

EU / UK Youth

Stronger Together for youth leadership

25 October 2023

**Youth Networks Coordinator
Terms of Reference / Call for Proposals**



Introduction

The [EU UK Youth Stronger Together](#) is an EU funded project about connecting young people and youth organisations in meaningful and productive ways. Through the programme we will support the development of a network of youth organisations in the UK and in the EU to learn and share together and cooperate on common concerns.

There are limited opportunities for UK / EU collaboration and collective voice and action; and in the UK, there is very little funding for European engagement and youth policy is fragmented. The Youth Network will be co-developed and coordinated with young people and will explore practice and possibilities in UK / EU youth collaboration. It will develop recommendations and work together to share and advocate for change based on these recommendations, which will be presented at a dedicated policy event in 2024.

We are now looking to fund one or more consortia of at least one youth organisation from the EU and one from the UK, to lead on this network and its activities.

These Terms of Reference has been developed in collaboration with our Youth Advisory Board and in response to focus groups with young people and youth organisations. It sets out the goals and specific activities expected from the Network, however the Network Coordinator will work with the Youth Advisory Board, as well as with network members, to develop and deliver the strategy.

Purpose

- Build sustainable relationships, inclusive opportunities and collaboration between EU and UK youth organisations.
- Influence key stakeholders and policy makers to support meaningful collaboration and opportunity between EU and UK youth organisations.

The Network Coordinator will establish a Youth Network of youth organisations from the UK and the EU and lead on the network development and all its activities towards these goals.

By January 2025, the network should consist of at least 100 representatives of youth organisations, aged 18 – 30 with a 50/50 balance ratio between the UK and the EU.

Scope of Services

Network Strategy

- Lead on network strategy, in collaboration with the Youth Advisory Board and the British Council project management team.
- Develop a short network brief which sets out the overall position, priorities, and direction, supported by a clear rationale. This will include, for example:
 - How much there will be development of a new network versus connecting and supporting existing networks and organisations.



- The balance of objectives between network building and policy influence
- Develop a plan for the development and running of the Network, including:
 - promotion and selection, considering diversity and inclusion.
 - organising principles, including how members will participate.
 - monitoring, evaluation and learning
 - sustainability, to ensure the Network remains active beyond the project period.

Network Development

- Set up the Network's basic functions and establish a timetable and plans for coming together.
- Create the terms of reference for member organisations and identify and recruit youth organisations from the EU and the UK (See draft criteria below)
- Host regular opportunities to connect, learn and collaborate.
- Monitor engagement and outcomes and adapt based on feedback.
- Work closely with the Youth Advisory Board on key Network plans and activities.

Draft criteria for network members

The types of entities eligible are youth and civil society organisations and youth councils and consortia.

The criteria for selecting these entities may include:

- existing network of the organisation/consortium in the EU and the UK
- level of willingness to engage and contribute to the development of the network and the sustainability of it beyond the duration of the project.
- level of experience and expertise of members in youth activism
- level of commitment to participate through the period of the programme and beyond
- expertise and commitment to promoting equality and diversity through the actions.

Network Activities

- Design and deliver network and collaboration activities. Types of activities eligible for financial support include informal meetings, promotional campaigns, online and/or face to face thematic events, and possibly study visits.
- Co-deliver youth focus groups and other research and outreach activities to inform discussions, recommendations and actions.
- Support an Organising Committee from within the network to co-organise a youth policy event in London in 2024. *(This event will gather representatives of youth organisations, policy makers, and representatives of bodies active in the area of youth to discuss the future of collaboration between the EU and the UK)*



- Support young people to share their recommendations and lead discussions at other events.

Working arrangements

Contract dates: January 2024 to January 2025

Location: Lead Coordinator should be based anywhere in the UK. Organisations in the Consortium may be based anywhere in the UK and the EU.

The work will take place online, with the possibility of face-to-face activity.

The Network will be managed by the Lead Coordinator and all financial arrangements and contract will be signed with them.

Regular review sessions with the Project Management team of the EU UK Youth Stronger Together will be included in the agreement with the lead coordinator.

The Youth Advisory Board is an informal body of consultation to the project and comprises of youth organisations representatives. The YAB might be called in to support, review and give feedback on methodology. YAB members are acting on their individual capacity and the organisations they are members of are still eligible for the Network Grant.

Scope of the Technical and Financial Proposal

The maximum grant amount to be given is 10,000 EUR as a fixed sum including all taxes that might apply and covers all preparation, report writing and all other work, which is carried out. The criteria for determining the exact amount of financial support: applicants will provide a budget plan as part of their application.

The budget plan will be assessed based on:

- a. Proposed budget is adequate and feasible, i.e. cover all intended activities
- b. Proposed budget items are reasonable and comparable with normal local rates.
- c. Proposed budget is fit for purpose, i.e., aim to achieve expected results satisfactorily.

Eligibility Criteria

- An organisation based in the UK with at least one consortium/associate partner from the EU.
- Legal entities
- Financially capable of receiving grants.
- Compliant with Due Diligence policy on Credit, Ethical Screening, Sanctions, Anti-Money Laundering and Counter-Terrorism Screening



Grant decision process

Please apply by emailing Eirini.Kareta@britishcouncil.org by 30 November 2023, 12.00am UK time

Your application must include:

1. Your responses to the questions in the attached form
2. A budget detailing direct and indirect costs in the provided Annexe

The Grant will be distributed into two separate even instalments; one in January 2024 and one in December 2024 upon delivery of a report on outcomes outlining the operation of the network, held meetings, involvement of organisations and successes on policy level.

If you have any questions regarding the application, please email them to the above address by 15 November 2023.

Awarded organisation(s) will be notified by 20 December 2023.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria

- Motivation and Experience 40%
- Methodology and Approach 50%
- Commercial 10%

