



Young Gamechangers Fund

Eligibility Criteria

Thank you for your interest in applying to our first-ever funding round! The Young Gamechangers Fund is looking for young **activists, campaigners, disrupters, co-operators, and social entrepreneurs** to lead social action across the UK. There are two types of funding available in this round:

- Funding for **individuals**
- Funding for **groups or organisations** with an annual income of less than £250,000

One-year grants of up to £20,000 are available for both individuals and groups or organisations, along with one year of support from our delivery partners, Global Fund for Children and Restless Development.

The Young Gamechangers Fund wants to prioritise support for young activists who are committed to creating communities that are prosperous, safe, diverse, equitable, inclusive, healthy, and sustainable. In particular, the fund is seeking to support groups and communities that prioritise youth activism and shared power.

The total amount of funding available in this round is up to £600,000. We are planning more funding rounds in 2024 and 2025, so if you aren't quite ready to apply yet, sign up to find out about future rounds [here](#).

To learn more about the Young Gamechangers Fund, our aims and our funders, please check out our website [here](#).

There are **two types of funding available in this round – project funding and flexible, core funding**. If you apply for project funding, you have to use the funding for a specific project or agreed set of

activities. If you apply for flexible, core funding, you can use this for project costs and general ongoing costs like salaries, overheads (bills, rent, insurance etc) or for other activities that support your goals. You can learn more about these types of funding in our [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Who are we looking to fund in this round?

The Young Gamechangers Fund welcomes applications from all eligible individuals OR groups and organisations.

All applications must meet the following **core criteria**:

- Be submitted by a young person aged 10–25
- Be delivering projects and activities that are youth-led (see definition below)
- Be from individuals OR groups and organisations that are;
 - Committed to engaging in long-term projects as part of a network of young gamechangers
 - Focused on creating sustainable positive social change that aims to have a lasting impact on individuals and the wider community
 - Proposing or leading social action work that has a clear purpose
 - Rooted in the Young Gamechangers fund priorities (listed above)
- Be based in the UK (inc. Isle of Man); and delivered by young people living in the UK

We welcome applications from all young gamechangers who meet this criteria.

However, we strongly **encourage** applications from young gamechangers that:

- Traditionally have not had access to funding, **OR**
- Have previously experienced additional barriers to funding, **OR**
- Are led by and for marginalised groups and communities

These groups include children and young people who are:

- From communities that have experienced racialised discrimination
- LGBTQIA+
- Disabled
- Care experienced, including those who are currently in care

- Working class
- Young Parents

Or who have lived experience of:

- The criminal justice system
- Migration and displacement
- Speaking English as a foreign language
- Homelessness, including supported housing and shelters
- Exclusion, formally or informally, from school or education
- Struggling financially
- The benefits system
- Mental health issues

The Young Gamechangers Fund is not able to support:

- One-off activities, short-term projects, fundraisers, events, travel or scholarships that do not contribute to bigger community change
- Local offices, affiliates, or projects of large NGOs, governments, or intergovernmental organisations
- Activities that support or oppose candidates for public office or party politics
- Activities or work that tries to convert participants to a particular religion or requires participants to join or convert to a religion to take part
- Organisations that, in policy or in practice, discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, caste, religion, gender identity, disability, socio-economic status, or sexual orientation
- Groups that conduct or support violent activities or violate criminal law
- For more information on what the fund cannot support, please read our [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

What do we mean by youth-led?

By youth-led, we mean projects or actions that are led by an individual young person aged 10 – 25 OR where the organisation or group involves children and young people aged 10 – 25 in leadership and decision-making of the project you are seeking funding for. Where young gamechangers are

supported by or hosted by an adult-led organisation or group, your application must show how your project, activity or activism is driven by young people within the organisation or group.

How do I apply?

The application is a 2-stage process. The first part is an eligibility quiz to confirm you are able to apply. If you are eligible, you will then be invited to complete the application form. You can click [here](#) to get started.

If you have any questions about our eligibility criteria, check out our Frequently Asked Questions or get in touch at ygf@globalfundforchildren.org