

# Transfigurations

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Your child has applied to Transfigurations for membership of our support group and because we have an age limit for people attending meetings, below which they have to have their parent(s) or guardian(s) consent in order to join, I would ask that you sign and return the form in the post should you agree to them joining.

### **Forums for Trans Youth:**

We have an age restriction of 13 before you can join the forums. If you are under 13 then you will be able to download a consent form which you must get a parent or guardian to sign. Once this consent form has been signed, it must then be returned to me by post to the address below.

Once I have received the signed consent form I will validate your forum account - but you will be restricted to just the youth forum until you are 18 years old. If your parents would like to speak to me about this, use the Contact Form on the website to email me with their telephone number (and a convenient time to call) and I will then phone them back to discuss the situation.

I would welcome your parents joining the forum as there is a special section for them - and provided that they have a child who is transgender and who is a member of the forums, they will then be granted access to the trans youth forum as well as all the other forums.

### **Children and Youth Group (plus Parents Group):**

#### **Children under the age of 13:**

You will be allowed to join our Children's and Youth Group provided that at least one parent attends with them on every occasion. We recognise that sometimes parents have considerable difficulties and it can be extremely helpful for parents to meet other parents who have faced this challenge.

#### **Adolescents between the ages of 13 to 16:**

You may come to meetings of the Youth Group provided that at least one parent or guardian accompanies you to your first three meetings - they must then sign the consent form below which will then allow you to come along on your own.

#### **Adolescents between the ages of 17 to 18:**

You may attend meetings on your own provided that your parent(s) or guardian(s) sign the consent form below.

#### **Parents Group:**

This meets at the same time as the Children and Youth Group - more details on request by emailing me at [transkids@transfigurations.org.uk](mailto:transkids@transfigurations.org.uk)

### **Note to parents/guardians:**

For group meetings: If you would like to meet up with myself and also the parent of a trans child, we would be happy to arrange a meeting to chat about our organisation and the work that we do over a cup of coffee.

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The forum for trans youth is only available to children under the age of 19 - and their parents/guardians (provided that they have a transgender child who is a member of the trans youth forums). The only other people who have access to those forums are myself and a moderator (Tracey is the parent of a young trans boy) and we both have DBS/CRC's at advanced level. The private messaging system has been disabled in that forum so that everything that is said can be properly monitored - so no grooming or bullying can take place.

Any attempt by other members of the forums to access this private forum will result in their expulsion from the site and they will be permanently barred from the whole site. They may also be reported to the police together with all their details which would allow the police to locate them.

**The consent form is on the following page.**

# Consent Form

First name of child: \_\_\_\_\_ Surname of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Username of child on the forum (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your relationship to the child: Father / Mother / Guardian / Other\*

Your address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Your telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Landline) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile)

Please designate a convenient time that I can telephone you to confirm that it is a parent/guardian who has signed this form \_\_\_\_\_ am/pm Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree to allowing my child to become a member of the Trans Youth forum of Transfigurations or attend meetings of the Transfigurations Children's/Youth group:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Please PRINT your name here: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* if you are acting as Other, it might be deemed necessary to further clarify this to provide proof of who you are. Other categories might be the child or youth's doctor, teacher, youth worker, police officer. Acceptance would only be possible after a meeting of our Management Team and consultation with our youth co-ordinator.

**Please return the completed form to:-  
Carol Steele, Transfigurations, 23 Ben Jonson Close, Chelston, Torquay TQ2 6BT**