

## Grant call for

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**Executive Partner to conduct an Ideathon within the programme  
“Youth Connect for Ukraine”**

08 January 2026

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# Instructions

## 1 About the call for partners

### About the project

**Youth Connect for Ukraine** aims to support young Ukrainians to lead fulfilling and purposeful lives now, wherever they are living as active members of their current communities and prepare them to provide leadership in a reconstructed Ukraine, as part of a wider European network. We are designing training and activities to build leadership attributes that are needed in times of disruption and to support present and future social cohesion.

We believe that IF young Ukrainians are exposed to training, networks, social support structures and skills, AND these opportunities are embedded in a strong value base and delivered in a sensitive way, THEN young Ukrainians will have the attitudes, skills, and competences to demonstrate contemporary leadership in ways that contribute to social cohesion.

The program for 2023-2024 took place in Ukraine, Romania, Poland and Czech Republic. Participants included individuals currently in Ukraine, those who were internally displaced, and residents of Romania, Poland and Czech Republic. In Ukraine, events were held in three cities in the western part of the country: Lviv, Lutsk, and Ternopil.

For the 2024-2025 period, six POP-UP events were organized in Lviv, Kyiv, Vinnytsia, Chernihiv, Uzhhorod, and Kropyvnytskyi. In the 2025-2026 period, six POP-UP events were delivered in Lviv, Haivoron, Berezan, Poltava, Ivano-Frankivsk, and Kyiv.

Pop-up Youth Centres are at the heart of Youth Connect for Ukraine. They provide a space and vehicle to gather young people, partners, and stakeholders for an exciting five days of activities - to meet, learn, develop, exchange, get support and build positive relationships.

### Project objective

Strengthen young people's leadership qualities, teach them effective interaction, and provide them with tools for developing social activism so that young people can not only adapt to complex realities, but also participate in building the future.

### Grant call objective

Select an executive partner to conduct an Ideathon among graduates of the British Council's Youth Connect for Ukraine programme in Ukraine.

### How to apply

To apply, please read the call details below and fill in the [online Form](#).

For more details about the events within the programme, follow the link [«Youth Connect for Ukraine»](#).

If you have any additional questions or requests for clarification, please send an email to [arsen.kelichavyi@britishcouncil.org](mailto:arsen.kelichavyi@britishcouncil.org) with the subject line “EXECUTIVE PARTNER IDEATHON”.

**Application deadline**

28 January 2026 inclusive

## 2 Call for partners description

Within the framework of the call, an executive partner will be selected to conduct the Youth Connect for Ukraine programme's Ideathon during February–March 2026.

**The Youth Connect for Ukraine Ideathon will be held in a hybrid (online and offline) format.**

**Target audience** – participants in youth leadership training courses within the Youth Connect for Ukraine project.

The estimated number of participants is **40 people**.

**The Ideathon** is expected to be held in a face-to-face format during February–March 2026 and will last **3–5 days**. Additional events may also be held online. Implementation of participants' projects March–June 2026.

**The executive partner will be involved in such activities:**

1. Developing a concept for events, their themes, format of participation, involvement of facilitators, experts, mentors, etc. (**note:** specialists who are part of the British Council network are invited to participate as facilitators);
2. Supporting the Ideaton promotion campaign to attract participants;
3. Involvement in the selection of participants;
4. Communication with selected participants and approval of their participation;
5. Engaging, coordinating and paying facilitators, experts and mentors in accordance with British Council Ukraine procedures, policies and requirements;
6. Ensuring compliance with all safety measures throughout the project;
7. Holding the Youth Connect for Ukraine Ideathon event for approximately 40 participants;
8. Providing effective communication and advisory support to participants during the Youth Connect for Ukraine Ideathon;
9. Administration, financial and consulting support for winning projects of the Youth Connect for Ukraine Ideathon;
10. Preparation and submission of descriptive and financial reports to the British Council.
11. Ensuring effective cooperation with the British Council at all stages of the project implementation.

## 3 Application requirements

To participate in the call, the organisation must complete an application form, describing the concept of the Youth Connect for Ukraine Ideathon, previous experience, organisational capacity and providing a budget.

**The maximum grant amount for project implementation is 950 000 UAH, which includes the budget for the winners' projects – the maximum of 300 000 UAH – and expenses related to the organisation and conduct of events – the maximum of 650 000 UAH.**

1. A grant to an executive partner may cover the costs of:

- Project management and administrative support;
- Promotional campaign and communication;
- Technical support for the project and events;
- Travel, accommodation and meals for participants during the face-to-face event;
- Fees for facilitators, experts, mentors;
- Branded products for participants (no more than 20,000 UAH)
- Administrative expenses (bank fees, paper, stationery, cartridge refills, postal services);
- Financing and administration of social initiatives of event participants.

2. The following shall not be financed within the scope of the grant to the executive partner:

- purchase of office equipment (e.g., laptop, projector, printer, other office equipment, etc.), alcohol;
- office rental costs, current organisational expenses (e.g. mobile phone top-ups, Internet service provider fees, etc.);
- language learning;
- salaries of civil servants;
- expenses for outdoor advertising and payment for publications in the media;
- programmes with a commercial purpose.

**Remuneration for Freelance Managing and Facilitation Work within the British Council's NFE Programmes in Ukraine**

| <b>No</b> | <b>Type of Work</b>   | <b>Description of Work</b>   | <b>Amount per day, GBP</b> |
|-----------|-----------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 1         | Project Manager       | Planning, overall management, leading the team, monitoring, reporting, budget management, safeguarding, strategic thinking, time management  | 90                         |
| 2         | Facilitator/Mentor    | Content development, preparation, training delivery, consultation, mentoring, reporting  | 90                         |
| 3         | Communication Manager | Public Relations and Marketing Communications, collaboration, planning, effective communication with stakeholders, partners, target audience | 60                         |

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| 4 | Project Assistant | Support with the preparation of project plans, ensuring quality and results, provides assistance in the maintenance of financial records, assists in the procurement of goods and services, assists in writing reports and other project-related documentation | 45 |
| 5 | Accountant        | Proceeding with payments, ensuring the accuracy of financial documents, collecting financial data and documents, reporting   | 45 |

### Notes

1. Each assignment involving the above activities will be defined in a specific grant or services contract (which may include other activities also) and which will define the number of days payable for each activity.
2. The above activities may be funded by the British Council and/or by other funders through the British Council; details of each contractual requirement (except the daily rate) may vary depending on the specific programme and/or funder concerned.
3. "Day" will mean 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. local time, Monday to Sunday, (depending on the tasks required for each assignment, but not more than 5 working days per week).
4. All rates are gross, and trainers/experts are solely responsible for payment of their own taxes.
5. All remuneration will be made in UAH based on the exchange rate system defined in the specific contract for the assignment.

The detailed budget breakdown will be agreed between the British Council team and the selected Organizer.

## 4 Terms and conditions of call participation

To participate in the call, you need:

1. Be a **non-governmental organisation** that has been working in the youth sector for **at least three years** in Ukraine.
2. Be a registered legal entity with the ability to receive and administer grants (charitable contributions) to the organisation's own account.
3. Have expertise and previous experience in organising events for young people, implementing sub-granting, working with the specified topics and target audience.

## 5 Calendar plan

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| Call for partner announcement                     | 08 January 2026       |
| Deadline for applications                         | 28 January 2026       |
| Announcement of results                           | 06 February 2026      |
| Interim report to the British Council             | until 15 March 2026   |
| Holding of the Youth Connect for Ukraine Ideathon | February – March 2026 |
| Final report to the British Council               | until 31 July 2026    |

## 6 Contents of the grant application

The application must describe the following aspects:

- Concept and methodology of conducting Ideathon (maximum 300 words);
- Expertise, organisational capacity and previous experience working with the target audience and in the programme implementation area (maximum 200 words);
- How will the safety of participants and organisers be ensured during Ideathon events (maximum 100 words)?
- How environmental, gender and inclusive aspects will be taken into account in the implementation of the programme (maximum 100 words);
- Expected results;
- Project team (administrative staff, facilitators and mentors);
- Budget.

## 7 Application evaluation

1. Applications will be evaluated by an expert commission in accordance with the criteria specified in this section.
2. Based on the results of the evaluation, an executive partner will be selected and announced.
3. Applications are evaluated according to the different weightings of the sections in the application form, with a maximum score of 80 points.

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#### 4. Assessment criteria:

- Youth Connect for Ukraine Ideathon concept (20 points);
- Organisational capacity and previous experience in a specific field (10 points);
- Event safety (10 points)
- Compliance and achievability of expected results from programme implementation (10 points);
- Consideration of environmental, gender and inclusive aspects (10 points);
- Project team (10 points);
- Budget justification (10 points).

## 8 Reporting

The interim narrative and financial reports to the British Council with an assessment and justification of the budget for approval must be submitted **by 15 March 2026**.

The final narrative and financial report must be submitted **by 31 July 2026**. Financial statements must be submitted in original form together with copies of supporting documents bearing the seal and signature of the head of the organisation.

## 9 Form for participation in the call

The main document related to the call:

- [Application form with budget.](#)

## 10 Data protection

The British Council will use the information you provide in connection with the processing of your application. The legal basis for processing your information is your consent to our application terms and conditions. We may need to pass this information on to programme mentors for processing.

The British Council complies with the Data Protection Act in the UK and the laws of other countries that meet international standards.

You have the right to request a copy of the information we hold about you and the right to request that we correct any inaccuracies in that information. If you have concerns about how we have used your personal information, you also have the right to lodge a complaint with the privacy regulator.

For further information, please refer to the privacy section of our website [www.britishcouncil.org/privacy](http://www.britishcouncil.org/privacy) or contact the British Council's data protection team at [dataprotection@britishcouncil.org](mailto:dataprotection@britishcouncil.org).

We will retain your information for 7 years from the date of collection.

## **11 Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Policy**

As the UK's leading organisation for cultural relations, the British Council consistently applies a policy of equal opportunities in all aspects of its work.

The British Council does not discriminate on the basis of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, religion, language or disability, and encourages applications from all potential applicants who meet the above criteria.

## **12 Force majeure**

The impact of unforeseen circumstances of force majeure occurring after the announcement of the call, as a result of extraordinary events that could not have been foreseen or avoided by taking reasonable measures, is governed by the British Council's internal procedures. These circumstances include events that occur independently of the will of the organizers or participants of the contest, i.e. events that the organizers or participants cannot influence and/or that are beyond their control, and therefore for which they cannot be held responsible. These circumstances include, among other things, natural disasters (e.g. earthquakes, floods, freezing, etc.), fires, other natural disasters and social upheavals, strikes, terrorist acts, military actions, wars, etc. These circumstances also include civil unrest, actions/adverse actions by governmental or other public authorities, blockades, embargoes, other international sanctions, other unfriendly actions by countries, etc., to which the organisers or participants of the contest have no relation and over which they have no influence. The existence and duration of force majeure circumstances shall be confirmed by the authorised bodies in accordance with the procedure established by the current legislation. In the event of force majeure circumstances, the pitching and implementation of social action projects shall be postponed in accordance with the duration of such circumstances. If force majeure lasts for more than 3 (three) months, the contest and implementation of volunteer programmes may be suspended in respect of events that have not yet taken place.