day workshop/celebration (in person) TBC
- Planning session 30th October (1-2.30pm)

## November 23

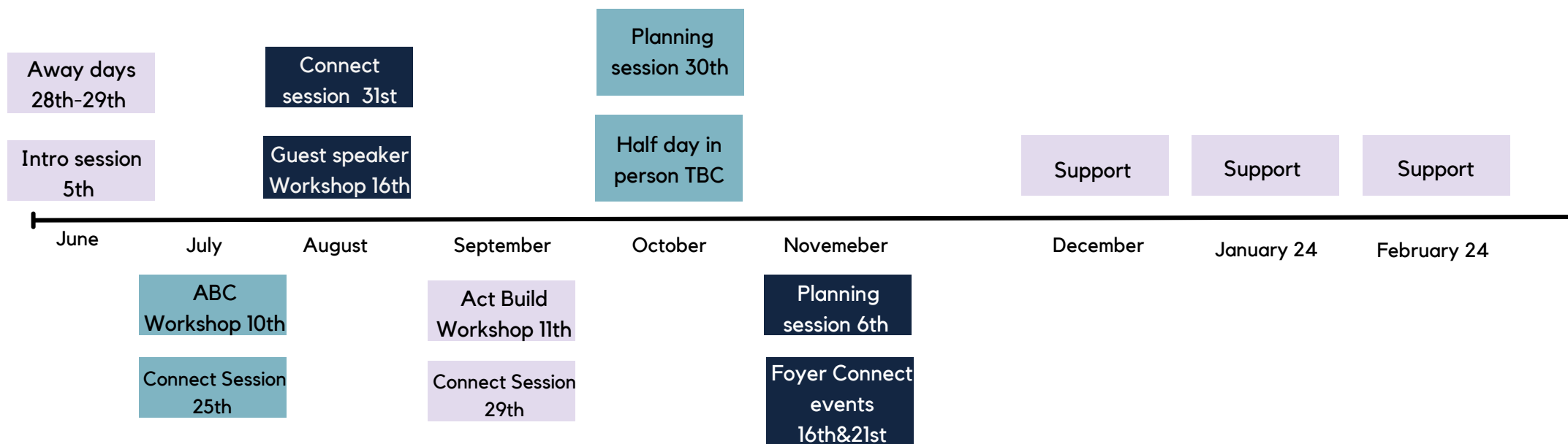
- Planning session 6th November (1-2.30pm)
- Foyer Connect event

**Join our online drop-in on the 15th May 10am-11am to find out more information and ask questions**

*Deadline for young people to apply is 30th May (12pm)*



# Programme Timeline



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# Steering Group

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We're looking for three Power Pioneers and two 'staff champions' to join the Power Pioneers steering group. What is a steering group? A steering group consists of people who bring their knowledge, skills and experience to help make decisions and ensure a programme stays on track.

## Your responsibilities

1. Work with us to review if the programme is achieving it's outcomes.
2. Work with us to review if we are reaching our outcomes through our desired approach.
3. Keep us accountable by giving feedback on delivery of workshops and connect sessions.
4. Share ideas and make decisions on changes needed.

## What's the commitment?

We're asking for a total of three hours of your time. Meetings will last one hour on the 19th June, 21st August, and 29th November.

## What's the benefit?

Power Pioneers will be paid for their time and build their skills in programme management. There is also access to continued opportunities such as becoming a Foyer Federation young consultant.





## FAQ'S

### What if I apply late?

The application deadline is 12pm on the 30th May. If you apply late unfortunately we will not be able to consider your application.

### Do I need permission if I am under 18 years old?

No, we deem 16-17 year olds able to give consent to join the programme. However we do ask that all young people applying have a staff member to fill out the staff section on their application form.

### What happens if I can't attend one of the sessions?

We aim to record online workshops so if you miss a one, you can simply head to a Power Pioneers shared drive to catch up. However we will leaving this decision with the young people on the program to ensure they are comfortable.

### What if I apply and then change my mind?

We ask that when applying to join Power Pioneers you are able to commit to the full six month programme. If you change your mind please notify us as soon as possible by emailing [isabella@foyer.net](mailto:isabella@foyer.net).

### What if I join but want to leave?

We will explore any reasons for you wanting to leave the programme however we understand that circumstances can change. If you wish to leave the programme you are free to do so however what we ask is that you tell us and the staff champion as soon as possible.

### What if I moved out whilst on the programme?

That's totally fine! If you move house or no longer live in a Foyer/project you can continue on the programme.

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*Hey, I can't wait to meet you!*