

Expression of Interest



**Young
Leaders
Pathway**

Young Archaeologists' Club

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Young Leader with the Young Archaeologists' Club (YAC)!

YAC is a network of over 80 archaeology clubs across the UK, catering to young people aged 8–17. Each branch is run by a team of passionate and knowledgeable volunteers who deliver fun, hands-on sessions exploring archaeology, heritage, and history.

As a Young Leader (aged 16–17), you'll support your local branch by helping to plan and deliver activities, assisting younger members, and developing your leadership and communication skills. You may also have the opportunity to participate in exciting experiences, such as archaeological digs, museum visits, and historic crafts.

Your contributions and achievements will be recognised throughout your journey. You will receive certificates that celebrate your milestones, the skills you develop and the support you provide to your branch.

You will also receive two years of digital membership with the Council for British Archaeology, which includes access to the British Archaeology magazine.



This overview sheet outlines the steps involved in becoming a Young Leader:

1. Attend a session as an observer

You will be invited to attend a YAC session to see how the club operates from the perspective of a Young Leader and volunteer.

2. Have a follow-up conversation

After the session, your Branch Leader will meet with you to discuss how your YAC branch works and what being a Young Leader involves.

3. Decide if you would like to apply

Once you have had the chance to observe and learn more, you can decide whether you would like to take the next step and formally apply.

The Council for British Archaeology (CBA) offers a range of youth engagement opportunities that you may also wish to explore, including:

[Youth Advisory Board Council for British Archaeology](#)
[Young Associates Network Council for British Archaeology](#)

What you will need to become a YAC Young Leader:

If you decide to apply, your Branch Leader will send you a link to an online application form. It is simple and will ask you:

- Your name, date of birth, contact details and pronouns
- Why you would like to volunteer with YAC
- Any experience that you feel is relevant (if you have been a YAC member before, what your interests are)
- The contact details for two references. One must know you for at least a year, and the other for two years. If you have been a YAC member for over six months, you can ask your branch leader if they would be happy to be one of your references. References must be professional or academic (e.g., a teacher, youth leader), not family members. Make sure to tell your referees that the CBA will be in touch.
- If you live in Scotland, you will need to complete a PVG (Protecting Vulnerable Groups) check consent form. This is a simple background check that helps make sure everyone taking part in YAC activities is safe. It is free for volunteers and only needs to be undertaken once while you are working as a YAC Young Leader. Please speak with a member of the branch for more information. If you live in England, Wales or Northern Ireland you do not need to apply for a DBS/Access NI check.

Becoming a YAC Young Leader is a fantastic way to gain experience, learn from highly skilled YAC Leaders, and play an active role in the CBA's youth initiatives.