

## **Empowerment**

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# **Explore New Horizons, Aspire and Navigate Changes through English (ENHANCE)**

## **Call for Proposals**

25 June 2026

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## About the Programme

Through English language and related life skills development, our Empowerment global programme builds resilience and provides agency and voice for young people who may have been displaced, affected by conflict, and/or are from disadvantaged backgrounds or isolated communities. Empowerment is seen as a spectrum, and while language skills alone can't overcome structural obstacles, they are vital for advocating for rights and change by marginalised communities.

Explore New Horizons, Aspire and Navigate Changes through English (ENHANCE) programme is designed specifically to encourage young Ukrainians to use English and other life skills to communicate with each other and the outside world and build resilience, confidence and hope through creative project activities.

The British Council is seeking to award grants to individuals and organisations to develop and deliver creative, educational, and innovative projects that use English as a life skill and as a tool for engagement. The projects should aim to empower and support children and young people affected by conflict and/or displacement in Ukraine, with a particular focus on benefiting vulnerable groups and communities.

The most successful project proposals will be awarded with grants value up to GBP15,000.

## Who can apply?

The grant scheme is open to individuals, groups, and organisations based in Ukraine or the UK with the ability and capacity to implement projects and deliver activities in Ukraine. Joint applications and partnerships are welcomed.

Applicants must have experience working with young Ukrainians on English or education projects and be able to demonstrate this. Organisations or individuals with experience providing psychosocial support are also strongly encouraged to apply.

We welcome applications from a diverse range of organisations and individuals. Diversity of applicants, project approaches, and target groups will be considered in the selection process, alongside geographical reach.

## Essential Criteria

- The applicant must have experience working with young Ukrainians on English or education projects.
- The proposal must target a vulnerable group in Ukraine that the applicant is familiar with and able to work with.
- The proposal must be educational in nature, include English component and designed of creative activities for young people to support their empowerment and life skills development.
- Projects which impact high number of beneficiaries will be favourably considered.

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- Equality, diversity, gender and inclusion principles should be mainstreamed in the proposal.

### **Application Requirements**

- Applications must be submitted in Ukrainian or English.
- Applicants must submit a clear project proposal outlining objectives and activities to achieve the expected outcomes.
- Proposals should demonstrate how the project will use English and creative activities to support the empowerment and life skills development of young people.
- Applicants must include information on their experience working with young Ukrainians and their ability to deliver the proposed activities.
- Applications must include a basic implementation plan and budget.
- All applications must demonstrate how equality, diversity, and inclusion principles will be integrated into the project design and delivery.

### **Timeline**

- Launch of call for proposals: 25 June 2026
- Clarification emails submitted by 01 July 2026, answered by 05 July 2026
- Proposal submission deadline: 26 July 2026, by 18:00 Kyiv time
- Selection is done by 10 August 2026
- Selection: successful applicants will be notified by 15 August 2026
- Final agreements signed by 01 September 2026
- Projects to be completed by end of March 2027
- Final impact reports to be submitted by end of April 2027

### **Selection criteria**

All received applications will be reviewed against the following criteria:

- Eligibility – does the application meet all the essential criteria?
- Feasibility – is the proposal clear and well developed? Is the timeline and budget reasonable?
- Creativity – does the project respond creatively to the needs of young Ukrainians?
- Potential for impact – does the project have clear outcomes and outputs that will have a lasting impact?
- Expertise and experience – does the applicant have a proven track record in English and education? Does the applicant have the needed skills and experience to implement the project?

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## Conflict of Interest

The applicants must confirm in their proposal form that there are no existing conflicts of interest relating to the grant, or any other professional or personal circumstances that might affect the fulfilment of the grant activity.

The selected Grantee must also declare any potential conflicts of interest which arise during the grant activity. Should any conflict of interest arise which was known about but not declared at the time of the application, the British Council may terminate the contract.

## How to apply

To apply, please send the items listed below in an email to [ep\\_team@britishcouncil.org.ua](mailto:ep_team@britishcouncil.org.ua) with the subject “**ENHANCE**” no later than 26 July 2026 at 18:00 Kyiv time.

- Please submit your proposal using the provided template (available in both Ukrainian and English in the file "Project Proposal template\_ ENHANCE Grant 2026" below). The proposal should address the following points:
  - A general narrative of the project explaining how it responds to the needs of young Ukrainians, how it will be delivered and its expected impact.
  - Project objectives, outcomes and outputs
  - Timeline with key milestones
  - Target audience (number of beneficiaries, age group, location etc.)
  - Estimated budget
  - Project team – a list of roles and people who will work on the project; the project lead must be stated clearly.
  - Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning
  - Conflict of interest.
- Risk management plan – this should include identification of risks and mitigations.
- Budget breakdown – this should include enough detail to demonstrate feasibility and value for money; a more detailed itemised budget will be requested at a later stage if successful.
- Evidence of relevant knowledge, skills and experience: This should include an organisational profile and CVs (not more than 1 page each) of the project team. Supporting evidence such as case studies, project reports, or links to relevant work can also be included.
- Child protection policy if planning to work with individuals under the age of 18.

## Important notes

- The British Council may request minor changes to the proposal before proceeding with the final agreement or may request that the scope be modified to fit a lower budget.

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- The grant may be used to contribute to a larger project/initiative that has other funding sources. In this case, details of that project must also be included with clarification on what this grant would be used for and how it would add to the impact of the project as a whole.
  - All successful applicants will be asked to complete documents to aid in the monitoring and evaluation of the programme. This will include a monthly progress form, a final impact report and a financial report. Further guidance will be provided to successful applicants.
  - Equality, diversity, gender and inclusion support the British Council's work across the world. We aim to develop inclusive programmes and projects that bring together people with different experiences and backgrounds. For more information about our EDI policy and strategy: <https://www.britishcouncil.org/about-us/our-values/equality-diversity-inclusion>.
  - The British Council is committed to upholding the rights of children and adults at risk and to promoting their wellbeing, in accordance with all applicable legislation and statutory guidance relevant to the safeguarding and protection of children and adults at risk. We have a comprehensive Safeguarding Policy (and Procedures) which identify our approach to safeguarding and the actions we take to protect children and adults at risk.
  - If the proposal involves children (anybody under the age of 18), the applicant must be an organisation with a child protection policy in place and a copy of this policy must be included with the application.
  - All successful applicants will need to take mandatory safeguarding training, abide by the British Council Safeguarding policy and Code of Conduct, and risk assessments will have to be conducted prior to every activity/event.

## Data protection

The British Council complies with data protection law in the UK and laws in other countries that meet internationally accepted standards. You have the right to ask for a copy of the information we hold on you and the right to ask us to correct any inaccurate information, all under UK data protection law.

If you have concerns about how we have used your personal information, you also have the right to complain to a privacy regulator.

If you want more information about this, please, contact us at the British Council's Data Protection Team: [dataprotection@britishcouncil.org](mailto:dataprotection@britishcouncil.org) or see our website: <https://www.britishcouncil.org/privacy-cookies/data-protection>