



National Voluntary Youth Organisations Support Fund 2020-21 Guidance for Applicants

COVID-19 Guidance

We appreciate that under current circumstances it is not possible to give accurate information about the timescale for delivery of funded activity. This will not compromise your application and we will work constructively with successful applicants to review and agree this as circumstances change. Please also note that, this year, the fund can support activity related to improved organisational resilience and resilience planning.

Purpose of the Fund

The fund has been set up by the Scottish Government to support the capacity of national voluntary sector youth organisations to contribute to the priorities emerging from the co-production process that is informing the development of the new National Youth Work Strategy in Scotland. The most relevant emerging priorities are:

- Workforce development
- Universal youth work provision
- Youth participation and youth voice
- Partnership working
- Improving health and wellbeing
- Equalities and inclusive youth work
- Digital youth work
- Youth awards and accredited learning
- Volunteering (young people)
- Children and young people's rights

(Please note that the fund supports internal organisational capacity building not direct delivery with young people)

Funding Criteria

Applications must demonstrate that the proposed activity will lead to one or more of the following outcomes.

1. Improved support and engagement of volunteers
2. Increased access to workforce development opportunities for paid staff and/or volunteers
3. Increased access to leadership development opportunities
4. Improved strategic leadership
5. Improved strategic partnerships with local authorities
6. Improved organisational resilience and resilience planning

UNCRC Incorporation

As a condition of the grant, you must take steps to promote, respect, protect and fulfil the rights of children and young people and increase awareness of the UNCRC amongst our staff and stakeholders. You should also promote the UNCRC throughout the creation and development of your programmes, projects, plans, policies and procedures in relation to this funding.

All organisations receiving funding must agree to undertake and evidence the following actions by 31st March 2021:

- Provide relevant links to UNCRC information materials on their website.
- Ensure that all staff have undertaken the 10 minute UNCRC training tool - [10 Minute Children's Rights Training](#) on an annual basis. (YLS will also make the training tool available on our website).
- Report on the impact of the funding in relation to the UNCRC and the young people they work with.

Eligibility

This fund is open to national voluntary youth work organisations that are involved in the management and delivery of youth work across Scotland. Local branches of national voluntary youth organisations or voluntary youth organisations that do not have a national remit are not eligible to apply

Please note that recipients of the NVOSF grant are expected to engage in the collaborative process required to develop youth work policy including the creation of an emerging youth work strategy.

Timescales

All programmes must be delivered before **the 31st March 2021**.

Limitations

Organisations can apply for **grants up to £30,000 per annum** (multiple smaller applications will be considered)

Application Deadlines

The deadline for grant applications is 12.00pm on **Friday 8th May 2020**

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of your proposal please contact Jane Dailly (National Grants Manager) on 0131 313 2488 or jdailly@youthlinkscotland.org