



Irish Youth Foundation (UK) Limited

Grant Application Guidelines for Community/Youth Projects based in Northern Ireland

Application forms and guidelines for grant applications for 2025 are now available for community groups and voluntary organisations in Northern Ireland that prioritise work with young people. Please read the guidelines before completing the application form.

The deadline for submissions is **Monday 28 July 2025**

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 2025**.

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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 **Monday 28 July 2025**. Late applications will not be considered. We expect to notify successful applicants in **September 2025**.

People with disabilities who require assistance with completing this application form should contact the Irish Youth Foundation at their earliest opportunity.

Purpose of the grants

Projects in Northern Ireland should have a non-formal educational purpose and approach and contribute to good relations within and across communities. The following are priority areas: **youth work, good relations and inclusion**.

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 and matches the criteria of IYF (UK).

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 (part 1 of application)
- ☐ Purpose of the grant (part 2 of application, question 7)
- ☐ Need for the proposed project (part 2 of application, question 8)
- ☐ Outcomes and impact (part 2 of application, question 9)
- ☐ Relevance to IYF (UK) priority for Northern Ireland (part 2 of application, question 11)

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 qualified assessors from across the sector in Northern Ireland.

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