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YOUNG CHANGE MAKER GRANT

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Hi, welcome to this Information pack! Here you will find everything you need to know about the Young Change Maker Grant scheme. If you have any questions, please get in touch at lizzy.brothers@plan-uk.org. I can't wait to see your ideas, good luck!

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A BIT ABOUT PLAN INTERNATIONAL UK AND CHILD FRIENDLY CARDIFF



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Plan International UK is a global children's charity. We are committed to ensuring that girls' rights globally are upheld and that the voices of young people and those working with them are at the heart of decisions that affect their lives.

Cardiff is the first city in Wales to participate in the UK committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK)'s national **Child Friendly**



Cities and Communities initiative. Our ambition is for Cardiff to be recognised as a Child Friendly City (CFC): a city with children and young people at its heart, where the rights of children and young people are respected by all, a great place to grow up.

Plan International UK and Child Friendly Cardiff have partnered on this grant scheme offering young people who have project ideas to help create a more equal Cardiff funding and support to make their ideas a reality.

Sadly, we know that girls and young people are facing a number of challenges that can hold them back in school, careers, everyday life and preventing them from just being who they are. If you want to understand more about some of these issues Plan International UK have carried out research in Wales that you [can read here](#).

If knowing about these challenges inspires you to make a difference, then we want to hear from you! This grant pack is designed to provide more detailed information about how, who and what we will fund as well as a detailed and inclusive grant and application process.



WHO WILL WE FUND?

As part of this grant scheme we want to directly fund young people's creative and ground-breaking ideas that will make Cardiff a more equal city.

We will accept applications from youth organisations who are supporting the young people's idea, but the project must be led by young people and youth workers are working on this project in a supporting capacity.

We are particularly interested in ideas that:

- Empower young people to tackle gender inequalities in Cardiff
- Raise awareness of issues faced by girls and young women in Cardiff
- Social action or campaigns around gender equality
- Make Cardiff a more equal place
- Work to raise the voices of young people from marginalised groups
- Promote positive masculinity
- Come from minoritised young people – particularly those who identify themselves part of the LGBTQI+, BAME, Gypsy Roma communities, who are young carers, disabled young people, survivors, or any other groups who experience oppression

What we can't fund:

- Student fees/bursaries
- Projects taking place outside of Cardiff. You can live outside of Cardiff but your project must be for the benefit of the City of Cardiff.
- A salary for the project – we won't pay for your time to run this project
- Individuals' campaigns for elected positions i.e., running for Member of the Senedd, Local Councillor, SU president etc.
- Projects/ ideas that do not align with Plan International UK and Child Friendly Cardiff's values



To apply you must:

- Be aged between 13-24 years old
- Those under the age of 16, must have a responsible adult on the project who will receive funds into their bank account
- Be a project led by young people, organisations are welcome to apply but only as a source of support to the young people leading the project
- Ensure that you project benefits the City of Cardiff

OUR GRANTS!

What are we offering you?

- ✔ We will provide you a grant of up to 1000, to run a project to help make Cardiff a more equal city
- ✔ We will hold an inspire day that will provide training and support on campaigning and advocacy, girls rights, project and money management
- ✔ We will support you to raise awareness of your project and celebrate the work you are doing
- ✔ 1-2-1 support with Lizzy, our project coordinator, who will be your grants manager that you can go to at any time for help and advice.
- ✔ A celebration event to showcase your great work

What do you need to commit to?

If you are successful, you will need to commit to a few things.

- ✔ Attend an inspire day where we will bring all Young Change Makers together to learn more about project management and get to meet other young people with similar values to you. We will help fund transport for you to be able to attend
- ✔ Completed your project by April 2024 at the latest
- ✔ Provide two simple finance reporting sheets, to show how you spent your money. One is required mid-way through and one at the end of the project.
- ✔ Attend the celebration event to show off your amazing projects and celebrate with peers and professionals.

Plan International UK is committed to support all the young people who become change makers. We will work closely with you and build a great working relationship so that you can come to us at any time with any issues, challenges or highlights you would like to share. Your grant manager will support you to solve any of these challenges and be there throughout the project.

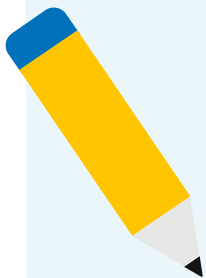


TOP TIPS FOR FILLING OUT YOUR APPLICATION FORM!



What you will need before you start:

- **Your idea:** what you want to do? What is your project that will make Cardiff a more equal place, and what you think the impact of your project will be.
- **If you are under 16 you must have a responsible adult** who is able to receive the money into their bank account. This could be a youth worker, organisation, parent or carer.
- **All young people under 18 must have consent from parent, guardian, or support worker.**
- An idea of **how much your project will cost**, what are you going to spend the money on



How to apply

You can find the online application form on **Child Friendly Cardiff Website**.

You can either complete the written application via online form or record yourself answering the questions and send the video to lizzy.brothers@plan-uk.org

If you need any help or support to complete your application, then please contact Lizzy Brothers, on lizzy.brothers@plan-uk.org

APPLY NOW



The application questions

1. Project Name

Come up with something fun and empowering!

2. Tell us about you

In this section tell us about what you are passionate about and why? You could also let us know why you have applied for this grant and what drives you to make change.

- a. **Have you ever received funding for running a project before? If yes, please tell us a little about that project, how much and who from**
- b. **How do you hope to use this funding differently?**

3. What is the problem you would like to tackle and why?

In this section we would like you to tell us about the thing you want to change and why?



The problem I would like to tackle is....

This problem is an issue because....

This means that.....

This problem is in my school/community/youth club etc.

It would be even better if you can provide evidence of the problem



Maybe you have seen some facts and figures, or from conducting your own mini research from talking to the people you want to work with.

4. Tell us about your idea to tackle this issue.



To tackle this issue, I will...

Who will it help? Young people/ adults/ community members/ everyone?

How many people will you help?

Where are you going to tackle this issue? School? Community? Youth Club? Etc?

5. How will your project make Cardiff a more equal place?



What will the impact be on the community?

What change will happen?

How will your project benefit young people?

6. We need a bit of a budget from you, below is a bit of an example



Venue hire for 2 days – £300

Catering for 20 people = £200

Materials = £50

Equipment, microphone, camera = £300



Useful hints!

- Tell us as much as you can about your idea. Tell us about the issue, how your project tackles the issue, who will this help, and how will it help.
- Make sure you explain how this helps young people in your community. Always keep thinking about how this will make Cardiff a more equal place
- Be bold, creative, and ground-breaking
- Make sure you have asked consent from an adult if you are under 18
- You can always write your answers out in a word document before and paste them into the form when you are happy with it.

FAQs

1. Do I have to apply for the full amount?

No, these grants are up to £1000 do not feel like you must apply for the full amount if you do not need it.

2. If I applied for Young Change Maker grants before, can I apply again?

Yes! As long as you run the project in Cardiff.

3. If some training days take place in school time, can I still come?

Yes, we will work with your parent/guardians and the school to make sure you are able to attend workshops and events if they are in school time. We think this is a great learning opportunity so we are sure schools will be supportive!

4. If I do not spend all the money, will I have to give it back?

We will work with you to help you manage your budget, we will pay you in two instalments and check in with you to help make sure you can make best use of all the money provided to your project

5. If I buy equipment for my project, do I have to give it back to Plan International UK?

No, if you purchase equipment that helps you deliver your project, you will be able to keep it. We expect that it will help you to continue your work and leave a legacy with you. If, however, you have not used equipment purchased for the project then we may ask for it.

6. Do I have to keep finance information and receipts?

Yes, but do not worry – it is super easy! We have created a spread sheet for you to use and we will show you how to fill it out on the inspire day.

7. How often will I need to complete the budget form.

Only twice!

8. When will I get the money?

Plan International UK will work with you to create a terms and conditions in which we will set out your payment plan. We would like to pay you in two instalments, one at the start of the project, and then another halfway through. We will need to have your first finance reporting complete before giving you the other half of the money, but do not worry we will support you!

9. What is the timeline?





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