

## **PAC Delivery Partner: Live Q&A Answers**

- 1. Is there the opportunity for previous Delivery Partners for PAC to reapply?**
  - Yes, all past partners can reapply. However, it is unlikely that we would look to appoint a partner covering precisely the same geography as they have in the previous iteration of PAC. Returning applicants should be sure to make clear how their proposal will add new value beyond their previous work.
  
- 2. Will applications be assessed on delivery over the whole 5-year period – allowing us to present a phased approach to the geographic area or will you concentrate assessment on the first phase of the programme?**
  - The application is for Phase 1 only, after that we will open up to proposals again.
  
- 3. Will the budget be split across both phases equally?**
  - This application is just for first phase of 2.5 years, the budget outlined is just for Phase 1, not an application for the full 5 years. There will be a separate budget for Phase 2.
  
- 4. When does the project kick off?**
  - We expect to have signed agreements in place with successful Delivery Partners in early June 2023 with a core Delivery Partner team in place by the end of June 2023, and Peer Researchers to be recruited prior to training commencing in November 2023.
  
- 5. What will be the format and frequency of reporting requirements during the project?**
  - There will be a quarterly reporting requirement to YEF for all Delivery Partners via the YEF Community Portal.
  - There will be monthly and quarterly monitoring data that will also need to be submitted to the National Partner – the types of data collected will be dependent of the framework developed by the Evaluation Partner. This will all be done on a centralised platform.
  
- 6. What is the expected scale of geographical operation?**
  - All Delivery Partners will need to be able to meet the target numbers of young people engaged in PAC, which are ambitious but are based on experience of PAC 1. Partners need to work with this scale. Our regions are based on The National Lottery Community Fund (TNLCF), but we don't expect partners to cover the whole region. The main thing we need is a strong rationale as to why this work is needed in your area.
  
- 7. Given the size of the geographic region (London, East and South East) is there an expectation that the amount allocated for the region will be increased and therefore be above the indicative value for each region within the tender?**
  - It is not expected that each area of delivery if they stretch across regions would cover all regions. All we are looking for is a strong rationale for your area of delivery within a region

and why the programme is needed there in relation to youth violence and your preferred theme. We would of course be open to proposals from sole bidders or consortiums covering all regions, but this isn't a requirement.

- 8. In terms of the North East and Cumbria region, is there an expectation that some of the activity would take place in Cumbria?**
  - No, delivery partners are not required to cover all parts of any region - we just need you to outline your proposed areas of operation and rationale in your application.
  
- 9. Can the same bid be used to apply for multiple regions if it's clearly defined, or do we need to put in a bid per region?**
  - We would like to see bids submitted per region. Some of the questions in your application will need responses specific to the region, knowledge of the selected topic and people in the potential consortium. Understandably, there will be some similar content within them, but separate bids will allow us to judge the strength of proposals better.
  
- 10. Where there is a maximum of 4 consortium partners allowed per region, if we submitted a multi-region bid, could there be more partners across each region?**
  - Yes, you could have 4 consortium partners per region that you bid for. We do however require separate applications for each region.
  
- 11. Do all providers need to offer all three of the topics?**
  - No, Delivery Partners are asked to rank the three research topics in order of subject expertise or area in which is deemed most appropriate/suited to regional issues affecting young people. We would like all three topics to be covered across the network, but individual Delivery Partners will only need to work on one focus area.
  - In some cases, we may ask a chosen Delivery Partner to focus on their 'second choice' theme if we feel their application is the strongest, but we already have adequate coverage of a particular theme.
  
- 12. Would it be a positive to include all three areas of research in the bid?**
  - We would prefer bids to have a singular research topic focus because we are conscious of the amount and range of data collected in the previous delivery of PAC. We think we can make an impact in focus topic areas, and it is better for us to go with depth rather than breadth. We understand that some Delivery Partners may be flexible on their research topic preference, in which case we would ask you to still answer the application questions with a single chosen preference but briefly make it clear that you would be open to covering other/all research topics if required.
  
- 13. Will the 'creative methods' for research with young people be pre-defined or will there be freedom for the Peer Researchers to design what they think will best achieve the outcome?**

- Creative methods will not be pre-defined but will be worked on with support of the National Partner to ensure the data that is collected is of high quality.
- The National Partner will provide a good level of guidance on methods to make sure that they best fit the research question, including creative methods.
- Young people will be part of the planning when they come on board and more time has been allowed for this so that young people can be engaged upfront in designing their research methods.

**14. How will the consent process during research be managed noting some of the barriers/challenges that can arise?**

- Consent will remain an important aspect of PAC as it is a vital part of an ethical research process. However, the consent process will be altered for the next iteration of PAC based on learnings from PAC1. The National Partner will be briefed on how it worked for PAC1 to respond to and ease the barriers.

**15. Looking at the group of young people we work with including refugees and those from disadvantaged backgrounds - are there any requirements or criteria on who can be involved in PAC?**

- Whilst Delivery Partners will look to recruit young people with lived experience of either youth violence or the focus area of research selected, there will be no other previous experience required to take on any of the roles within PAC. The National Partner will support DPs to provide inclusive and accessible recruitment processes and will provide tools/resources to ease any barriers that may prevent a young person from being involved.

**16. Is there a way for young people currently involved in PAC to stay involved?**

- Yes, young people previously involved may continue in their role within existing Delivery Partners if they are successful in their application.
- We're also likely to have spaces on our PAC Steering Committee open up to our previous PAC members, and we're hoping to keep a network open to share opportunities to all Peer Researchers that were a part of PAC!

**17. What should young people be paid?**

- Young people in paid roles (Peer Researchers and Social Action Leads) should be paid at living wage level. This rate may differ in regions outside of London.

**18. Could you tell us some of the things that went well in in the first iteration of PAC and what went less well?**

- PAC delivery was particularly strong in places where people were connected to their communities and had a strong understanding of local change needs.
- Another strength was where young people were working with organisations who could connect young people with decision makers and through their wider networks.



- Bringing in external research support worked really well for organisations that didn't have previous participatory/peer research backgrounds or expertise.
- Employing young people directly and putting the right support in place for them to succeed, it often didn't work well when young people felt the pressure of meeting targets/milestones throughout delivery. We see youth leadership as young people being able to make decisions, but this does not require them to do all the work, especially where Delivery Partners experience and resources can be used to ensure the project has the most impact as possible.