ENGAGE

Youth Work Programme

The Executive
Programme on
Paramilitarism &
Organised Crime

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Criteria

Application and Assessment

Selection and Award

Organisations who meet the Eligibility Criteria (Essential) will progress to application assessment under the criteria outlined below. The assessment criteria will be used to score each application and based on merit (top score to lowest score).

Eligibility Criteria (Essential)

Applicant organisations must meet the criteria below to be eligible to apply and be in receipt of this funding.

	Criterion	Assessment & Minimum Grade Required
1	**Currently in Receipt of either or both Local Area Based or Local Project Funding for the 2024-2025 period.**	Education Authority will base this on the information we already hold on file for your organisation. Organisations not in receipt either funding for 2024-2025 will not progress to assessment
2	**Be a registered and verified Local Voluntary Youth Organisation with the Education Authority which includes as part of verified status that your organisation has:** • **Safeguarding and Child Protection Policies that meet the requirements outlined for the scheme (**see requirements here**)** • **Organisation Governance Arrangements in place to meet the requirements of Bonafede status (**see requirements here**)**	Education Authority will base this on the information we already hold on file for your organisation.
3	**Total Application costs in line with published available award**	Total budget costs submitted do not exceed the published value of the award. Applications in excess of this value will not be considered for assessment

Application Assessment

All applicants will be required to provide a response and evidence to the following questions. Each of your questions will be assessed against the established assessment criteria outlined to apply a score which will be totalled. Applicants are required to score at least "Meets Requirements" across all questions to be considered for award. All applicants will be required to answer all assessment questions:

- Phase 2 Programme Exit Strategy March 2025
- Mainstreaming Learning
- Strength Based Approach
- Reflective Practice

Detailed Assessment and Scoring Criteria tables are available on the following pages per question.

Phase 2 Programme Exit Strategy March 2025

This funding cycle will of phase 2 of the Engage Programme will end in March 2025. Detail how will you safely bring the programme to an end for staff, children and young people. (Maximum 750 Words)

Mark	DESCRIPTION	Score Range
Excellent	An Excellent Response outlines: • Comprehensive Safeguarding Steps • Detailed Planning • Stakeholder Management • Legacy and Sustainability of the programme	31-40
Good	A Good Response has: • A Focus on Safeguarding • Includes a Closure Plan • Acknowledges steps to support stakeholders. • Mentions Future Impact opportunity beyond the programme	21-30
Meets Requirements	A Meets Requirements Response • Briefly acknowledges the importance of safety during closure but lacks specifics. • Vaguely Mentions Closure of the programme. • Provides a general statement about ending the programme without a clear plan. • Mentions Ignores Stakeholders • Vaguely articulates future impact beyond the programme	11-20
Failed to Address	Failed to address the question	0-10

Applicants Require a minimum of 11 marks for their application to be considered.

Mainstreaming Learning

At the end of the funding period how will you mainstream practice and learning. (Maximum 750 Words)

Mark	DESCRIPTION	Score Range
Excellent	An Excellent Response Outlines: • Integration Strategies for learning from the programme into practice • Provides sustainable approaches mainstream learning • Ensure knowledge sharing happens • Embeds evaluation and measurement tools	31-40
Good	A good response: • Mentions areas for integration. • Considers acknowledges sustainable to mainstream learning • Provide and outline of knowledge sharing: • Considers Basic Evaluation	21-30
Meets Requirements	A meets requirements response: • Recognises the areas for integration by limited implementation strategies • Limited sustainable mainstream of learning options • Limited outline of knowledge sharing: • Completed evaluation of work	11-20
Failed to Address	Failed to address the question	0-10

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Strength Based Approach

Detail how your organisation uses Strength Based Approaches in your delivery when working with young people at risk. (Maximum 500 Words)

Mark	DESCRIPTION	Score Range
Excellent	Excellent response that meets the requirements. Evident from response that the organisation uses Strength Based Approaches in their: • Acknowledge and embeds learning into delivery in line with the Engage+ Model and findings. • Mission Statement or Vision • Workforce Development • Engagement with Key Stakeholders • In the programmes delivered with children and young people • In its communication, including social media. • And provides evidence of how they build on strengths within them • local community to provide excellent services for children and young people.	31-40
Good	• Acknowledge and embeds learning into delivery in line with the Engage+ Model and findings. • A good response that meets the requirements. Evident that the organisation reflects the values of a Strength Based Approach with evidence of them being embedded with staff and programmes delivered to children and young people. • Application of the Engage+ Model	21-30
Meets Requirements	• Acknowledge and embeds learning into delivery in line with the Engage+ Model and findings. • Response demonstrates an understanding of Strength Based Approaches with evidence that it is within elements of youth work programmes • Application of the Engage+ Model	11-20
Failed to Address	• Failed to address the question	0-10

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Reflective Practice

Detail how your organisation delivers reflective practice in youth work. (Maximum 500 Words)

Mark	DESCRIPTION	Score Range
Excellent	• Excellent response that meets the requirements. Response indicates a strong understanding critical self-reflective practice and the contribution it makes to improving practice delivery and staff. • Evidence indicates that reflective practice is core and recurring feature of service delivery with support mechanism in place.	31-40
Good	• A good response that meetings the requirements. Response indicates evidence of evidence of reflective practice which contributes to the development of service delivery and staff	21-30
Meets Requirements	• Meets requirements. The response indicates evidence of an understanding of reflect practice but lack detail on how this is embedded within the organisation or leads to improvement of service or development of staff	11-20
Failed to Address	• Failed to address the question	0-10

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