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# Young Londoners Research Programme Briefing Sheet

The Young Londoners Research Programme is funded by the Greater London Authority as part of their work on a New Deal for Young People, more details on this programme can be viewed [here](#). The programme is being delivered by Partnership for Young London, Rocket Science and Young Harrow Foundation.

## Participatory Action Research (PAR)

Young people who live in London and are aged between 14-25 can apply for grants of up to £8,000, to undertake research, they will need to be supported by a youth worker and experienced youth organisation. We are interested in research that explores young people's views on the following:

- Access to youth services
- Barriers to attending youth services
- Young people's specific needs and the type of activities young people want

And from this research, to design, develop and trial innovative youth-led approaches based on the areas identified by the young people.

Young people applying for the grants with their youth organisations do not need to have research skills, grantees will be provided with training and support; guidance and tools to carry out Participatory Action Research projects. The projects will need to be delivered between February 2022 and March 2023.

Research Training and Support - Partnership for Young London will provide a comprehensive training and support programme that equips both the young researchers and the groups supporting them with the skills to develop and deliver PAR projects. We will also be exploring with the youth groups routes for accreditation for the young researchers.

Outcomes Framework – The young researchers will need to be supported to achieve one or more outcomes from the MOPAC youth outcomes framework found [here](#), e.g. improved self-esteem / peer relationships / mental health and wellbeing.

Reporting - Each funded group will produce reports on the research undertaken and draw together their findings in compelling formats to influence policy makers. These could include videos, evaluation report/s, case studies, films, events, and social media assets.

## Young Researchers

Young people taking part in this work as young researchers will be:

- Young people currently living in London aged 14-25
- from a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences

The programme will support the young researchers to act within their community, for example by:

- **identifying** young people in need that could benefit from youth activities and are not currently accessing them
- **researching** how these young people can best be supported to engage with youth activities, and what kind of activities they are interested in
- **trying out** activities that engage young people who are not accessing mentoring, personalised support or other youth activities
- **reflecting and analysing** how effective the approach was and how it could be adapted or developed
- **making recommendations** about future approaches and activities that could be used

We welcome applications from projects who are conducting research related to young people from some (but not all) of the following groups:

## Young people

- from lower income families
- with Special Educational Needs
- with poor mental health
- who have been excluded from school or socially
- who are homeless young people
- who are young refugees and / or asylum seekers
- experiencing or affected by domestic violence and abuse
- from the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller community
- with no recourse to public funds

## Who can apply?

- Young people aged 14-25 years old based in London and supported by an organisation (a minimum of two young researchers)
- We welcome applications from smaller VCS organisations and local authority youth boards

## What we can't fund

- Groups outside of London
- Projects not supporting this group of young people
- One off events
- Retrospective funding
- Individuals

## How to apply

Please make sure that you have read the grants information, the link to the detailed prospectus is [here](#).

Complete the eligibility checklist [here](#)





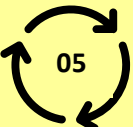
Attend a briefing session on 7<sup>th</sup> of March at 5:15 pm. Please book a place [here](#), if you cannot attend, we will record the session and produce a Q and A.

If you have any questions on the grants process, please email [grants@rocketsciencelab.co.uk](mailto:grants@rocketsciencelab.co.uk) if you have any questions about the research approach please email [sharon.long@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:sharon.long@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

A decision-making panel with young people will review the shortlisted applications and make a final decision on the grants.

## Timetable & Application process

The application process has five key stages:

	<b>Timetable</b>	
	<b>Stage One – Round Two programme launch</b>	21 <sup>st</sup> of February 2022, 12pm
	Briefing session	7 <sup>th</sup> of March 2022, 5:15pm
	<b>Stage Two – Round 2 Closes for Applications</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> of April 2022, 12pm
	Applications submitted - assessment and young people moderating applications	April 2022
	<b>Stage Three – Invitation to interview</b>	W/c 2 <sup>nd</sup> of May 2022
	Interviews - outcomes communicated and grants awarded to young people and their youth leads	Mid-May 2022
	<b>Stage Four – Delivery of training and support</b>	June/July 2022
	Design of round two research projects Research projects commence	
	<b>Stage Five – Delivery of training and support</b>	June 2022 – December 2022
	Research projects commence Research projects and reporting completed by	March 2023