



## **Young Gamechangers Fund: Co-op Groups/Organisations**

### **Application Questions and Guidance**

Thank you for your interest in applying to the Young Gamechangers Fund! These guidelines set out the questions we ask in our application and give some advice about what we are looking for in your answers. We are excited about learning about your work and organisation.

- This application is for groups/organisations within Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and The Isle of Man that want to apply for either project or unrestricted flexible funding.
- This application is for groups/organisations in England that want to apply for unrestricted flexible funding.
- The panel will develop an assessment process that will ensure representation of projects across all countries of the UK, in line with the priority focus outlined. [[link to FAQs about prioritisation](#)]
- Applications must be submitted in English, but please do not worry too much about spelling or grammar.
- We have set word limits on all of the questions to help you as the applicant consolidate your points, – the steering group will also accept short bullet points for answers, this is completely fine as long as you answer the question.

#### **Section 1 – Basic Information**

In this section of the application, we want to gather some basic information about your organisation or group. This includes your name, key contacts, location and registration status. Questions marked with an asterisk\* are required questions.

**Please tick the box to confirm that you have completed the eligibility quiz.**

Yes (box)\*

*The eligibility quiz is the first stage of a 2-stage application process and all applicants are **required** to take the quiz to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria and are able to apply. If you haven't completed this yet, please [click here](#) before starting the application.*

**Name\***

*Please enter the first and last name of the person completing the application. The platform will automatically enter the name you entered when you registered unless you change this.*

**Email\***

*Please enter the email address of the person completing the application. The platform will automatically enter the email you entered when you registered unless you change this.*

**Please confirm below if you are under or over 18.** By clicking that, you are under 18. you are confirming that your parent, guardian, carer or trusted adult is aware that you are applying for this funding and consents to you applying.

*-I confirm I am 18 or over*

*-I confirm I am under 18*

*If you are under 18, please provide contact details for your parent, guardian, trusted adult, carer or support organisation that is providing consent below:*

*- if your application is successful, a full consent check will be made*

*Name:*

*Relationship to you:*

*Contact details (it's up to you which method you provide) :*

**If the young person completing the application form is under 18 (and has provided their personal email address for contact), please provide a second organisation email address for confirmation of the application submission and updates on the assessment process.**

Email (not compulsory)

**How old is the lead person applying?\***

1. 10
2. 11
3. 12
4. 13
5. 14
6. 15

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9. 18
10. 19
11. 20
12. 21
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14. 23
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16. 25

**Name of organisation or group\***

*Please enter the name of your organisation or group. The platform will automatically enter the name you entered when you registered unless you change this.*

**Name and email address of main contact (if different from above)**

*Please enter the first and last name and email address of the person you would like us to contact about your application if this is different from the name and email above. If not answered, we will default contact using the details entered above. This question is optional.*

**What type of organisation are you?\***

*Please tell us how your organisation is set up. You can find a full list here [[link to FAQs about eligible orgs](#)]*

**Please select which of Co-op Foundation's strategic priorities your project will meet. (select all that apply)\***

- *Safe Communities*
- *Sustainable communities*
- *Diverse, equitable and inclusive communities*
- *Communities that prioritise youth activism shared power and transparent governance.*

**What country/part of the UK do you live in:**

E, S, W, NI, IoM

**What area/village/town/city/region is your organisation based in?\***

*Please tell us the area/village/town/city/region that your group/organisation is based in.*

**What area are you planning to work in?\***

*Please tell us the area that your project or unrestricted/flexible funding if successful will be used in.*

**Section 2 – Your organisation/group:**

**What is your annual income?\*** (If your annual income is over £100,000 you are not eligible for this fund)

You can choose what to share with us here – this can be:

- any income you made in Nov 2023– Nov 2024, OR
- your income in the last calendar/financial year, OR
- your most recent accounts

[Tick box]

–£20,000 and under

–£20,001–£50,000

–£50,001–£100,000

**How much money are you applying for?\***

*Please use this space to tell us the amount of money you are applying for. Grants are available from £1000 to £20,000.*

**Tell us about your group (max 150 words).\***

*Please use this space to introduce the youth team behind your project briefly. We're eager to know the incredible young minds driving this initiative. We'd appreciate your telling us how old each team member is. Sharing your ages helps us understand the range of experiences and talents that shape your project's journey.*

*If you and/or participants in the project are in one or more of the underrepresented priority groups (see [Eligibility Criteria](#)), make sure to include this here.*

**What are your core values? (50 words)\***

*What fundamental values shape your group or project? Please tell us about the key principles and beliefs that influence your team and your work. This can be for your organisation or the group working on this project. Maximum 4 bullet points for this question please.*

**How is your organisation or group youth-led? (200 words)\***

*Explain the youth leadership within your organisation, or group. Share instances where you and your peers actively engage and take on leadership roles. Could you provide specific examples of how you contribute to the team's efforts?*

**Please tick this box if 75% of the leadership of your group/organisation is young people**

*[Tick box]*

*Priority will be given to organisations that can demonstrate that young people make up 75% of the leadership of your group/organisation. What we mean by leadership and prioritisation can be found in our FAQs [here](#).*

**Section 3: Your idea**

**Describe your project or objectives? (150 words or less)\***

*Please use this space to share about the project or objective this funding will be contributing to. You can share your answer to this question in any format you want – a short video, a voice note, bullet points,– whatever works for you!*

*If the social action project or activities that you plan to undertake meet one of the focus areas of building community cohesion or testing new and innovative approaches, please include this in your response to this question. (see [Eligibility Criteria](#)). **"Our project or objective is about..."***

***[Optional file upload]***

**Why are you passionate about this project or objective? (200 words or less)\***

*Please use this space to tell us why you are applying for the fund. Draw on any lived or professional experience, or could you tell us about why you are passionate about your work. How have these issues affected you and others around you? **"I am passionate because..."***

**How is your project or the activities of your organisation youth-led? (200 words or less)\***

*In this section tell us how young people are centred throughout the project. The Young Gamechangers Fund is dedicated to funding groups and organisations that can clearly demonstrate that their project, activism or campaign has been developed and created by young people and will be led by them. **"Our project is youth-led because..."***

**Why is this work needed?(150 words or less)\***

*In this section tell us why it's essential that you deliver the work, what would be the potential impact, what social challenge would your work help solve or if your work didn't happen what would be the consequences. **"This work is needed within my community because..."***

**How will this funding continue your social action work? (200 words or less) \***

*Use this space to tell us how this funding will aid you to continue your social action work. If it is unrestricted/flexible funding, let us know what this will contribute towards, and if it is more for delivering a project, how will the project benefit from this funding. **"This funding will continue my social action by..."***

**In the next section, we will ask you to complete and upload a budget. This will help you think about how you will spend the funding and to think through how much everything will cost.**

*Please download one of the budget templates from the two links below, make copies to fill it out and then upload to the sections below.*

[Budget template for grants under £5000](#)

[Budget template for grants between £5001-£20,000](#)

### **Section 3– Support offer \***

**If you are successful in your application you will need to commit to meet with your Programme Officer at key points through the year to share updates on your project delivery and to make sure that you are meeting the requirements of the grant.**

*However, part of being a Gamechanger is that we offer a support plan, to help you throughout your time with us as a grantee. In addition to the required check-ins with your Programme Officer above, you can also request up to 5 tailored sessions to meet your individual needs, and also access a mentor, training, and opportunities to connect with other young activists and organisations (which you can find in the FAQs).*

*If your application is successful your Programme Officer will introduce you to the support offer and share all of the opportunities available.*

**Please tick this box to confirm that you understand the monitoring requirements of Young Gamechangers Fund.** [Tick box]

### **Section 4 – Additional Information**

**Where did you hear about this funding opportunity?\***

*Please use this space to let us know where you found out about this opportunity to help us better increase our networks and outreach.*

**File Upload:**

*You can use this space to upload up to 2 files that support your application if you want to. This is COMPLETELY optional but could include things like a personal biography, budget, activity plan, something fun and creative that you have made or examples of previous work. If you do not have anything to upload, please do not worry – this will not impact your application!*