



Are you aged 16-25 years old? Are you passionate about the environment? Would you like to...

- ✦ Take part in green residential? (coming together with other young people to debate solutions to the challenges our communities face)
- ✦ Run your own environmental social action projects?
- ✦ Have a say on how the sector can build greener communities?
- ✦ Meet other young people and work together to influence high profile organisations?

We are looking for two 16-25 year olds to represent LiveWest on the [Backyard Nature Green Youth Board](#). The board will be made up of around 20 young people living in communities across the UK.

Supported by a consortium of nine housing associations, the Board will operate as a steering group to challenge the social housing sector to improve its approach to green spaces. In an industry first, the Green Youth Board will also be distributing micro-grants to local environmental community projects.



With nearly 60% of young people globally reporting that they feel very worried or extremely worried about climate change, many are looking for ways to manage eco-anxiety. Experts recommend improving connections with nature, connecting with environmental action groups, and being empowered to make green choices. It is in this context that the Backyard Nature Green Youth Board launches, offering young people these impactful opportunities to engage and take action in their local area.

The Youth Board is one element of the Backyard Nature Green Housing Association Consortium, which will see housing associations working together to help improve the quality of and access to green spaces for children and their families. This will promote individual and collective wellbeing alongside the benefits to the environment.

The Backyard Nature Green Housing Association Consortium includes Catalyst Housing, Clarion Housing Group, Ebbsfleet Development Corporation, Hyde Housing, LiveWest, Phoenix Community Housing, Places for People, Sovereign Housing Association and Swan Housing Association and is match funded by the #iwill Fund.

To apply just visit the LiveWest web page www.livewest.co.uk/iwill-green-youth-board-2021-22 and fill in an application form.