

ACTIVE CITIZENS

We are offering grants to up to 11 UK based organisations who work with a community* in the UK to take part in the 2019–20 cycle of Active Citizens and to support the delivery of Active Citizens.

The UK organisations selected (known as 'Delivery Partners') will be responsible for project managing and steering the Active Citizens programme in their UK community.

(*The community may be geographically, project, practice or interest based.)

BENEFITS OF THE PROGRAMME

Active Citizens is a social leadership training programme that promotes intercultural dialogue and community-led social development.

Involvement in the Active Citizens programme offers a range of opportunities to partners, facilitators, participants and wider communities to develop skills and knowledge to work with people from different cultural backgrounds. It also enables people to improve their understanding of local and global connections and the cultural, social, economic and political factors that shape their community.

Participants have fed back that through taking part in the programme they have increased social awareness and understanding of how to take part in social action and have developed skills or experiences that would help them in employment.

Partners report engaging with the programme as helping them to develop their organisation's purpose and approach to work. It supports them in strengthening the relationships they have, can give them access to new policy arenas and has flexible content that can be integrated into the ongoing work of their organisations, networks and community programmes, as well as allowing them to invest in staff learning and development.

UK CYCLE IN 2019–20

The cycle will run from the start of July 2019 to the end of March 2020 and will include the following core elements:

- **Partner Development Workshop:** this gives partners the information and advice they need to

plan the detail of delivery in their community and meet the network of UK Delivery Partners;

- **International Facilitator Development Workshop:** facilitators new to the programme who have been nominated by their Delivery Partner are trained in how to deliver the Active Citizens methodology (the Learning Journey);
- **Workshops within each community:** facilitators train the 30 participants (aged 18 years and over) recruited in their community. The Learning Journey involves exploring cultural diversity and its impact in the context of local or national communities and how to value difference within communities in participating countries. Facilitators then work with participants to plan their social action;
- **Social Action Projects (SAPs):** these are delivered by the participants, supported by the Delivery Partner. SAPs should be principled, well-planned, aware of local-global links and enhance community life;
- **International Study Visits (ISVs):** each Delivery Partner nominates two of their participants to attend an ISV. These are week-long events in the UK and abroad where an international group visits a country and particular communities to explore social development issues and the methods the community has found for addressing these issues. Delivery Partners also work with their Active Citizens and facilitators to host a group of ISV participants in their own community.

It is important that partners recognise that the vast majority of the Active Citizens programme happens at the local or national level rather than at the international level. The Active Citizens Learning Journey involves exploring cultural diversity and its impact in the context of local or national communities and how to value difference within communities in participating countries, with the opportunity to connect globally through ISVs and through sharing learning and ideas through the Active Citizens website and social media.

PROFILE AND ROLE OF A DELIVERY PARTNER

Delivery Partners have experience of working with a wide cross section of people on community led social action, and have experience of designing and facilitating programmes that bring about sustainable social impact in/with communities. They have strong local, regional and/or national partnerships and networks. It is essential that they have wide reach and

networks that connect them with future participants. Delivery Partners are also able to identify the potential for and achieve growth at an organisational, community, regional and/or national level through their involvement in the Active Citizens programme, for example in generating changes to the policy environment or institutional change, in developing their staff capacity or in improving their organisation's policies, procedures or processes.

The role of the Delivery Partner includes:

- Deciding how the organisation is going to deliver the programme, working with stakeholders, partners and networks in their community to design and deliver the Active Citizens programme;
- Identifying two facilitators to deliver the Active Citizens Learning Journey;
- Recruiting 30+ participants and running Community Workshops where the facilitators deliver the Learning Journey;
- Supporting the participants to develop their own local social action projects;
- Supporting the participants to design and host a visit from a group of UK and international Active Citizens as part of an International Study Visit;
- Nominating two participants to take part in an International Study Visit in the UK or internationally and supporting their cascade on their return;
- Managing the grant, monitoring and reporting on progress, and submitting an end of cycle narrative and financial report to the British Council on programme completion.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The British Council pays UK Delivery Partners a grant as a contribution to the costs of running Active Citizens programme activities in their community and to facilitate international and UK networking and exchange. This grant is not intended to cover the entirety of costs.

The grant is divided into two separate areas of expenditure. The Delivery grant is up to £8,000, while

the International Travel grant is determined by the events in the global programme in which each Delivery Partner is involved.

Please note that to be eligible to apply to be a Delivery Partner in the Active Citizens UK Programme Cycle 2019-20, organisations must fulfil these criteria:

- Be UK based and work with a community in the UK;
- Have a UK based bank account that requires two signatures;
- Operate from a sound financial position, demonstrated through their latest audited accounts (or appropriate equivalent);
- Have no conflict of interest relating to their involvement as a grantee;
- Be able to guarantee the commitment of a Project Co-ordinator and two facilitators;
- Be able to contribute the necessary staff time and additional costs to ensure effective delivery of the project, including monitoring, evaluation and reporting commitments, with a co-financing contribution of at least 20 per cent of the value of the Delivery grant. This may be from the partner's own resources and/or financial contributions from third parties;
- Accept the requirements in relation to intellectual property rights;
- Have completed the activity from any previous cycle(s). (This applies only to organisations who have been involved in previous cycles of the Active Citizens programme.)

Please only apply if your organisation meets these criteria.

An information webinar will be available at 15:00 on Wednesday 15 May 2019. Please email the team at active.citizens@britishcouncil.org if you are interested in joining the webinar.

To apply, please email all the required application and supporting documentation to ActiveCitizensApplic@britishcouncil.org by **23.00 on Monday 3 June 2019**.