



Frequently asked questions

Adventures Away from Home

Who are UK Youth?

UK Youth is a leading charity that exists to ensure all young people are equipped to thrive and empowered to contribute at every stage of their lives. We work with others to ensure that the youth sector is strengthened, supported, and that provision is youth-led, evidence-informed and delivers high-quality outcomes.

UK Youth plays a unique role in addressing; the lack of investment in the youth sector, the lack of cross-sector understanding in how youth work makes a difference and the limited opportunities to embed effective solutions. These factors lead to mass inequality of access to youth services for young people.

Working through networks of youth organisations and supporters, we galvanise a movement of people to support our shared vision. The UK Youth Network has a collective reach of over 8,300 youth organisations.

Why do I have to register before making an application?

You must be registered on our website to access the application form. This ensures we have a record of all organisations who apply for our funding. It also allows us to keep our grant applications as simple as possible, since you will already have provided key information about your organisation during the registration process.

I'm having trouble completing the form - can I ring UK Youth for help?

Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to respond to incoming calls. The quickest way to get the help you need is to email outdoorlearning@ukyouth.org with your query. This inbox is monitored 9am - 5pm every weekday and if you title your email '**Support Needed**', we will get back to you within 24 hours.

Can you help me apply for funding / I have accessibility requirements and require a different format or additional support?

UK Youth are committed to making our grant funding accessible to all applicants. Please contact us if you require additional support. Please email outdoorlearning@ukyouth.org with '**Accessibility**' in the subject line and we will prioritise responding to your request. It is our intention to remove all barriers that may prevent an organisation from completing the questionnaire so do not hesitate to get in touch if you require additional support.

Do I have to complete the application form in one go?

We have tried to make the application form as simple as possible with only 10 questions. We recommend having your organisation contact information and to have considered how many funded places you would like to apply for before you start.

In addition, the form has a 'Save for later' feature you can use to save your work and return to your application later. You must click 'Save for later' to save your progress. You will need to answer each question in order to navigate through the application form. However, you can go back and edit your responses before you submit.

To resume an application you have already started, please go to 'Grants and programmes' and select 'Continue application'. You may be prompted to the beginning of the application form, but information you have already entered will appear as you click through the form.

When is the deadline for the application?

The closing date is 9am Monday 27th February.

Following the initial assessment round, should available funds remain we may reopen the application window for a second round of assessments, but this is not guaranteed so we strongly encourage everyone to complete their application by 27 February.

Who is eligible to be considered for funding?

- You have authority to make this application for funding on behalf of your organisation.
- Applicant must be based and delivering in England.
- Applicant must be a charitable or not for profit organisation and can provide a governing document stating this.
- Applicant organisation must have as its primary purpose the provision of services benefiting young people.

- Applicant organisation must have been in operation for at least 2 years.
- Applicant organisations must hold external quality assurance certification for example Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) quality badge, AALA or AHOEC Gold standard. Please note: Successful applicants will be required to submit valid certificates as part of the verification process.
- Applicant organisation must hold public liability and indemnity insurance of no less than £5M. Please note successful applicants will be required to submit valid certificates as part of the verification process.
- Applicant organisations must comply with the Equality Act 2010, the General Data Protection Regulation 2018 and Data Protection Act 2018, Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 and all other relevant statutory or regulatory requirements.
- Applicants that are successful and receive a grant must commit to support data capture to support impact reporting and submit 5 photos of delivery as part of their final report.

Those who are successful awarded funding will need to provide bank account details as we will only be able to pay money into a valid UK bank account.

How much funding will you be awarding overall?

We currently have an available funding pot of £470,000.

How much funding can I apply for?

There are no maximum or minimum caps on the amount each organisation can apply for, however preference will be given to organisations who can demonstrate they have the capacity and capability, given the timescale, to achieve their funding ask.

What if I apply for 25 places and only deliver 23 places?

We accept that there may be last minute changes to the number of young people planning to attend. Payment will be made based on the numbers initially submitted in your application form or written in your SLA if an alternative figure is agreed. Minor changes should be discussed with us as soon as is practically possible and will be looked at on a case by case basis. Significant changes should be flagged immediately as you will be required to either return the proportionate amount of funding for the undelivered places, or seek alternative young people to fill the initially agreed places. UK Youth may be able to support finding replacement groups through our Movement network but cannot guarantee this and all delivery including rescheduled dates must be completed by 16 April 2023.

What does the funding cover and how can I tailor the programme to my organisation's delivery expertise or capacity?

We want to acknowledge the breadth of outdoor learning venues across England and therefore there are no set activities listed as essential within the criteria, but the criteria instead focuses on the learning outcomes gained from the experience.

Day visit Essential Funding Criteria:

- Represent value for money by including a minimum of 5 hours direct engagement time with experienced facilitators/instructors in a green space or outdoor environment using the values of experiential learning.
- Every young person is provided with a meal as part of their experience.
- Each programme strives for excellence and has clear learning outcomes linked to our data impact criteria. Programmes should follow the principles of; inclusivity, respect for the natural

environment and promote courage, curiosity and celebrate participation.

- Instructor/facilitator ratio is appropriate to the activity taking place and aligned to NGB guidelines where appropriate.

Residential Essential Funding Criteria:

- Represent value for money by including a minimum of 12 hours direct engagement time with experienced facilitators/instructors in a green space or outdoor environment using the values of experiential learning.
- Every young person is provided with full board accommodation across the duration of their 2-night stay. This should at a minimum include 6 meals of which two must be hot meals.
- Each programme strives for excellence and has clear learning outcomes linked to our data impact criteria. Programmes should follow the principles of; inclusivity, respect for the natural environment and promote courage, curiosity and celebrate participation.
- Instructor/facilitator ratio is appropriate to the activity taking place and aligned to NGB guidelines where appropriate.

These are **minimum benchmark criteria** and funding assessments will look to ensure that each organisation meets or exceeds these criteria.

Safeguarding & Health and Safety Requirements?

All organisations must hold at least one externally verified and assessed quality assurance certification which includes a review of your safeguarding and Health and Safety policies and procedures. All organisations should comply with their own procedures throughout the delivery of this programme however if there is a major H&S or Safeguarding incident directly linked to the delivery of this programme we require organisations to report this to us within 24 hours. We also reserve the right to conduct in person quality assurance checks during your delivery window which will be agreed at least one week in advance at a mutually agreed date and time.

Do I have to be part of the UK Youth Movement to apply?

No, but we encourage all applicants to sign up to the UK Youth Movement newsletter to become part of a network that shares opportunities for young people and the youth sector, gaining free access to events, campaigns, training, peer support, themed networks and programmes. We'll keep you up to date on all of these opportunities through our optional fortnightly newsletter. Using our connections across the UK Youth Movement we may also be able to signpost youth organisations to your provision, if you would be interested in this please email outdoorlearning@ukyouth.org and title your email 'connections'.

Why do I have to hold a Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) quality badge, AALA or AHEC Gold standard?

Applicant organisation must have appropriate processes and policies in place to keep young people safe including a Safeguarding and Health & Safety Policy. Given the timescale for this funding we have specified all organisations should hold one of the afore mentioned external accreditations. Confirmation of your valid certificate will form part of our due diligence and compliance checks for all organisations awarded a grant and funding will not be paid until these have been completed.

When will I receive notification on the outcome of my application and when could I receive the funding?

All successful applicants who have submitted their application prior to 9am on the 27th February 2023

will receive confirmation of their funding grant by no later than 5pm 3rd March 2023.

Once you have been notified of a successful grant application, we will send you a grant agreement for you to sign and return so that your grant payment can be made. Typically, we will make payment within two weeks of receiving your signed grant agreement.

When does the grant have to be spent by?

Payment will be made on receipt of your signed grant agreement and all delivery must be complete by 16 April 2023.

What reporting requirements will there be?

We want the reporting requirements to be proportional to the size of the grant. Therefore, we will be asking for you to complete a short online reporting form which will be provided to all successful applicants and must be completed within 7 days of your delivery end date.

We will want to know how you have used the grant, the impact your programme(s) have had on the young people who accessed this funding

We also want to maximise the opportunity to spotlight and showcase the work of outdoor learning provision and will ask each organisation to submit 5 photos of their delivery in action. We will also be looking for case studies and organisations who are willing to create digital content we can use to demonstrate the impact of youth work. Any organisation in receipt of funding of more than £10,000 will be asked to submit one short case study or similar.

Where has the money come from?

This is part of UK Youth's campaign to raise awareness of the devastating impact the cost-of-living crisis is having on youth organisations and young people.

UK Youth has established 'Adventures away from Home' in partnership with DCMS to offer disadvantaged young people aged 11 to 18 opportunities to engage in outdoor learning experiences that positively affect all key areas of development through connections with others and nature, experiencing a challenging but safe space to develop resilience and self-confidence, and creating a positive and joyful experience with physical activity.

Can I make more than one application?

Only one application per organisation can be made, however each organisation can apply for both residential and day visit funding.

Organisations with more than one centre should apply centrally, unless each centre is operated independently. If in doubt, please contact outdoorlearning@ukyouth.org so we can advise prior to submitting your application.

Can I apply on behalf of an organisation?

You must confirm that you have authority to apply for this funding.

What age range do we have to support to be eligible for this funding?

The fund is targeted at young people aged 11-18.

I've made a mistake on the form I completed. Can I amend it?

Please check your application thoroughly before submitting. However, we understand these things happen. Please email outdoorlearning@ukyouth.org with the words '**error correction**' in the title and include the correct information in the body of your email. This updated information must be submitted via email before the closing deadline and we will do our best to match this to your submission ensuring we have the correct information to review.

Will you fund organisations that have started operating from this year?

No. Your organisation must have been operational for at least two years.

Can we apply if our organisation does not have a website?

Yes, technically you can still apply to the fund if you do not have a website, but we would need to still be able to undertake all our compliance checks before grant funding is paid.

Will I get feedback if I am unsuccessful?

No. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources to provide individual feedback. But we will notify all applicants on the outcome of your application.

Who will make the funding decisions?

All eligible submissions will be assessed by a grant panel following a clear scoring framework.

The funding is targeted at disadvantaged young people, what definition of disadvantage are you using to define who is eligible?

As part of the funding application form you will be asked to outline the groups of young people that you plan to target with this funding. This includes young people who are; affected by Mental health, BESD (Behavioural, Emotional and Social Difficulties), Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic Communities, Currently, or at risk of being NEET, Disabled Young People, Young people with experience of the Care System or experiencing or at risk of Criminal Justice System, have SEND (Special educational needs and disabilities), Homeless Young People, LGBTQI+, Low-Income Families, Refugee or Asylum Seekers, Rural Isolation, Traveller Community, Young Carers and Young Parents. Whilst this list is quite comprehensive we accept there are other groups of young people experiencing disadvantage so we have included other as an alternative option and would simply ask that you provide a compelling case as part of your application narrative.

How will we make funding decisions?

Applications that meet the eligibility criteria and have submitted all requested information, will be assessed against the following:

- Capacity & Credibility of the organisation
- The content of the programme and its ability to provide meaningful learning outcomes for young people.
- Value for money

The fund overall will look to demonstrate the breadth of activity taking place in the sector so collectively the successful applications will demonstrate diversity amongst:

- activities undertaken
- young people reached (including how they are disadvantaged) and
- a good level of geographical split.

Can I appeal the decision?

No, decisions cannot be appealed.