

## ALTERNATIVE PATHWAYS GRANT SCHEME LOT 2

### Grants on Youth Engagement and Community Actions

LOT 2 will contribute to the Project Outcome: *Young people engage with civil society and take proactive action in their community to impact change.*

**The specific objective** is to enable and empower local and grassroots organisations and informal groups to directly engage with young people to identify challenges and problems, and to create, plan and implement creative solutions which contribute to positive change.

#### Eligible activities

The following non-exhaustive list of activities will be considered as eligible for this Call. One project proposal could include one or more of the following:

- Design and implement youth participatory **community action initiatives**, tackling the socio economic and culture challenges of communities (special focus on young people), fostering civic engagement and advocacy. Raise awareness, propose solutions, act and advocate by including different stakeholders such as schools, civil society, activists, media, youth councils, etc.
- **Micro funding** for grassroots actions from informal group of engaged citizens, accompanied with mentorship and coaching
- **Use of Creative Activism Methodology** by bringing together young activists with young artists (young people with artistic talents and/or professional artists) to collaborate, act and advocate for a joint topic of interest for their communities, using creativity to maximise impact:
  - capacity building/training in the methodology
  - concrete local actions/performances/campaigns/advocacy initiatives
- **Local summer schools/camps that might combine:**
  - Skills and knowledge developments for youth
  - Pitching ideas of community actions/mini projects (e.g. competitions)
  - Creative campaigns
  - Multimedia productions
  - Art exhibitions and performances
  - Hackathon/Datathon initiatives
  - Guest Speakers, well-known performers, etc.

- Exploring and/or developing hiking routes
- Cultural heritage and/or local tourism related initiatives
- Local fairs and competitions (art and crafts, artisans, digital solutions, video and film, start-up ideas, etc.)
- Etc.
  
- **Collaborative initiatives** of engaged communities with **local youth councils** to advocate to municipal councils by using participatory democratic tools and instruments foreseen in the law on self-government to influence local decision making on important topics for specific communities focusing on young people
  
- **Youth Mentorship Programme/Schemes**
  
- **Youth Internship Schemes** (NGOs, business, media)
  
- **Thematic informal youth and children's fairs:** e.g. fairs to encourage and promote entrepreneurial skills, etc.
  
- Other **community action** initiatives

## Who can apply

### The potential applicants could be:

- NGOs, community/grassroots organisations, etc. who would like to take action by tackling topics of interest, while developing new skills and promoting talented and active young people in the community
- If the applying organisation is not from the region, then partnership with local organisations and/or informal local groups is a **mandatory requirement**.
- Local partnerships are encouraged in all cases.

## Budget

Minimum 7,000 GBP; Maximum 30,000 GBP

Depending on the number of municipalities to be covered, typology of the applicant (absorption capacity) and the scale of intervention, the budget might vary between the above preset range.

Sub-granting is allowed (both to smaller local organisations and individuals)