



Irish Youth Foundation (UK) Limited

Grant Application Guidelines for

Projects based in Northern Ireland

Application forms and guidelines for grant applications for 2023 are now available for community groups and voluntary organisations in Northern Ireland. Please read the guidelines before completing the application form.

The deadline for submissions is **Friday 16 June 2023**

Please email your application, together with any supporting documents to: linda@iyf.org.uk
Please do **not** send hard copies in the post.

If you have any queries regarding your application, please do not hesitate to contact Linda Tanner on 020 8563 8232.

Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

We expect to notify successful and unsuccessful applicants in **September 2023**.

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General Information

The Irish Youth Foundation (UK) is inviting community and voluntary groups in Northern Ireland working with children and young people who are marginalised or at risk to apply for grants of up to £10,000, however grants awarded are usually in the region of £5,000.

These grants will be once only awards and they should be expended within a twelve-month period.

Completed applications should be received no later than **Friday 16 June 2023**. Late applications will not be considered. We expect to notify successful applicants in **September 2023**.

People with disabilities who require assistance with completing this application form should contact the Irish Youth Foundation as soon as possible.

Purpose of the grants

Projects should have a non-formal educational purpose and contribute to good relations in Northern Ireland

Grants can be used to extend an existing activity, to employ additional staff, to purchase equipment, to undertake an evaluation, to publish a report, to improve organisational capacity or to try something new and different. To avoid unnecessary form filling and disappointment prospective applicants should carefully consider whether this particular grant call is appropriate to their development needs.

Grants cannot be used for work with those aged over 25, for individuals (except for university students applying under the Lawlor Education Grants programme for Irish undergraduates); for continental travel, for sporting activities, for academic research, for expenditure already incurred and for re-granting. The Irish Youth Foundation (UK) does not support general appeals, replacing loss of statutory funding, large/national charities or multiple applications from a single organisation.

Criteria for appraisal of applications

- Suitability of the organisation
- Needs of the proposed beneficiaries
- Purpose of the grant
- Impact and effectiveness

□ Innovativeness

The final approval of proposals, and the level of funding to be allocated to them, rests with the Grants Committee, comprising members of the Irish Youth Foundation in London and experts from Northern Ireland.

Application Form

Please complete all sections of the form.

Certain terms are used in the grant application form and the glossary below should be helpful in clarifying how these terms should be understood. The format – aims and objectives, inputs, activities, outputs and outcomes - will prove useful for project evaluation.

Inputs (parts 3 and 4 – structures and finance - of the application form) are resources a project uses to achieve its project objectives. Examples are staff, volunteers, facilities, equipment, curricula, and money. A project uses inputs to support activities.

Activities (questions 9) are what a project does with its inputs – the services it provides – to fulfil its mission. Examples are sheltering homeless youth, educating the public about signs of child abuse, providing after school clubs for children and training volunteers. Project activities result in outputs.

Outputs (question 10) are the products of a project's activities, such as the number of sessions provided, brochures distributed, or participants served. A project's outputs should produce desired outcomes for the project's participants.

Outcomes (questions 11,12,13 and 14) are the benefits for participants during or after their involvement with a project. Outcomes may relate to knowledge, skills, attitudes, values, behaviour, condition, or status. Examples of outcomes include greater knowledge of community needs, improved reading skills, more effective responses to conflict, better school attendance, and having greater financial stability.

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