  
Self Storage Association UK  
  
**Young Storage Network (YSN)**Information for Board Members

**Introduction**

The SSA UK recognises and supports youth in the industry and the YSN was created to encourage the growth of these young people through networking and professional development.

Membership is complimentary to SSA UK Members. It is open to all members under 40 including owners of self storage businesses, frontline staff, suppliers, financiers, or anyone working in, or with an interest in, the industry.  Multiple members from the same organisation may join the group.

Governed by its own board, the YSN is an official working group of the SSA UK and as such, the group must adhere to association rules, and respect and support the position of the SSA UK at all times.

**Strategic Plan - Priorities, Projects, and Deliverables:**

1. Increase awareness of the industry to young people  
2. Create a young professionals information network  
3. Increase awareness of the group within the industry  
4. Promote development of young people in the industry

**Meetings**

Groups will meet either in person or online around 4-5 times per year to network and share ideas. Meetings will be led by the appointed YSN Chair who will oversee the group's activities and disseminate information gathered to the SSA UK and where appropriate, to the wider YSN membership.

**Role of the Chair**

* Oversee the group and its activities
* Ensure the Strategic Plan is executed, delivered and progress is fed-back to the SSA UK
* Set annual meeting dates in advance and advise the SSA UK
* Formulate meeting agendas and circulate to the group and the SSA UK prior to meetings
* Chair the meetings either online or in person. If an in-person meeting, register attendees on-site and provide a copy of the register to the SSA UK
* Gather and share meeting feedback to participants and the SSA UK
* Forward to the SSA UK any YSN member queries raised during meetings requiring an Association response

**Role of all Board Members**

* Actively work with the chair to deliver the YSN Strategic Plan
* Raise awareness of the group and its activities through Social Media and other mediums
* Work together to increase membership numbers
* Provide mutual support to other YSN members
* Encourage networking amongst members via WhatsApp, LinkedIn and other social networks
* Share best practice and relevant experiences with the group
* Encourage employer involvement via the YSN charter

**Time Commitment**

There is of course a level of commitment required from each board member. We anticipate an average of 4-6 hours per month.

Note: the role of the chair is to oversee the group’s activities, and the board to take responsibility for those activities. This does not necessarily mean a board member undertakes the project activity themselves but generates support and involvement from other YSN members by delegating tasks. An example would be articles for the UNLOCKED magazine. The board member who takes ownership of this activity, may not necessarily write the articles for each issue but perhaps opts to select an individual from the group members to write and submit.

Finally, the SSA UK does appreciate that some of the time commitment may be necessary during working hours. As such, we recommend board members who are not owners seek the necessary approval/permission from their employers first.

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YSN Board Member Application Form

**Name:**

**Contact number and email address:**

**Current Job Role:**

**Company:**

**Experience in the industry:**

**Why do you think you are an ideal candidate to become a YSN Board member?**

**Are you able to attend regular board meeting, YSN quarterly meetings and offer any training?:**

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