



**We're here to prevent children  
and young people becoming  
involved in violence**

**Call for proposals: Research partner  
to review evidence on indicators  
associated with violence and its  
underlying causes.**

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## Summary

- YEF is seeking a research partner to synthesise research on which children are most vulnerable to perpetrating violence and to gather evidence on the root causes of violence.
- This research will underpin a new online resource that helps decision makers allocate support where it matters most.
- The work is to be completed by 30th September 2026.
- The deadline for proposals is 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025. We intend to have appointed the successful team by 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

## Overview of the Youth Endowment Fund (YEF)

The Youth Endowment Fund (YEF) is a charity with a mission that matters. We exist to prevent children becoming involved in violence. We do this by finding out what works and building a movement to put this knowledge into practice.

To date, we have funded a wide range of research projects and tools to support evidence-based decision making. We fund and rigorously evaluate promising projects to find out what works. We synthesise the best available evidence from across the world on the impact of interventions in our [Toolkit](#). We've developed Evidence and Gap Maps to highlight where strong evidence exists—and where more research is needed. This helps YEF commission further research that can be turned into clear, practical guidance and tools for decision makers.

It is imperative that YEF fully understands the context in which children live. Only then can we make evidence-based recommendations on how best to reduce serious violence amongst children and young people. Therefore, we fund a wide range of research projects such as data analysis, youth understanding work, and practice reviews to better understand young people's lives and the systems and services that surround them. We publish an annual report based on a survey of several thousand children about their lives and experiences of violence. We have also funded a nationwide programme of peer research.

We are now investing in new work to better understand the causes of violence and how we can identify children who are more vulnerable to perpetrating violence, so we can target our support more effectively. This will inform our work to bring about change. For example, we recently launched the Area Leaders' Programme to transform how local areas identify and support young people most vulnerable to violence. This includes identifying key places where violence happens, identifying and tackling local drivers of violence, and delivering impactful interventions to better protect children from being drawn into violence.

### Race equity

There are significant racial disparities in children's experience of violence and youth justice. For instance, over a quarter (26%) of children in Youth Custody are Black, compared to only 6% of the population in

England and Wales aged 10-18.<sup>1</sup> Our 2023 survey of 7,500 children found that while the majority of violence was committed by White children (70%) and the majority of victims were White (72%), Black teenage children were, on average, more likely to be vulnerable as both victims (21%) and perpetrators (22%) compared to White children (16% and 14%, respectively).<sup>2</sup>

The Youth Endowment Fund's mission is to prevent children and young people from becoming involved in violence. We can't achieve this mission if we do not challenge this racial inequity. Addressing these disparities is an important aspect of all our work. We have set out our commitment to race equity here: <https://youthendowmentfund.org.uk/race-equity/>. We are looking for proposals that embed a racially equitable approach (the assessment criteria contain more detail).

## Background and aims of the workstream

This workstream aims to prevent violence by supporting decision makers with two questions about prioritisation:

- **How do we prioritise children for support?** Decision makers have limited resources and want to target support efficiently. We will present evidence on which children are most vulnerable to becoming involved in violence.
- **Which causes should we prioritise addressing to prevent children becoming involved in violence?** Decision makers want to prevent violence by tackling its underlying causes. They also want to strengthen the safeguards that protect children from violence. We will gather evidence on important underlying causes of violence and what prevents violence.

We will present this evidence in accessible online resources and guidance. This will support local and national leaders with decisions on where to focus resource and attention. While research alone cannot provide all the answers—professional judgment and local context remain vital—transparent, robust evidence can strengthen decision-making.

An important step towards creating useful resources on these topics is to synthesise the relevant research evidence. We need to synthesise research evidence on the following 4 questions:

1. Which single indicators are associated with increased or decreased perpetration of violence?
2. Which combinations of indicators are associated with increased or decreased perpetration of violence?
3. Which factors have a causal relationship with perpetrating violence?
4. Which factors have a causal relationship with preventing violence?

Questions 1 and 2 will draw on research on indicators associated with violence, sometimes called risk and protective factors. We know that relevant research exists, although we believe there is stronger evidence on single indicators rather than combinations of indicators.

Questions 3 and 4 concern causal relationships. While randomising most risk and protective factors to establish whether they have a causal relationship with violence would not be ethical or feasible, rigorous

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/youth-justice-statistics-2022-to-2023/youth-justice-statistics-2022-to-2023-accessible-version#children-in-youth-custody>

<sup>2</sup> <https://youthendowmentfund.org.uk/reports/children-violence-and-vulnerability-2023/>

natural experiments or quasi-experimental designs can help. These methods shed light on whether factors such as poverty, being suspended from school, or environmental conditions (such as air pollution) contribute to causing violence, or are just associated with violence. Similarly, they can clarify whether various protective factors such as school grades or safer neighbourhoods prevent violence, acting as ‘causal protective factors’, or are just associated with lower violence.

Violence is complex and driven by multiple interrelated factors. However, identifying the most powerful underlying causes can help decision-makers focus. It can also support funders and commissioners to decide which interventions to invest in or develop and test new interventions where gaps exist.

YEF has previously invested in a review of international research on risk and protective factors for young people’s involvement in violence, which we used to develop our outcomes framework.<sup>3</sup> This review is a good starting point, and we don’t expect to repeat it. We think we can build on it by: 1) synthesising recent research relating to the UK to provide a highly focused and relevant picture of risk indicators in our context and 2) synthesising more rigorous research on the causes of violence.

We want to appoint a research partner (referred to as ‘the partner’ below) to lead the work of conducting this new synthesis and supporting the development of accessible resources and guidance. We will appoint this partner for an initial 15-month phase. If the partnership is successful, we hope to extend it further.

## Goals for the initial phase (June 2025 – September 2026)

This section describes our goals for the initial phase of this work. We don’t expect the partner to conduct all the work in this section: it covers both work that YEF will conduct and work the partner will conduct. The ‘roles and responsibilities’ section below describes the objectives we will set the partner in more detail.

### An accessible online resource on single indicators

During the initial phase, we will produce an accessible online resource on single indicators and their association with perpetrating violence (question 1 above). This is both feasible to make and valuable for our audience, helping them make informed decisions on which children to prioritise support for. Our target audience includes national policymakers and local leaders, such as government officials, commissioners, and local strategic leaders in Violence Reduction Units or Local Authorities.

The first version of the resource will present information on 17 indicators, including but not limited to:

- An accessible description of the indicator, including the prevalence of the indicator in the population (e.g. around 9,000 children were permanently excluded in 2022/23<sup>4</sup>)

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<sup>3</sup> Ullman et al., ‘Constructs associated with youth crime and violence amongst 6-18 year olds: A systematic review of systematic reviews’, *Aggression and Violent Behavior*, 75, 10.1016/j.avb.2023.101906. For our outcomes framework, see: <https://youthendowmentfund.org.uk/outcomes/>.

<sup>4</sup> Government Education Statistics ‘Suspensions and permanent exclusions in England’ <https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/suspensions-and-permanent-exclusions-in-england/2022-23> (Accessed 20.3.25)

- Information about how well the indicator indicates vulnerability to perpetrating violence. This could include statistics such as the prevalence of this indicator amongst children who commit violence (e.g. 15% of children committing serious violence had been permanently excluded from school in one study<sup>5</sup>) and the prevalence of violent offending amongst children with this indicator (e.g. 22% of children who were permanently excluded from school also committed serious violence in one study<sup>6</sup>). We would like the partner to propose and appraise different options for communicating this strength of association.
- A security rating for the strength of evidence underpinning the strength of association estimate.
- Implications for policy and practice. This might outline:
  - How decision makers could observe this indicator. Some indicators will be easy to observe but others will be more challenging.
  - Opportunities to support children who experience this indicator, including relevant evidence-based interventions. For example, experiencing a violent injury is an indicator associated with perpetrating violence. Local decision makers might respond to this by thinking about how they could support children who arrive in A&E with a violent injury, including considering [A&E Navigator programmes](#).
  - How intervention could be implemented in a way that is strengths-based and avoids labelling.

The online resource will be supported by a technical report summarising the underlying evidence and an overarching technical manual which describes how we created the resource (see the roles and responsibilities section for details). We will also provide an overarching guide for the resource, providing practical guidance on how to use and respond to the indicators. These documents will be available for download, ensuring transparency about our methods and the evidence behind the resource.

YEF and the partner will create the accessible online resource in collaboration. In summary:

- The partner will search for and extract data from relevant studies. We will agree inclusion criteria that balance the need to create a manageable scope with the benefits of a larger number of studies. Our focus is on serious violence in the UK but we would consider broadening the scope if time allows or the partner is concerned about the paucity of research in our context.
- In consultation with the YEF, the partner will develop and apply a framework for assessing the strength of evidence that underpins the association estimates. This could include factors such as the recency of studies, robustness of analysis, and relevance to our context.
- The partner will write up the extracted information in a technical report.
- The partner and YEF will draft an overarching technical manual.
- YEF will draft an overarching guide for the resource, with practical guidance on how to use and respond to the indicators.
- YEF will draft accessible content for the resource based on the technical report.
- The partner will review and provide feedback on the draft content.
- YEF will arrange user testing of a prototype version of the resource.

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<sup>5</sup> Department for Education and Ministry of Justice (2022), 'Education, Children's Social Care and Offending: Descriptive Statistics'.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid

- YEF will collaborate with a design agency to create and launch the resource.
- The accessible online resource will be launched in March 2026.

The partner's roles and responsibilities are outlined in more detail in the 'roles and responsibilities' section below.

### Reviewing evidence on combinations of indicators and causes of violence

During the initial phase, we will lay the foundation for future guidance and resources on both combinations of indicators and causes of violence. The partner will support this by searching for evidence on how combinations of indicators- such as experiencing both poverty and adverse childhood experiences - are associated with involvement in violence. The output on combinations of indicators will be complete by November 2025 (see roles and responsibilities section for details).

The partner will also search for evidence on the causes of violence and what prevents children from committing violence. We expect this review to take a broader scope than the review of single indicators, including international research. This will be presented in an evidence and gap map, completed by August 2026. YEF has previously commissioned other evidence and gap maps. Please see this page on our website for more details: <https://youthendowmentfund.org.uk/evidence-and-gap-maps/>. The purpose of a new evidence and gap map on the causes of violence is to identify opportunities for evidence synthesis or new research on this topic. This will lay the foundation for further accessible guidance on causes of violence in the 2026-7 financial year.

### Provisional plans for future work (after September 2026)

After September 2026, we plan to produce further guidance or resources relating to combinations of indicators and causes of violence. This will build on the information extracted by the partner during the initial phase. For example, we may expand the online resource on single indicators to include information on combinations of indicators. We may also commission a synthesis of research from the evidence and gap map to support new guidance on the causes of violence and what prevents violence. It will be important that our guidance about what prevents violence complements rather than duplicates the [YEF Toolkit](#). In this call for proposals, we are not looking for applicants to suggest work for this future phase. As we reach the end of the initial phase, we will consider extending the partnership with the team we appoint so they can support the next phase.

### Roles and responsibilities

The partner will conduct 2 projects during the initial phase (June 2025 – September 2026).

**Project 1: Review of indicators associated with increased or decreased involvement in violence, and support in creating an accessible online resource.**

#### Key activities and outputs:

We welcome proposals that suggest improvements to activities, outputs, or timelines. We are committed to publishing a resource in March 2026, with all content finalised and ready for launch by the end of February 2026. We welcome applicants suggesting improvements to the intermediate deadlines

suggested below as long as they improve our chances of meeting the final deadline. The appointed team will finalise the detailed plan with us.

Key activities for project 1	Relevant outputs for project 1 and expected completion date
<p><u>Write options appraisals on key questions which will inform the protocol for the review:</u></p> <p>The partner will present options and a recommendation to YEF on key technical questions underpinning the research approach. This includes but is not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The approach to describing the strength of association between each indicator and violence. Which measures of association could we use?</li> <li>• The approach to synthesising multiple estimates related to the same indicator. When should we combine estimates and when should we present them separately? How should we combine estimates which might vary by population or subgroup, measurement tools, age of measurement and many other features?</li> <li>• The approach to assessing security of evidence for our headline finding on each indicator's association with violence.</li> <li>• The key considerations for ensuring this work understands and promotes race equity. E.g. how should we think about the potential risk of bias in the underlying data?</li> </ul> <p>YEF will arrange user testing of different options for presenting information in August 2025, allowing us to make final decisions in September.</p>	<p>Output: Options appraisals and recommendations on key questions.</p> <p>Completion date: July 2025.</p>
<p><u>Write a protocol:</u></p> <p>The partner will write a protocol which outlines the approach to systematically reviewing research on indicators and synthesising the findings into a technical report (see below). The protocol will outline the process for extracting information on both single indicators and their association with violence, and combinations of indicators and their association with violence.</p> <p>Our working assumption is that the inclusion criteria will focus on recent, UK, longitudinal studies examining how indicators are associated with violence outcomes, with those outcomes measured in children aged 10 to 17. This approach should keep the number of studies manageable. However, we are open to considering a broader scope, including looking at broader crime outcomes. We will discuss this with the appointed partner.</p>	<p>Output: Protocol for the review.</p> <p>Completion date: October 2025 (with a draft in September 2025).</p>

<p><u>Complete the review:</u></p> <p>The partner will complete the review of indicators (single indicators and combinations of indicators) and their association with increased or decreased involvement in violence, according to the protocol.</p> <p>The partner will conduct this review so that it can easily be updated in future as new evidence emerges. We would like the partner to keep clear records of findings, including a clear database for storing quantitative information. The database will contain information extracted from the included studies (e.g. estimates of association between each indicator and violence) and will synthesise information where possible, e.g. providing a meta-analysed average estimate for each indicator. The partner will also record which studies were excluded and why.</p> <p>While we only need to present 17 single indicators in the first version of the online resource, the partner will extract information on a broader set of indicators through the evidence review.</p>	<p>Output: A list of papers meeting the inclusion criteria.</p> <p>Completion date: October 2025.</p> <p>Output: Completed extraction forms for evidence on single indicators and combinations of indicators.</p> <p>Completion date: November 2025.</p> <p>Output: A database of quantitative information about the indicators.</p> <p>Completion date: November 2025.</p>
<p><u>Write a technical report on single indicators:</u></p> <p>The partner will report key information for 17 single indicators, which will underpin the first version of the online resource:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A description of the indicator and how it is measured</li> <li>• A description of the outcome and how it was measured</li> <li>• Information about the strength of association between the indicator and violence, and how this might vary across sub-groups</li> <li>• Prevalence of the indicator in the population</li> <li>• How proximal or distal the indicator is to violence</li> <li>• Evidence security for the strength of association estimate</li> <li>• Interpretation and reflections for policy and practice</li> </ul> <p>The above list is not exhaustive, and we will finalise it with the partner. The partner will complete the information for indicators in sequence, so that YEF can begin to review the first indicator while the partner completes the rest.</p>	<p>Output: A technical report outlining key information on 17 single indicators.</p> <p>Completion date: The report will be drafted in stages, with information on the first set of indicators available in November 2025, and the full report completed by the end of January 2026.</p>
<p><u>Write a report on combinations of indicators, including advice on options and your recommendation for an output on combinations of indicators:</u></p>	<p>Output: A report summarising findings on combinations of indicators and advice on outputs.</p>



<p>Based on the review, the partner will write a separate report summarising the available evidence on combinations of indicators. It will also outline how indicators interplay with each other if this information is available, e.g. whether they accumulate or interact.</p> <p>In this report, we would like the partner to present us with advice and options for how we use the extracted evidence on combinations of indicators. Currently, we do not expect evidence on combinations of indicators to appear in the March 2026 online resource, but it will lay the foundation for future updates. However, if we find clear evidence on combinations, we will consider including it. We will make this decision with the research partner based on the available evidence.</p>	<p>Completion date: November 2025.</p>
<p><u>Write an overarching technical manual for publication, collaborating with YEF:</u></p> <p>The partner will work with YEF to draft an overarching technical manual for publication. This manual will be available to download. We expect that creating this manual won't require much additional work beyond work already conducted to write the protocol and agree other processes. This manual will pull together processes in one place.</p> <p>It will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review methods</li> <li>• Approach to creating headline estimates/ratings (both for strength of association and security of evidence)</li> <li>• Approach to writing content for the online resource (including peer review process)</li> </ul>	<p>Output: Overarching technical manual.</p> <p>Completion date: End of February 2026.</p>
<p><u>Review accessible content drafted by YEF:</u></p> <p>YEF will draft accessible content on 17 indicators based on the technical report. YEF will also draft an accessible overarching guide for the resource, with practical guidance on how to use and respond to the indicators. The partner will review this content and provide feedback.</p> <p>The accessible content will be presented in the online resource, launched in March 2026.</p>	<p>Output: Written comments on draft content.</p> <p>Completion date: we anticipate that YEF will write accessible content in phases, in line with the phased technical report. The first content will be drafted in November 2025 and drafting will continue into February 2026 following user testing. The online resource will be launched in March 2026.</p>

## Project 2: Creating an evidence and gap map for literature on the causes of violence

### Key activities and outputs:

We welcome proposals that suggest improvements to activities, outputs, or timelines, as long as they improve our chances of meeting the final deadline. We are especially flexible on the deadline for the evidence and gap map protocol for Project 2, as Project 1 is the higher priority in the early stages. The appointed team will finalise the detailed plan with us.

Key activities for project 2	Relevant outputs for project 2 and expected deadline
<p><u>Design the process for creating the evidence and gap map and write a supporting protocol:</u></p> <p>The evidence and gap map will present both the evidence and the identified gaps in what we know about the causes of violence. It will include literature on both:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The causes of violence (which factors have a causal relationship with perpetrating violence?) and</li> <li>• What prevents children committing violence (which factors have a causal relationship with preventing violence?).</li> </ul> <p>Before writing the protocol, the partner will work with YEF on key questions about the design and inclusion criteria, including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Which designs will provide us with the strongest causal evidence?</b> YEF's provisional thinking is that the map will focus on quantitative research designed for strong causal inference such as robust natural experiments and quasi-experimental studies. However, we may have wider inclusion criteria then distinguish between studies through the critical appraisal process.</li> <li>• <b>Which types of evidence would provide insights into causal mechanisms?</b> We will also consider how we can capture evidence on causal mechanisms, taking a causal chain approach. This will allow us to understand the order and connection between different causes and distinguish between distal and proximal causes.</li> <li>• <b>Will certain designs bias us towards identifying causes or drivers that that can be changed through interventions,</b> rather than identifying broader structural or systemic factors?</li> </ul>	<p>Output: Protocol for the evidence and gap map.</p> <p>Completion date: November 2025 (with a draft in October 2025) (this is flexible).</p>
<p><u>Complete the search and create the causes evidence and gap map according to the protocol:</u></p> <p>This will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducting the search</li> <li>• Reviewing papers and assessing which meet the inclusion criteria</li> <li>• Data extraction, coding and management</li> <li>• Critically appraising the papers</li> <li>• Creating the evidence and gap map</li> </ul>	<p>Output: A final causes evidence and gap map.</p> <p>Completion date: August 2026.</p>

**Project management:** For both projects, the partner will provide effective project management of their work. They will provide a feasible plan, monitor progress, and communicate clearly with YEF if there is risk of delay. The partner will meet with YEF about every 2 weeks during the grant period, although we can flex frequency of meetings as needed.

## What are we looking for?

### Motivation

- Strong commitment and motivation for keeping children safe from involvement in violence.
- Strong commitment to race equity. Your team will have a track record of conducting research in a culturally sensitive, inclusive and equitable way.

### Knowledge

- Subject expertise on indicators associated with young people's involvement in violence and the causes of young people's involvement in violence.
- Expertise in evidence synthesis. Your team will have a deep understanding of evidence synthesis methodology.
- Knowledge and expertise in multiple research designs designed to understand indicators and causes of violence. Your team will have experience in conducting or analysing research using designs such as longitudinal cohort studies, secondary data analysis, quasi-experimental studies and natural experiments.
- Expertise in conducting research that promotes race equity.
- Ability to advise on technical questions, challenges, and options such as those outlined in project 1.

### Prior experience

- Experience of designing and building evidence and gap maps or similar products.
- Experience of supporting the development of resources which translate evidence into practice. Your team may have worked on toolkits, evidence and gap maps, or many other types of accessible resources and guidance.

### Ways of working

- Excellent project management. Your team has a track record of delivering complex research on time. Your team might include staff who focus on project management support, though this is not necessary if research staff are effective project managers.
- A flexible, iterative and problem-solving approach. When faced with a difficult question you are happy to give a 'best bet' that can be improved on over time.

Given the variety of skills and experience required, we welcome applications from partnerships between teams.

## Budget and VAT Details

This work is being commissioned as a Grant.

The available budget for this work is approximately £200k-£250k. This includes project 1 and 2. We would not expect VAT to be included in teams' budgets. Pass through VAT via sub-granting work to other organisations may in some circumstances be included. However, it is up to the bidding team to decide if they need to include VAT and any charges must be covered within the total grant amount. We will consistently prioritise proposals that give good value for money and applicants do not need to budget for the full available budget.

Please use the budget template provided in your proposals.

## Timeline

The expected timeframe for this work is as follows:

Expression of Interest (via email notification)*	9 <sup>th</sup> May
Clarification Questions Deadline	9 <sup>th</sup> May
Proposal Deadline	30 <sup>th</sup> May
Interviews with Shortlisted Applicants	Week starting 9 <sup>th</sup> June
Research Partner Appointed and work commences	Week starting 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
Work Completion	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2026

***\*Providers may still submit a proposal if they have missed the Expression of Interest deadline.***

## Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria	Score Weighting
<b>1. Subject Expertise</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expertise in research on indicators associated with young people's involvement in violence and the causes of youth violence</li> <li>- Knowledge of the relevant literature</li> <li>- Previous experience and expertise in understanding and addressing racial equity in similar research</li> </ul>	20%
<b>2. Technical Expertise and Experience</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Expertise in evidence synthesis and relevant primary research methods (such as longitudinal cohort studies, quasi-experiments)</li> <li>- Previous experience of supporting the development of accessible, evidence-based tools or guidance</li> </ul>	20%
<b>3. Proposed Approach and Methodology</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Is the proposed methodology well-aligned with the needs, goals, roles and responsibilities outlined in the brief?</li> <li>- How realistic and achievable is the plan within the proposed timeline and budget constraints?</li> <li>- Does the proposal outline some strong initial thinking on challenging aspects of the work?</li> </ul>	40%

- Does the proposal demonstrate an understanding of key race equity considerations and propose a convincing approach to ensuring the research promotes equity? - Are risks identified and clearly mitigated?	
<b>4. Value for Money</b> - Does the proposed budget offer good value relative to the outcomes expected? - Are all costs clearly justified and explained?	20%
<b>Criteria Scoring</b>	<b>Score</b>
Totally fails to meet the requirement - information not available	0
Meets some of the requirements with limited supporting information	1
Meets some of the requirements with reasonable explanation	2
Meets the requirements with limited explanation and evidence	3
Fully meets the requirements with detailed explanation and evidence	4
Exceeds the requirements with extensive explanation and evidence	5

Where teams may be weak in any of the criteria areas, we encourage applicants to seek expert consultants and partnerships to supplement their team.

## Submission Instructions

**Step 1:** Applicants should notify YEF by **9<sup>th</sup> May** of their intention to submit a proposal. This 'expression of interest notification' is a short email to [lucy.brims@youthendowmentfund.org.uk](mailto:lucy.brims@youthendowmentfund.org.uk) stating your intention to submit a proposal<sup>7</sup>. This will help us understand and manage demand. However, providers may still submit a proposal if they have not expressed interest.

**Step 2:** Applicants should submit any clarification questions by **9<sup>th</sup> May** to [lucy.brims@youthendowmentfund.org.uk](mailto:lucy.brims@youthendowmentfund.org.uk). Answers to these will be made available within 5 days of this date.

**Step 3:** Applicants are required to submit their proposal by **30<sup>th</sup> May** to [lucy.brims@youthendowmentfund.org.uk](mailto:lucy.brims@youthendowmentfund.org.uk).

Proposals should not exceed 4,000 words. This word limit excludes the budget, timeline and any appendices. Your proposal should respond to the requirements set out above, considering our assessment criteria and include the following:

- **Objectives and Approach:** Detailed description of how the project will be delivered, the methodological approach, and risks and mitigations.
- **Team Experience:** Information on relevant qualifications, experience, and roles of team members.
- **Proposed Budget using the template provided:** Breakdown of costs, including VAT considerations if relevant.

<sup>7</sup> You are not required to provide a summary of your proposal in the expression of interest email.

- **Proposed Timelines:** Detailed project plan with milestones.

## Next Steps

All proposals will be assessed according to the criteria outlined above. Following the assessment, shortlisted applicants will be invited for interview to discuss their proposals in more detail. We then anticipate inviting our preferred provider to a further meeting to refine the proposal before finally awarding the work.

Thank you for your interest in working with the Youth Endowment Fund. We look forward to reviewing your proposal.