

**YALSA Board of Directors Meeting  
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Atlanta  
January 20 – 24, 2017**

**Topic:** Request for Board Action: Teens are Not Alone IG

**Background:** YALSA Member Lorrie Roussin has submitted a petition to form a Teens Are Not Alone Interest Group. Per Article X in the YALSA Bylaws, members may form Interest Groups on topics unrelated to standing committees via a petition containing 15 or more signatures of members who wish to participate in the group. Letitia Smith has confirmed that each of the individuals on the petition are current members of YALSA. Lorrie has presented the following information for the Board’s consideration at the 2017 Midwinter Meeting. (please note that the petition below has been amended to remove certain personal information to protect members’ privacy)

**Action Required:** Action

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**YALSA Interest Group Formation Petition**

(A FAQ about Discussion & Interest Groups can be found at [www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/aboutyalsab/faq.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/aboutyalsab/faq.htm))

**Proposed Name of Group:** Teens Are Not Alone Interest Group

**Proposed Mission of Group:** This Interest Group is for YALSA members to generate ideas to help teens understand and empathize with our changing world, as well as to empower them to advocate for change in a positive manner. Any resources generated by the group will be shared through YALSA’s communication channels with librarians, library staff and other individuals who work with teens.

**Proposed Convener’s Name:** Lorraine Roussin

**Institution:** Judson High School Library

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**Member Signatures:** Signatures must be from current YALSA members who agree to participate in the group, if it is established. 15 signatures are required.  
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1. Lorrie Roussin
2. Linda Braun
3. Lauren Gilpin
4. Kelley Blue

5. Haley Frailey
6. Hope Baugh
7. Kimberlee Farnsworth
8. Aviva Adler
9. Montes, Jennifer N.
10. Tess Prendergast
11. Allison Renner
12. Jennifer Haas
13. Madeline Jarvis
14. Izabel Gronski
15. Emily Fardoux
16. Kristy Newton
17. Amanda Brasfield
18. Deborah J. Rinio
19. Derek Ivie

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**I have read the responsibilities of a Convener and agree to uphold them if this group is established. I am submitting this petition YALSA’s Board of Directors.** (A list of responsibilities can be found at [www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/aboutyalsab/faq.htm](http://www.ala.org/ala/yalsa/aboutyalsab/faq.htm))

**Submitted by:** Lorraine “Lorrie” Roussin      **Date:** 12/16/16

**Signature** Lorraine Roussin