

Request for Proposals Become a Delivery Partner on the Peer Action Collective

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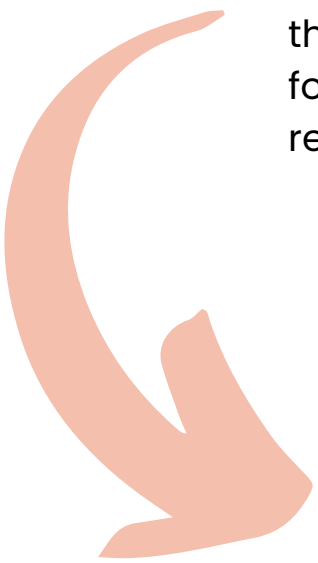
Who are the the Peer Action Collective Funders?

The Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) are here to prevent children and young people becoming involved in violence. We fund work to understand their lives, the impact of violence and what works to change this. To do this well, young people must be integral to how we approach research. This is why we established the Peer Action Collective (PAC), to drive real world-change through youth-centred research.

The #iwill Fund is made possible thanks to a £66 million joint investment from The National Lottery Community Fund and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to support young people to access high quality social action opportunities. The #iwill Fund brings together a group of organisations who all contribute funding to embed meaningful social action into the lives of young people.

What is the PAC model?

PAC is delivered in two phases of research and social action:



Peer research aims to gain in-depth, contextualised insights into the lives of young people impacted by the topic the Delivery Partner has chosen as their focus. Young people will lead every part of the research, from design to analysis, to sharing findings.

Social Action gives opportunity for young people to create youth-led projects and resources, raising awareness of their research findings with the wider community and decision makers to create a change from what they have found.

The Peer Action Collective (PAC) is a youth-led model developed to directly listen to young people's experiences of violence and take these learnings to make change through social action. Funded by the #iwill Fund (A joint investment between the National Lottery Fund and the Department for Media, Culture and Sport), and the Youth Endowment Fund, the PAC network is set up to support young people to take the lead. The PAC model gives organisations the funding and support to employ young people to deliver high quality research and social action designed to influence local change and inform recommendations on a national platform.

We are looking for 4 Delivery Partners in England who can evidence the following:

Engagement, support and reach: Your organisation has proven experience of recruitment, engagement and a commitment to supporting young people who have been impacted by violence. We are particularly interested in young people whose voices are often underrepresented and unheard including young people who have had experience of exclusion, youth justice, police and the care system.

Research readiness: Your organisation can bring qualitative research skills and understanding, either through internal capacity, recruitment or partnership. While previous peer research experience is not required, Delivery Partners must be equipped to support young people with day-to-day support throughout the research process.

Influence and change: Your organisation has experience in working with young people to create change on issues that matter to them. Your organisation has networks identified to support the team to platform their work and connect with stakeholders.

PAC will look at the following topics

We are asking for Delivery Partners to choose from one area of research linked to three of seven essential sectors (which you can read about [here](#)) that the YEF have identified as vital to work with to achieve our mission. This is because we believe any credible plan to reduce violence must recognise that children rely on multiple sectors to be safe.

The research conducted by the Peer Action Collective will feed into the work YEF does with these sectors. Delivery partners will need to demonstrate the reasoning behind their choice and that through their reach they can engage with young people who have lived experience linked to the chosen sector. This will particularly be for research phases of the work, with social action then reaching a wider audience of young people.

Children's Services

We would like to better understand young people's journeys through the care system, and where they could be better supported away from involvement in violence.

Policing

We are interested in working with young people who have come into contact with the Police, to better understand what a good and bad interaction looks like for young people.

Mental Health

We would like to learn more about the roles that therapy plays in supporting young people affected by violence, including barriers and enablers to attendance.

The PAC model will offer your organisation...

Funding:

Delivery Partners will be able to apply for grant funding up to £400,000 to run the programme which should allow both project management and staffing capacity alongside the employment of young people and other running costs. This is for 2 years of delivery from September 2025 – August 2027.

Training and development:

Delivery Partners will work with the PAC National Partner (The Young Foundation) who will be an integral support mechanism throughout PACs 2-year delivery; providing training on research and social action, ongoing advice and support, and bringing together the national PAC findings. They will coordinate national work, such as events and the PAC survey.

Platform and legacy:

PAC has built an influential platform for evidence-driven, youth-led change for young people affected by violence. With the substantial timeframe of the project, we are ambitious for the changes that young people will be able to achieve through their projects and will offer a national platform for these to be shared.

Who are the PAC partners?

Funding Partners: The Youth Endowment Fund and #iwill Fund will work with the network to platform and amplify the work of PAC teams. YEF will manage all Delivery Partner contracts.

National Partner: The Young Foundation will provide ongoing support and management to the network, alongside in person and online training in peer research and social action.

Monitoring and Evaluation Partner: Renaisi work to better understand the PAC network. They collect monitoring information to help us understand who PAC is reaching, and are also conducting an evaluation into the PAC model.

Delivery Partners: 4 Delivery Partners working in locations across England to create youth led research and social action projects with young people affected by violence.

What does a Delivery Partner's role include?

Co-design and lead PAC delivery in your area:

Collaborate with The Young Foundation and YEF to design and implement the programme in your chosen location. This will range from creating a team structure to carry out research and social action projects, engagement and delivery of training with The Young Foundation, providing day-to-day support for PAC Leads, and attending meetings and events with the PAC network.

Recruit, support and engage young people across all PAC roles:

Support young people to design and carry out research and social action projects that are safe, ethical and impactful. This will include employing and line managing PAC Leads and engaging a wider group of young people volunteering their time in other roles.

Help young people connect with stakeholders:

Support young people to create connections to existing violence reduction work, and create spaces in which their research or social action projects could inform decision making.

Monitoring, evaluation and reporting:

Actively engage with the PAC evaluation, collect demographic information, report monthly monitoring figures and engage in quarterly reporting processes with YEF.

Which young people will you need to recruit?

PAC Leads and Research Participants should have lived experience of the topic they are researching. Other roles should come from a diverse range of backgrounds, including young people with lived experience of violence, either directly or indirectly.

Role	Target	Description
PAC Leads*	10	Employed young people aged 16–20 that design and carry out peer research and social action. This is a paid leadership role throughout the project.
Research Participants*	500	Young people aged 10–20 that volunteer to take part in research through surveys (350) and in person research (150).
Changemakers	50	Young people aged 10–20 that volunteer to design and carry out social action with PAC Leads.
Social Action Participants	100	Young people aged 10–20 that volunteer to take part in social action.

*for these roles, 10% of the cohort can be aged up to 25 if there is good rationale for this.

Timeline overview

The duration of delivery of PAC will be from August 2025 – September 2027 with PAC Leads recruited to begin delivery from November 2025 – September 2027. This period of time will be broken up into the following steps:

2025	Recruitment	Aug - Nov	Recruiting PAC staff members, including paid PAC Leads.
	Induction and training	Dec- Jan	Initial induction and team building activity. Training with The Young Foundation, a mix of in person and online delivery.
2026	Project 1	Feb - Dec	The first project is a chance to get to know your chosen subject and become familiar with research. Young people will then turn their research findings into social action.
	Survey	Sept - Dec	PAC teams will co-design a survey to add further insights to the research.
2027	Project 2	Jan - Aug	The second project is a time to dig deeper into the first research project, and strengthen social action.
	National activity and conference	Aug - Sept	Local social action will be supplemented with national campaigning activity. Preparation for this will take place earlier in 2027 with The Young Foundation. The project will end with a PAC conference.



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