CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Young Gamechangers Fund - Steering Group Member

How do you feel about the world right now? Are the right people making decisions about how things happen in your community?

Do you want to change things in your community, our society or environment? Do you want to join other young people from across the UK to build a better future and make a real difference? If you do, this might be the opportunity for you!

The Young Gamechangers Fund (YGF) is looking for passionate and committed young people, aged 18 – 25 from across the UK to design and lead an innovative new fund that shifts power, money and support to young activists, leaders and community members creating change.

Young people are often excluded from decisions that affect them most. The YGF wants to change this.
What is the Opportunity?

The YGF will be designed by young people to change the way that youth-led activism, social change and social justice movement building is funded and supported in the UK. We are looking for young people to join the first ever YGF Steering Group. This is an exciting opportunity to work with other young people to create something brand new.

YGF Steering Group members will:

- Build a new fund that will invest £4.5 million in inspiring, innovative, youth-led initiatives across the UK
- Bring your experiences to the YGF and ensure that the Fund works for young people like you
- Collaborate with other young people online and in person
- Be part of creating change for young activists and gamechangers across the UK

Who Are We Looking For?

We are looking for young people:

- Living in any part of the UK
- Aged between 18 and 25
- With some experience of or interest in youth-led change – this can be in your personal life, your job, in the UK or abroad, as part of a group or organisation or by yourself – we are excited to hear about what youth-led change means to you!

The YGF is committed to giving power to young people from lots of different backgrounds and with lots of different experiences. We know that there are more barriers to accessing power and resources for some young people so we are prioritising applications from young people who:

- Are Black or from a racially minoritised community
- Are working class
- Have a disability
- Are part of the LGBTQI+ community
- Are care experienced
- Represent geographically diverse communities across the UK
- Experience additional barriers to taking part in opportunities like this
- Have not taken part in other opportunities like this before
What Do We Need From You?

- To be passionate about creating change that makes a difference for young people across the UK
- To have the ability to listen to and communicate effectively with other young people
- To be able to work as part of a team and make decisions together
- To have time to review all materials and documents in advance of panel meeting discussions
- To keep an open mind, use your judgement and engage in group discussions
- To take part in reflective learning activities to tell us about your experiences and learning as part of the YGF
- To be able to commit to a minimum of four online design sessions and all decision-making sessions (the dates are below!)

What Will We Offer You?

- All the information, training and support you need to fully participate – you don’t need to have done anything like this before!
- Payment for your time. You will be compensated at a rate equivalent to £120 a day (or we can offer other options such as vouchers if this works better for you!)
- Payment for any extra expenses that you have as a result of taking part – this might include things like extra data for online sessions, childcare and stationary
- Two fully paid for residential – we will cover all your travel, time, food and accommodation so you can take part in the in person sessions

How Much Time Will This Take?

The YGF Steering Group will run for one year from August 2023 to July 2024. There will be three different parts of the process:

- Design and Initial Decision Making (September to December 2023)
- Reflection and Learning (January to April 2024)
- Embedding New Learning (May to July 2024)

The meeting dates for the first stage are below. You will also need to plan some time outside of these meetings to do some basic preparation, reflection and to review applications. We estimate that the total time
commitment will be about 2-3 hours per week although the exact amount may change throughout the panel process.

The meeting dates and times are:

**Online Fund Training & Design Sessions**
- Wednesday 6th September, 6.30 – 8.00pm
- Wednesday 13th September, 6.30 – 8.00pm
- Wednesday 20th September, 6.30 – 8.00pm
- Wednesday 27th September, 6.30 – 8.00pm
- Wednesday 4th October, 6.30 – 8.00pm
- Wednesday 11th October, 6.30 – 8.00pm

**In-person Design Session**
- Saturday 14th and Sunday 15th October

**Decision Making Sessions**
- **Online** - Wednesday 22nd November, 6.00 – 8.00pm
- **In person** – Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd December

**How To Apply**
You will need to fill out a short application to be considered for the Steering Group. In your application, we would like to know why you are applying and what youth-led change means to you.

**Here is the link to the online application form.** Alternatively, you can share a short video (maximum 5 minutes), responding to these questions – it is up to you! You can email the video to ygf@globalfundforchildren.org

The deadline for applications is **midnight on Sunday 20 August 2023.** We are planning on holding interviews with shortlisted applicants during the week commencing Monday 28 August.

Got more questions? Want to learn more about the YGF? Check out our **Frequently Asked Questions** or get in touch by emailing ygf@globalfundforchildren.org