

Distress Signals: Call for legal guardians

The Youth-led Commission on Separated Children will be using their lived experiences as the driver for making change for unaccompanied children.

They will focus on their call for legal guardians and will answer questions at the end of the presentation.

Although they will share some aspects of their experiences, may we ask that you do not ask any personal questions about their individual cases.

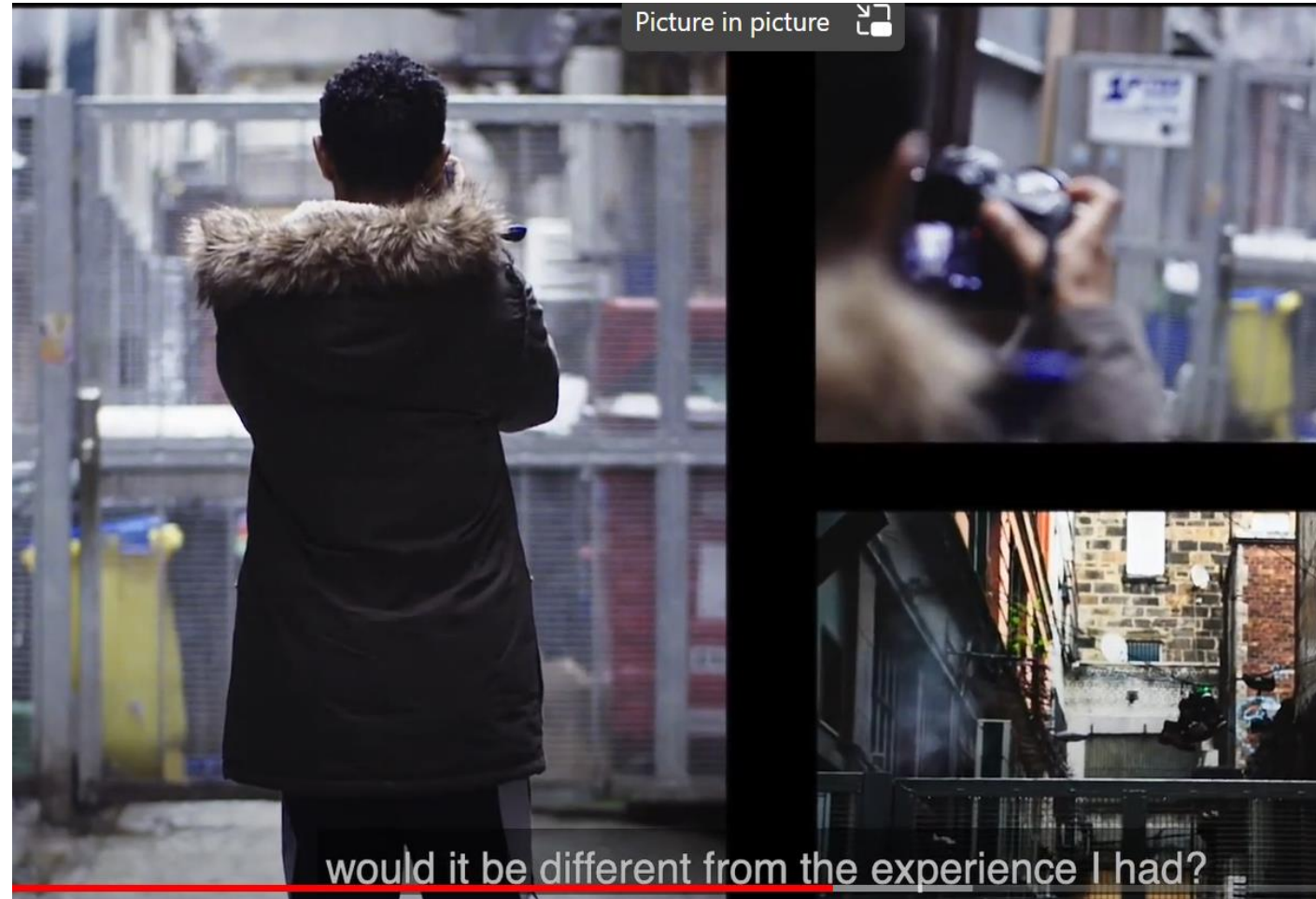
Please don't contact young people directly during or after the event.

Youth-led Commission on Separated Children



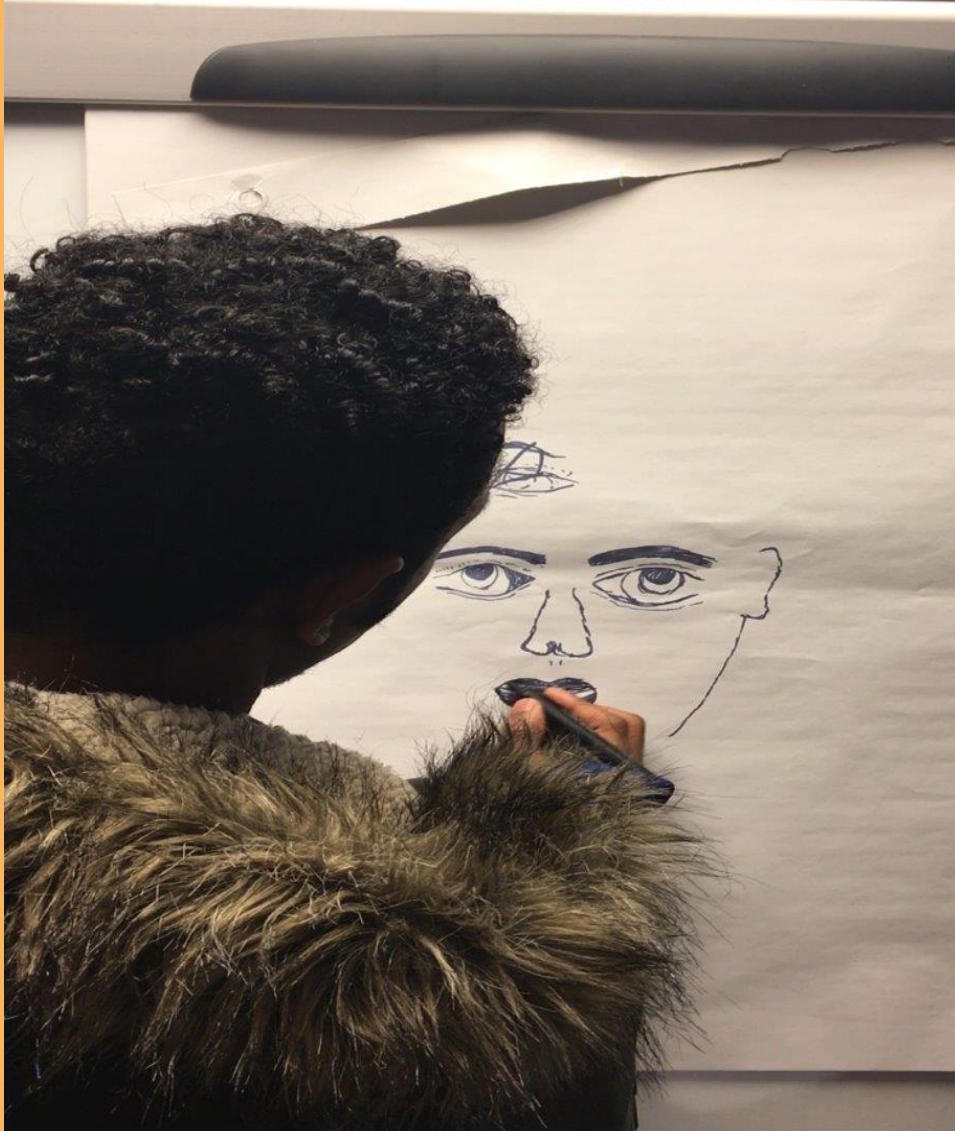
Who are the Youth-led Commission?

Guardian's documentary



Guardians

Our call for legal guardians



A consistent adult who can ensure that unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC) no longer must navigate the complex asylum and immigration systems alone and can act in their best interests.

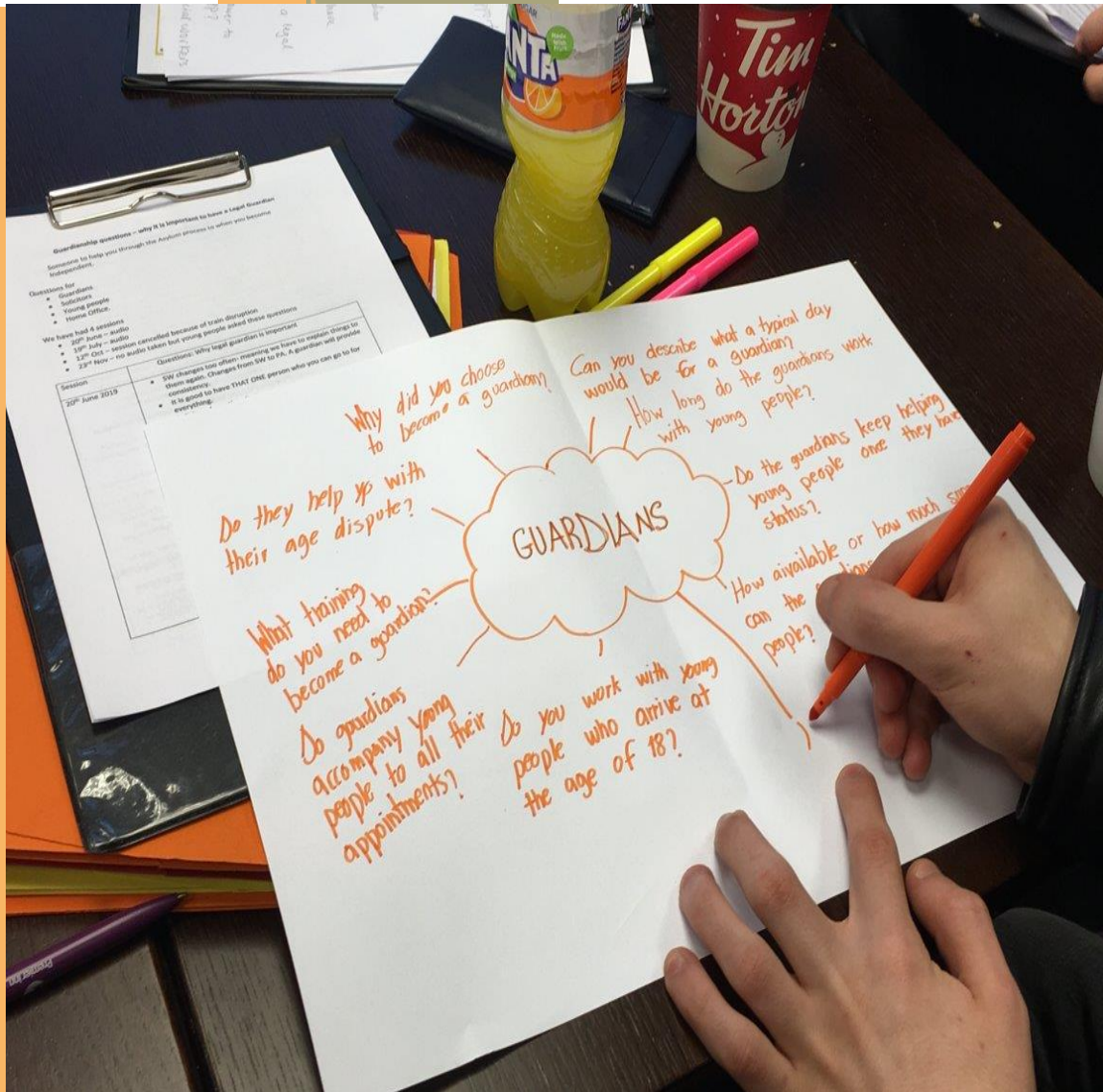
They would be central to the child's life, connecting them to the support they need, instructing solicitors on their behalf and representing their best interests throughout.

They would supplement and sit alongside existing statutory service provision.

Why are Guardians important

A guardian is the one person that stays with you throughout your journey. They understand your asylum and care needs.

It would have helped me with my mental health and wellbeing when I needed somebody



Our recommendation!

All children arriving in England and Wales to be provided a legal guardian, someone to support them from end to end so they do not struggle like we did.

Thank you



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