Nothing about us without us!
Manifesto of Child Helpline International’s Youth Advisory Council

WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL OF CHILD HELPLINE INTERNATIONAL, issue this manifesto with our core beliefs and reasons why we join together in the Council. We believe in active youth participation and in the power of youth’s voices to reshape the world for the better. We represent the wide range of today’s voices and concerns of youth globally. With this manifesto we aim to:

**EMPOWER** young people.

**INSPIRE** the growth of the global movement of youth.

**ENSURE** meaningful participation of young people for sustainable development and societal change.

WE BELIEVE IN
A world where all young people’s voices are heard, where they meaningfully influence decision-making and actively participate in all issues affecting them.

WE STRIVE TO
Embody purposeful youth participation by speaking up loud and clear, providing valuable feedback and insight, and supporting Child Helpline International and its network.

WE ARE GUIDED BY
**PARTICIPATION**
We ensure that meaningful youth participation is embedded in all of Child Helpline International’s strategic decision making processes, projects and events.

**OPEN MINDEDNESS**
We respect and actively engage with people from different backgrounds and with various perspectives, regardless of age, colour, origin & belief.

**AMPLIFYING THE VOICE OF YOUTH**
We speak up on behalf of children and young people worldwide, while always keeping in consideration their interests, values and dreams.

**COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP**
We strive to work with partners and stakeholders everywhere as to promote and lead positive actions. We aim to share our knowledge and experience with, and learn from, other youth boards.

**KNOWLEDGE**
We take all opportunities to enhance our individual and collective knowledge. We always share our skills, observations and learnings with peers and partners and with Child Helpline International.