



Expression of Interest Form

Please Review the Following:

 [Apply For Funding - BBC Children in Need](#)

The following statements will confirm your eligibility for funding from BBC Children in Need. By completing this section you are confirming that you understand that the information provided will be checked and if it is found to be false or fraudulent, BBC Children in Need can decline your application, withdraw any funding and/or prohibit you from applying in the future. Please read the following statements carefully and select 'yes' or 'no' as applicable.

1. We have attended a pre-application advice session?

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No

2. We are applying for funding to work towards at least one of the following outcomes:

- Preventing mental health issues
- Alleviating the impact of poverty and deprivation
- Reducing social inequity for marginalised children and young people
- Addressing the impact of family related challenges

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No

3. We have a governing body, such as Trustees or Directors, with at least three members. Please refer to our [Minimum standards for Grantmaking](#) and [A to Z Eligibility Guidance](#) for more information and support.

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No

4. We can provide a set of our most recent accounts in our organisation's name, that meets the requirements set out in BBC Children in Need's [Minimum standards for Grantmaking](#) we also meet the criteria of the Turnover policy in the [A to Z Eligibility Guidance](#).

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No

5. We have read the [A to Z Eligibility Guidance](#) and our project does not include any of the following:

- The promotion of religion
- Support for individual children or individual families
- Support for the cost of bursaries, sponsored places or subsidy for fee-charging activities at the organisation
- Pregnancy testing, advice, information and/or counselling on pregnancy choices
- Medical research or treatment
- Any element of work which occurs outside of the UK, excluding:

o Applications from Northern Ireland which include trips or holidays to the Republic of Ireland

o Applications from the Channel Islands

o Applications from the Isle of Man

- Capital or building work
- Purchasing a vehicle or fixed equipment
- Purchasing non-fixed equipment over £20,000
- Political activity or direct lobbying
- Awareness raising work with young people who are not directly disadvantaged by the issue we are focused on
- Holiday projects where there will be little involvement beyond paying for travel/accommodation
- Work that duplicates or substitutes what statutory bodies have a duty to provide

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No

6. We are not applying to fund work that has already taken place.

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No

7. As the organisation applying we will be responsible for managing and spending the grant (including salaries) and will not be transferring the grant to another organisation.

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No

8. We have a clear plan for the activities we intend to carry out and the differences these activities make for children and young people.

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No

9. We have read and we meet the [Minimum Standards for Grantmaking](#).

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No

10. We are a not-for-profit organisation and we have a governing document which says so. By not-for-profit we mean the organisation is not for profit, or has a clear clause in its governing document ensuring all income is applied to the organisation's purposes and not distributed to members, shareholders or owners. Please refer to our [Minimum standards for Grantmaking](#) and [A to Z Eligibility Guidance](#) for more information and support.

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No

11. We are applying for funding to work with children and young people aged 18 and under. Please refer to our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) to find out more about who we fund.

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No

12. We have a Child Protection or Safeguarding Policy in our own name. Please refer to our [Minimum Standards for Grantmaking](#) for more information.

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No



Organisation Information:

We have attended a pre-application advice session?*

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No

We are applying for funding to work towards at least one of the following outcomes:*

- **Preventing mental health issues**
- **Alleviating the impact of poverty and deprivation**
- **Reducing social inequity for marginalised children and young people**
- **Addressing the impact of family related challenges**

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No

Organisation Contacts

We need you to add four contacts to be associated with your application. We require:

- **Primary Contact** – the main contact for the grant
- **Alternative Contact** – a second person from your organisation who can be contacted about the grant. This must be a different person to the primary contact.
- **Treasurer Contact** – your organisation's treasurer. This person will be required to sign the grant agreement if your application is successful. We understand that for smaller organisations, the primary contact may also be the treasurer.
- **Chair Contact** – your organisation's chairperson. This person will be required to sign the grant agreement if your application is successful. We understand that for smaller organisations, the primary contact may also be the chair.

You can select people who already exist in your portal account using the drop-downs below. Additionally, you can click on Add New to add new contacts here.

Guidance on how to add contacts from your online account can be found [here](#).

Organisation Name

(Selection based on the Organisation(s) you are registered with)



Department/Location (if applicable)

(Drop down based on the Organisation(s) you are registered with)

Primary Contact

(Drop down based on the people connected with the Organisation selected – there is an option to ‘Add New’)

Alternative Contact

(Drop down based on the people connected with the Organisation selected – there is an option to ‘Add New’)

Treasurer Contact

(Drop down based on the people connected with the Organisation selected – there is an option to ‘Add New’)

Chair Contact

(Drop down based on the people connected with the Organisation selected – there is an option to ‘Add New’)

What is your organisation's annual turnover?

Please select the option that best fits your organisation's most recent, complete financial year as confirmed in your accounts. Please see our Turnover policy in our [A to Z Eligibility Guidance](#) before applying.

(Drop down)

- £0 to £10,000 a year
- £10,001 to £100,000 a year
- £100,001 to £500,000 a year
- £500,001 to £1,000,000 a year
- £1,000,001 to £2,000,000 a year: Please see our Turnover policy in our A-Z Eligibility Guidance before applying
- £2,000,001 or more a year: Please see our Turnover policy in our A-Z Eligibility Guidance before applying

Application Questions:

Will the proposed work only benefit children and young people aged 18 and under?*

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No

Where do the children and young people that you plan to work with live?*

If your work supports children and young people who live in more than one area, please select the main area first. You can add more areas after this. By "main area", we mean the Local Authority area where the majority of the children and young people live. For example, if the majority live in Brighton, you will select Brighton and Hove Council. If you are unsure of your local authority area you can check [here](#).

Please select up to five areas.

(Multi-select – Select from local authorities in the below nations/regions)

- CEN (Central)
- CN (All UK)
- LDN (London)
- NI (Northern Ireland)
- NO (North)
- SC (Scotland)
- SE (South East)
- SW (South West)
- WA (Wales)

Where will you deliver your work?*

If your work takes place in more than one area, please select the main area first. You can add more areas after this. By "main area", we mean the area in which you will carry out the most work. Please select the Local Authority area where the majority work will be undertaken. For example, if the majority of the work will take place in Brighton, you will select Brighton and Hove Council. If you are unsure of your local authority area you can check [here](#).

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Which fund would you like to apply to?*

Please refer to the definition outlined on our website [here](#). We may speak to you further if we feel your application might fit better in a different programme.

(Drop down)

- Core Grant
- Project Grant

What size of grant do you intend to apply for from BBC Children in Need per year?*

Although your budgets might not be confirmed yet, please select the option that fits best at this stage. The minimum we will consider per year is £1,000.

(Drop down)

- Over (£15,001 – £40,000 per year)
- Under (£1,000 – £15,000 per year)

What is the total amount of money that you want BBC Children in Need to fund?*

This needs to be the amount you want to apply for altogether, not a yearly amount. At this stage, the figure can be an estimate if it's not been finalised yet. Grants can be for up to three years and the minimum you can apply for is £3,000 overall (£1,000 per year minimum). The maximum you can apply for in total is £120,000. The maximum you can apply for per year is £40,000.

(Small text box – for currency/numbered answer)

How many years would you like to apply for funding for from BBC Children in Need?*

Please note you should apply for the length of grant you need. This has no bearing on success rates or funding decisions.

(Drop down)

- 1 Year
- 2 Years
- 3 Years

What issues in children and young people's lives does the work of your organisation address?*

Please select the three most relevant options from this list.

(Multi-select)

- **Area disadvantage:**
 - Local deprivation
 - Low community safety
 - Isolated location
 - Other area disadvantage
- **Behaviour or education engagement issues:**
 - Offending behaviour
 - Education barriers
 - Missing or excluded from education
 - Not in education / employment barriers (16+)
 - Other behaviour or education engagement
- **Disabled children:**
 - Learning difficulty
 - Learning disability
 - Multiple or profound disabilities
 - Autism Spectrum
 - Physical disabilities
 - Blind and partially sighted
 - Deaf and hearing loss
 - Other disabled children
- **Family-related challenges:**
 - Domestic Abuse
 - Family breakdown
 - Parental capacity issues
 - Parent in prison
 - Parental mental ill health
 - Parental substance / alcohol misuse
 - Young carers
 - Teenage parents
 - In care or experience of care
 - Families experiencing multiple challenges
 - Bereavement
 - Sibling with illness /disabled
 - Other family circumstances
- **Household poverty & housing difficulties:**
 - Household poverty
 - Material deprivation
 - In crisis
 - Homelessness, insecure and unsuitable housing
 - Other household poverty
- **Marginalised identities or nationalities:**
 - Gypsy, Roma & Traveller communities
 - Sexual Identity
 - Gender Identity
 - Faith groups

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- Black, Asian and ethnic minority
 - Migrant communities
 - Refugees and asylum seeking children and young people
 - Unaccompanied minors
 - Other marginalised group
- **Mental health and emotional wellbeing:**
 - Mental health issues
 - Emotional wellbeing issues
 - Other mental health
- **Personal harm:**
 - Emotional abuse
 - Physical abuse / violence
 - Sexual violence
 - Child sexual exploitation
 - Criminal exploitation & gangs
 - Bullying
 - Neglect
 - Intimate partner abuse
 - Other personal harm
- **Physical Health:**
 - Life limiting conditions
 - Life threatening conditions
 - Long standing illness
 - Personal health risk
 - Other medical condition / health issue
- **Other (please specify below)**

If you selected 'other' for the question above, please provide details here.*

(Small text box)

Please describe the children and young people you hope to work with, with this funding.*

Please tell us more about the issues and barriers of the children and young people. If you are applying for core funding, please tell us about the children and young people your organisation supports.

(Text box - maximum 2200 characters)

Please describe the purpose and activities of your organisation.*

Tell us about the activities and/ or services your organisation delivers. This may or may not include activities you are applying for as part of this application. If you are applying for core funding, please tell us if any of these activities will be excluded from your core funding application.

(Text box - maximum 2200 characters)

What knowledge or experience does your organisation have in working with the children and young people supported with this funding?*

Please tell us more about how you have supported children and young people with the issues and barriers outlined above and how you are well placed to do so. If this work is new to you then please explain how your organisation is well placed to offer this support.

(Text box - maximum 2200 characters)

How do you plan to use this funding?*

If you are applying for project funding, please tell us more about the work that you will deliver to support and engage the children and young people you hope to work with.

If you are applying for core funding, please describe how this funding will be spent to help you to strengthen your organisation and therefore better support children and young people.

Please ensure you link your answer back to the children and young people you support.

(Text box - maximum 2200 characters)

Does your proposed work include any of the following?

Please only tick these boxes if your application will fund work that directly addresses these areas. Do not tick this box if your work doesn't directly address these areas, even if there are children and young people attending who have experienced these challenges. If you are applying for core funding and your organisation doesn't deliver work in these areas in its output, please do not tick the boxes.

We are asking this because we require additional checks to be completed as part of the application process before we can fund this work. Please note projects that are directly working to support children and young people affected by Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE), Serious Youth Violence and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE), **are ineligible for applications under £15,000 a year.**

(Tick boxes)

Befriending/Mentoring Activity

We define mentoring or befriending as 'a voluntary, mutually beneficial and purposeful relationship, in which an individual gives time to support another to enable them to make changes in their life'. Only organisations that are providing a formal and structured arrangement are required to tick this box.

Residential/Overnight Stay

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	<p>We define a residential as an overnight stay for one or more nights.</p>
	<p>Counselling/Therapy Work</p> <p>We define this as any type of structured therapy intervention, such as, but not limited to, counselling, group therapy, play therapy, art therapy and drama therapy. Only organisations that are offering formal, professional counselling or therapy are required to tick this box.</p>
	<p>Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) Work</p> <p>Please only tick this box if you are applying to deliver work with children and young people who are actively experiencing CSE and this work directly addresses this area. Please don't tick these boxes if your work is purely preventative.</p>
	<p>Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) Work</p> <p>Please only tick this box if you are applying to deliver work with children and young people who are actively experiencing CCE and this work directly addresses this area. Please don't tick these boxes if your work is purely preventative.</p>
	<p>Serious Youth Violence</p> <p>Please only tick this box if you are applying to deliver work with children and young people who are actively experiencing Serious Youth Violence and this work directly addresses this area. Please don't tick these boxes if your work is purely preventative.</p>

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Questions:

NOTE: Please see the privacy notice below before completing this form.

BBC Children in Need: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in our grant-making.

As part of our commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion, we would like to monitor the diversity of organisations that apply for funding and hold grants with us and the diversity of those who they support. If our diversity, equity and inclusion work in our grant-making develops further we may use the information you provide to inform our grant making decisions though our use of positive action in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

We'd like to find out if your project will help groups which can sometimes be under-represented in society.

Asking you these questions will help us:



- better understand who's applying for funding
- try to reach certain groups more.

What is Diversity, Equity and Inclusion?

'Diversity' is about including various aspects of the differences between people. These differences include:

- race and ethnicity
- faith
- sexual orientation
- disability
- age
- gender

'Equity' is about fairness. If we treat everyone in the same way, funding programmes will not reach people in an equal or fair way.

'Inclusion' is about helping people feel valued. It's also about making sure they can take part in decision-making processes.

How we will use this information

BBC Children in Need will use the information we collect to monitor diversity, equity and inclusion across our funding and to report on this to our board. We will share anonymised, aggregated data externally in order to be transparent about diversity, equality and inclusion in our processes and portfolio. If our diversity, equity and inclusion work in our grant-making develops further we may also use the information you provide to inform our grant making decisions through our use of positive action in accordance with the Equality Act 2010.

If you do not wish to give us this information, please answer 'Prefer Not to Say' to each question below.

Do you consider your organisation to be diversity-led?

By diversity-led we mean that 75% or more of your Board/Management Committee, and over 50% or senior staff from diverse backgrounds. If you Board/Management Committee or senior staff belong to more than one group it is okay to answer 'Yes' to more than one category.

Are the majority of your Board/Management Committee and senior staff:

From communities experiencing ethnic or racial inequity, discrimination or inequality?*

Communities that experience inequity, discrimination or inequality as a result of their race or ethnic group. Ethnic group refers to the group that people self-identify with, which may be related to their national/geographical origin, skin colours, and other identities.

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

If you answered yes, please tell us who they are by choosing one category from this list.*

(Single select)

- **Black / African / Caribbean / Black British:**
 - Black British
 - African
 - Caribbean
 - Any other Black / African / Caribbean background
- **Mixed:**
 - White and Black
 - White and Asian
 - Any other mixed / multiple ethnic background
- **Asian / Asian British:**
 - Asian British
 - Indian
 - Pakistani
 - Bangladeshi
 - Chinese
 - Any other Asian background
- **Other group experiencing ethnic or racial inequity:**
 - Arab
 - Jewish
 - Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities
 - Any other ethnic group

Disabled people?*

People who self-identify as disabled, with particular impairments, which have a long-term impact on quality of life.

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

If you answered yes, please tell us who they are by choosing one category from this list.*

(Drop down)

- Multiple physical impairments
- Mobility Impairments

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- Visual impairments, partial sight or sight loss
- Deaf, hard of hearing or hearing loss
- Speech Impairment
- Mental Health
- Learning disability
- Learning difficulty
- Neurodiverse
- Long-standing illness or health condition
- Other type of disability or impairment

Women and girls?*

Those who identify and live as women and girls.

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

LGBTQ+ people?*

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans + people.

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

If you answered yes, please tell us who they are by choosing one category from this list.*

(Drop down)

- Bisexual Men
- Bisexual Women
- Gay men
- Lesbian/gay women
- Trans men
- Trans women
- Non-binary people
- LGBTQ+ people
- Other

Do you expect to support a diverse group of children and young people?

In the main application form we collect data on the groups of children and young people being targeted for support. Here we want to ask about the diversity backgrounds of children and young people our funding reaches (whether they are the characteristics targeted by organisations or not).

If 75% or more of the children and young people benefitting from your project are from one particular group then please answer 'Yes' in the questions below. The children and young people who benefit may come from more than one group and it is okay to answer 'Yes' to more than one category.

Are 75% or more of the children and young people you expect to reach:

From communities experiencing ethnic or racial inequity, discrimination or inequality?*

Communities that experience inequity, discrimination or inequality as a result of their race or ethnic group. Ethnic group refers to the group that people self-identify with, which may be related to their national/geographical origin, skin colours, and other identities.

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

If you answered yes, please tell us who they are by choosing one category from this list.*

(Single select)

- **Black / African / Caribbean / Black British:**
 - Black British
 - African
 - Caribbean
 - Any other Black / African / Caribbean background
- **Mixed:**
 - White and Black
 - White and Asian
 - Any other mixed / multiple ethnic background
- **Asian / Asian British:**
 - Asian British
 - Indian
 - Pakistani
 - Bangladeshi
 - Chinese
 - Any other Asian background
- **Other group experiencing ethnic or racial inequity:**
 - Arab
 - Jewish
 - Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities
 - Any other ethnic group

Disabled people?*

Disabled children and young people, with particular impairments, which have a long-term impact on the quality of their lives.

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

If you answered yes, please tell us who they are by choosing one category from this list.*

(Drop down)

- Multiple physical impairments
- Mobility Impairments
- Visual impairments, partial sight or sight loss
- Deaf, hard of hearing or hearing loss
- Speech Impairment
- Mental Health
- Learning disability
- Learning difficulty
- Neurodiverse
- Long-standing illness or health condition
- Other type of disability or impairment

Women and girls?*

Those who identify and live as women and girls.

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

LGBTQ+ people?*

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans + young people.

(Drop down)

- Yes
- No
- Prefer not to say

If you answered yes, please tell us who they are by choosing one category from this list.*

(Drop down)

- Bisexual females
- Bisexual males

- Gay males
- Lesbian/gay females
- Trans females
- Trans males
- Non-binary people
- LGBTQ+ people
- Other

Privacy Notice in relation to the above questions

Wherever possible we collect the above information in a way that means we won't be able to identify individuals. Sometimes this isn't possible (because for example an applicant has a small senior management team) therefore we have carefully considered the privacy implications of collecting this information and want to share this with you to give you confidence in our processes and explain what safeguards we have put in place to ensure this data will only be used for the reasons set out above.

Please make all your trustees and senior management aware of this privacy notice as it explains how we use their data too.

This information will be recorded on our grant management system for a period of nine months so it is available for grant-making decisions (if applicable), analysis, and reporting. This data will then be removed from your record in our grant management system, but the system will keep a copy of the full application form in accordance with our retention policy (an extract of which is available on request).

The removed data will be kept securely in a separate system with access restricted to those who need the information for analysis purposes. We will also collate answers to these questions in an aggregated, anonymous way (so individuals cannot be identified) for analysis purposes. All data will be retained in accordance with our retention policies (an extract of which is available on request) and kept in line with our Special Category Data Policy (available on request).

We want you to know that we have a legal basis for collecting and using this information in the ways explained above. It is in our legitimate interests to try to ensure we identify or keep under review the existence or absence of equality of opportunity or treatment between groups of people, with a view to enabling such equality to be promoted or maintained, and to try to ensure we achieve fuller and more effective equality outcomes for groups of people with protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010. There is also a substantial public interest reason in us doing this.

This information will be shared in accordance with our normal grant processes as set out [here](#).

If you do not feel comfortable providing the above information, please choose 'Prefer Not to Say'. If you change your mind, do let us know by contacting cin.legal@bbc.co.uk.



Applicant's Declaration:

I confirm that I have the authority to submit an application to BBC Children in Need on behalf of my organisation and that all details provided are correct to the best of my knowledge.

(Two tick boxes)

- By ticking this box I confirm that I have read and agree to 'Applicant's Declaration' above and that I have brought [the privacy notice](#) to the attention of all people whose personal information I have shared with BBC Children in Need in this application and that I will let BBC Children in Need know if my or their information changes.
- I confirm that I have checked through the application and I have not disclosed any unnecessary personal information or any personal information about children and young people or any information which when coupled with other information could lead to the identification of a child or young person.

For details of how we use personal information please see [our privacy notice](#).