# **Young Women Demand: Steering Group - Application Information Sheet**

The Young Women’s Movement (YWM) has received funding from the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Foundation to conduct a bold and innovative two-year initiative aimed at engaging young women in the democratic process, fostering political literacy, and developing leadership skills.

This project comes at an opportune moment to create lasting change for young women and girls. The upcoming Scottish Elections in May 2026 provide a unique opportunity to shift the dial on how young women can participate and create change within democratic systems.

With global political shifts and the rise of misogynistic, anti-DEI, and far-right rhetoric, young women are increasingly concerned about their rights and futures. The **Young Women Demand** (YWD) project will aim to empower young women’s participation in key democratic events, hold decision-makers accountable, and combat mis/disinformation in this period of political change.

### **Recruitment of a steering group:**

We are looking for 12 young women or non-binary people, aged 16-30, to join a new voluntary steering group for our Young Women Demand project.

You would be working closely with the Research and Policy team in the role of **Policy and Participation Volunteer**. This role includes:

* Working closely with the Research and Policy team to co-design the Young Women Demand project, which includes an awareness campaign targeted at young women and girls across Scotland to ensure they are well-informed of party positions and their impact on young women before the 2026 election;
* Engaging with key partners and stakeholders to ensure the accuracy of content, reduce mis/disinformation, and secure buy-in for amplifying the campaign;
* Creating opportunities for young women across Scotland, especially marginalised groups, to meet and interact with elected officials and candidates;
* Contributing to the co-design of the Young Women Demand project outputs.

### **Expectations:**

* This is a two-year project from July 2025 to July 2027. We’re looking for young women who are able to commit to the full project, although we understand that circumstances can change at short notice.
* In-person and online meetings will be held intermittently with the Young Women Demand Steering Group throughout the course of the project, starting August 2025 and concluding in July 2027.

### **Key dates:**

* **Thursday 28th August**, introductory meeting online (6-8pm) with Young Women Demand Steering Group to cover context setting, team building, expectations and commitments, support, etc.
* **Wednesday 24th September,** meeting online (6-8pm) for knowledge building around current political system in Scotland, how to scrutinize party politics, e.g. manifestos.
* **Saturday 18th - Sunday 19th October**, YWD residential, co-design session for the YWD steering group to develop campaigning skills, build confidence and develop robust understanding of manifesto asks.

### **Application:**

Apply via Typeform by **11.59am on Thursday 7th August:** <https://ljficzi40gh.typeform.com/to/gBS38Q60>

**Note:** if you would prefer to submit your answers to the questions in a different format (e.g. video or voice note), there will be an option to upload the file at the end. All application formats will be equally weighted and considered. If you choose to submit this way, please type 'video' into the questions marked 'required'.