

# Sources of funding

## Investing in better youth policy

### Summary

This is a list of funders that can be considered to invest in better youth policy.

In this document, policy is defined as “influencing government funding decisions, guidance, consultation outcomes, position papers or statements of intent; party manifestoes; or any legislative process.”

### Grants

The Blagrave Trust’s grants for policy work (excluding the UK Democracy Fund) are currently closed. Below is a list of alternative funders which provide grants for policy work.

Not all of the funders below specifically prioritise young people but youth policy makes up part of their work.

### Themes

**Each grant in this document is tagged with a theme or themes. Below is a list of these themes:**

Legal	Disability justice	Democracy
Human rights	Civil society	Education
Criminal justice	Social Justice	Health
Gender justice	Climate justice	Youth
Racial justice	Migration	Criminal justice reform

**Funders with aligned opportunities who are not mentioned in this document, but wish to be included, are welcome to get in touch:**

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# Active funding

## Barrow Cadbury Trust

### Criminal Justice Programme

Funding source: <https://barrowcadbury.org.uk/>

Funding theme(s): Criminal justice, gender justice, racial justice

Geography: National, but specific interest in Birmingham-based organisations

#### Aim of fund:

Supports work which strengthens the evidence for structural and practical change for young adults in the criminal justice system.

#### Additional criteria:

- Supports work which focuses on the distinct needs of women and girls involved in crime
- Supports work which influences national policy and practice
- Supports research and advocacy projects that address specific challenges faced by young adults involved in crime
- Supports projects which allow for voices of people with direct experience of the criminal justice to be heard, especially groups which are often to listened to by decision-makers
- Supports research and advocacy projects which focus on why there is an over-representation of children and young adults from minority ethnic, Muslim Gypsy/Traveller communities in the criminal justice system

Size of grants: Not known

#### How to apply:

1. Complete an [enquiry form](#)
2. If successful, complete an [application form](#)

## Migration programme

Funding source: <https://barrowcadbury.org.uk/>

Funding theme(s): Migration

**Geography:** National, but specific interest in Birmingham-based organisations

### **Aim of fund:**

Supports work which will influence and shape policy, campaigning and communications in order to promote a fairer immigration system.

### **Additional criteria:**

- Supports migrant organisations, campaigners and others to advocate for changes to policies that will make the system fairer and more human
- Supports organisations which ensure diverse voices are heard in debate around migration
- Supports work which deepens understanding of public attitudes and concerns around immigration and integration and develops responses
- Work to promote integration and positive interaction between different groups
- Support increase capacity and coordination in refugee and migrant sector
- Supports research and policy work which develops workable solutions
- Projects which build networks across communities to strengthen voice of local people on issues related to migration and integration (only for Birmingham or the Black Country based organisations).

**Size of grants:** Not known

### **How to apply:**

1. Complete an [enquiry form](#)
2. If successful, complete an [application form](#)

## **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation**

### **Children and Young People's Rights fund**

**Funding source:** <https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Youth

**Geography:** UK

#### **Aim of fund:**

Supports work which creates lasting changes to policy and practice which supports children and young people.

#### **Additional criteria:**

- Strategic and has collaborative approach to influence national policy
- Makes a case for models which tackle inequality early for families and young children facing the greatest challenges and not getting adequate support
- Goes beyond delivery to influence sector
- Designed and driven by young people with lived experience
- Challenges injustice systems for young people

**Size of grants:** Not known

#### **How to apply:**

1. Complete [eligibility quiz](#)
2. Read [application guidance](#)
3. Submit an [Expression of Interest](#)

### **Gender Justice fund**

**Funding source:** <https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Gender justice

**Geography:** UK

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which creates changes to systems, policy and practice so everyone's rights are protected.

**Additional criteria:**

- Develops and tests interventions to reduce gender-based violence
- Influences policy and practice on preventative approaches
- Challenges harmful attitudes, objections and violence
- Driven and shaped by trans and non-binary people
- Challenges harmful narratives about trans and non-binary people and builds understanding of issues amongst the public and decision-maker
- Takes a collaborative approach

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

1. Complete [eligibility quiz](#)
2. Read [application guidance](#)
3. Submit an [Expression of Interest](#)

**Migrant Justice fund**

**Funding source:** <https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Migrants

**Geography:** UK

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which contributes to the development of a just legislative framework and a less polarising narrative around migrants to ensure migrants are able to secure their rights.

**Additional criteria:**

- Driven and shaped by migrants



- Builds and uses evidence to advocate for a better migration system
- Changes legislation, policy and practice to meet the needs of migrants
- Challenges injustice in the migration system
- Builds understanding of the issues with local communities, the wider public, and decision-makers
- Supports and amplifies the voices of migrants
- Takes a collaborative

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

1. Complete [eligibility quiz](#)
2. Read [application guidance](#)
3. Submit an [Expression of Interest](#)

## **Racial Justice fund**

**Funding source:** <https://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Racial justice

**Geography:** UK

**Aim of fund:**

Supports organisations which are led by people who experience racial inequity in order to reduce harm caused by racial justice in systems, policy and practice.

**Additional criteria:**

- Changes legislation, policy and practice to address racial injustice
- Driven and shaped by people with experience of racial inequity
- Challenges systemic racial injustice and influences change
- Enables and supports movement for change

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

1. Complete [eligibility quiz](#)
2. Read [application guidance](#)
3. Submit an [Expression of Interest](#)

## John Ellerman Foundation

### Environment: People and Planet programme

Funding source: <https://ellerman.org.uk/>

Funding theme(s): Climate justice

Geography: UK

**Aim of fund:**

Supports organisations which are working to influence systems-wide change through policy, advocacy and campaigning to achieve greater harmony between people and nature.

**Additional criteria:**

*Note: John Ellerman's current strategy is coming to an end. They have flagged that some their funding priorities and criteria may change. Please check their website for any updates.*

- Fund work under two main criteria:
  - Work focused on the protection, restoration and sustainable use of the ocean
  - Work focused on building healthier urban and rural environments
- Seeking to support organisations which:
  - Seek to improve natural environment
  - Understand significance of habitats for human wellbeing and the impact people have on environments
  - Look for sustainable environmental solutions
  - Incorporate local communities into their thinking and strategy
  - Work collaboratively
  - Take evidence-based approach
  - Tackle underlying causes and symptoms of issues

**Size of grants:** £10,000 to £50,000 for up to three years (on average)

**How to apply:**

1. Complete [eligibility quiz](#)
2. Complete [proposal](#) and upload to [online portal](#)
3. If successful, submit a more detailed proposal and additional information

## **Social Action: Championing Change programme**

**Funding source:** <https://ellerman.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Social justice

**Geography:** UK

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which aims to benefit wider society by creating systems-wide level change to create a more inclusive society.

**Additional criteria:**

*Note: John Ellerman's current strategy is coming to an end. They have flagged that some their funding priorities and criteria may change. Please check their website for any updates.*

- Prioritise UK charities with an income between £10,000 and £10 million
- Support organisations that are nationally significant (i.e. work in multiple localities or work can be applied at country level)
- Looks for organisations with good understanding of its effectiveness and impact; strong governance and management; and good collaboration
- Supports work which involves those with experience of issues their tackling
- Supports work which improves systems through policy, advocacy or campaigning
- Supports organisations which seek to address causes as well as symptoms of an issue

- Supports organisations which value and learn from the experience of those they support

**Size of grants:** £10,000 to £50,000 for up to three years (on average)

**How to apply:**

1. Complete [eligibility quiz](#)
2. Complete [proposal](#) and upload to [online portal](#)
3. If successful, submit a more detailed proposal and additional information

## Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

### Sustainable Future programme

**Funding source:** <https://www.jrct.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Climate justice

**Geography:** National

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which is developing and promoting sustainable, low-carbon alternatives to the current consumerist and growth-based paradigm.

**Additional criteria:**

- Aims to support groups which:
  - Are struggling to obtain funding elsewhere
  - Are actively building power in communities
  - Have a record of community organising around (1) climate (2) economics (3) environment
  - Tackle intersections of climate justice with other causes such as racial injustice, legacies of colonialism, economic inequality
  - Consider wellbeing of staff and participants
  - Demonstrates why there is a need for this work
  - Have a good reason as to why their organisation or group is the right choice to carry out project

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

1. Speak with programme staff before writing a proposal
2. Proposals only accepted from those invited to submit one

## **Joseph Rowntree Reform Trust**

### **National Campaigning and Lobbying grants**

**Funding source:** <https://www.jrrt.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Democracy

**Geography:** UK

**Aim of fund:**

Supports political campaigns and lobbying with national impact.

**Additional criteria:**

- Funds work in three main priority areas
  - Electoral reform – ensuring citizen’s votes count and elections are fair
  - Open and responsive democracy – ensuring executive power is checked by effective parliament and power is share more with regions and communities
  - Democratic culture – aiming to create a democratic culture with respect for diversity, collaboration and informed public debate
  - “Speaking Truth to Power” – the bar for consideration of this work is higher than other priorities.

**Size of grants:** Small grants (£10,000) can be applied for at most times in the year. There are quarterly application rounds for larger grant applications.

**How to apply:**

1. Submit an outline proposal to [info@jrjt.org.uk](mailto:info@jrjt.org.uk)
2. If successful, submit a [full online application](#)

## **Peace and Security programme**

**Funding source:** <https://www.jrjt.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Human rights, racial justice

**Geography:** National

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which aims to shift UK defence and security paradigm away from hard power towards soft power; and delegitimising violence as a tool for conflict resolution, promoting “culture of human rights”.

**Additional criteria:**

- Supports charitable work which focuses on:
  - Challenging militarism
  - Scrutiny of counter-terrorism measures
  - Articulating a case for alternative approaches to defence and security
  - Responding to the dual harms of Covid-19 and systemic racism

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

1. Create an account on the [grants management system](#)
2. Apply through the [programme page](#)

## UK Democracy Fund

Funding source: <https://www.jrrt.org.uk/>

Funding theme(s): Democracy

Geography: National

### Aim of fund:

Supports work which aims to increase democratic participation (register 1 million new voters) among groups which are less likely to be registered/vote, which predominantly include young people; people from ethnic minority backgrounds; people born overseas; or those living in unstable conditions, leading to their concerns being unaddressed.

### Additional criteria:

- Interested in funding campaigns and research applications which align with the goals of their [funding framework](#):
  - “A million more” - increasing participation to get one-million low propensity voters registered and to vote before next General Election
  - “Enabling everyone to vote” - ensuring accessible, easy voting system is in place
  - “Extending the right to vote” - advocating for 16 and 17 year olds and settled UK residents to be able to vote

**Size of grants:** Grants under £10,000 (anytime) and over £10,000

### How to apply:

More information on [how to apply](#) and [important dates](#)

1. Submit outline proposal to [info@jrrt.org.uk](mailto:info@jrrt.org.uk)
2. Submit an [online application](#)

## Network for Social Change

### Social Change grants

**Funding source:** <https://www.thenetworkforsocialchange.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Human rights, education, health, climate justice, economic justice, racial justice

**Geography:** UK

**Aim of fund:**

Support projects which promote social change, specifically projects which are innovative, highly leveraged, or difficult to fund.

**Additional criteria:**

- Funds work in six key areas:
  - Peace
  - Human rights
  - Arts & education
  - Environment
  - Health
  - Economic and racial justice
- Supports work which address the root causes of issues
- Supports work led by people with experience of issues they're campaigning about

**Size of grants:** There are three different funding streams:

1. FastTrack – grants up to £8,000
2. Pools – grants up to £20,000
3. Major Projects – £100,000 to £150,000 for 3-6 years

**How to apply:**

1. Submit project on the [project noticeboard](#)

## Nuffield Foundation

### Research, Development & Analysis Fund

**Funding source:** <https://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/>



**Funding theme(s):** Education, health, social justice

**Geography:** National

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which informs the design and operation of social policy and practice in three core areas: (1) [education](#) (2) [welfare](#) (3) [justice](#).

**Additional criteria:**

- Is the research question relevant?
- Is there a clear conceptual framework?
- Is the question researchable and the methodology appropriate and rigorous?
- Does the team possess appropriate experience, expertise and potential?
- Is the budget requested appropriate and does it offer good value for money?
- Is there a clear route to use the output to positively influence future outcomes?

**Size of grants:** Grants up to £750,000 available, most grants awarded between £50,000 and £300,000

**How to apply:**

1. Submit an [outline proposal](#)
2. If successful, submit a full application

## **Oak Foundation**

### **International Human Rights Programme**

**Funding source:** <https://oakfnd.org/>

**Funding theme(s):** Human rights

**Geography:** International

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which closes the gap between human rights rhetoric and the lived experience of different groups.

**Additional criteria:**

- Supports work in five key priority areas:
  - Justice for victims of international crimes
  - Detention as a last resort and zero-tolerance for torture
  - Full dignity for LGBTQI people
  - A healthy information sphere
  - Strong human rights movements
- Supports work which is based upon, implements and strengthens international human rights law
- Supports work which delivers systemic change
- Supports initiatives which aim to create change through activism (policy, campaigning, advocacy)

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

1. Invitation only applications but you can submit a [letter of enquiry](#)

**Issues Affecting Women programme**

**Funding source:** <https://oakfnd.org/>

**Funding theme(s):** Gender justice

**Geography:** International

**Aim of fund:**

Supports women who are working to build, lead and grow strong and influential movement to achieve equity and justice.

**Additional criteria:**

- Supports work which:

- Adopts rights-based approach to services/advocacy
- Amplify women's power and agency
- Employ holistic approach: consider different contexts/culture and address root causes
- Promote systemic change by strengthening legal frameworks and holding governments and institutions accountable
- Contribute to broader women's movement through collaboration and networking
- Build evidence which contributes to best practice and catalyses innovation
- Changes behaviours and attitudes to prevent violence

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

1. Invitation only applications but you can submit a [letter of enquiry](#)

## **Learning Differences programme**

**Funding source:** <https://oakfnd.org/>

**Funding theme(s):** Disability justice

**Geography:** International

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which promotes equitable educational experiences and systems for students with learning differences and lack of opportunities.

**Additional criteria:**

- Support organisations which conduct research on how to unlock potential of students with learning differences
- Develop policy and systems-level recommendations for improving learning environments
- Conducts research on science of learning for the needs of students with learning disabilities

- Engages young people with learning differences in the creation of supportive learning environments
- Disseminate and share learning, tools and resources
- Elevate voices of students with learning differences and their families

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

1. Invitation only applications but you can submit a [letter of enquiry](#)

## Paul Hamlyn Foundation

### Youth Fund

**Funding source:** <https://www.phf.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Youth

**Geography:** National

**Aim of fund:**

“Supports organisations whose main purpose is working with and for young people (aged 14-25) who face complex transitions to adulthood.”

**Additional criteria:**

- Fund provides core funding for organisations which seek to grow and sustain their impact with and on young people
- Young people’s voices are at the centre and they have agency and power
- Aim to achieve wide impact for young people i.e. systemic or structural change
- Committed to continuous improvement in [asset-based approaches](#) to working with and for young people
- Support young people who are facing complex transitions, challenges and barriers to accessing support and opportunities, particularly those with lived experience

**Size of grants:** up to £150,000 spread over three years (i.e. up to £50,000 per year).

**How to apply:**

Applications accepted on a rolling basis.

1. Submit an [online application](#)
2. If successful, organisations will be invited for an interview
3. Shortlisted applications recommended to grants panel

## Migration

**Funding source:** <https://www.phf.org.uk/funding/migration>

**Funding theme(s):** Migrant/refugee justice

**Geography:** UK

**Aim of fund:**

Their funding contributes to binging about a world where:

- respect, care and interdependence underpin our relationships with one another;
- differences of opinion and perspectives provide opportunity for reflection and growth;
- shared learning allows us to both shape our future actions and to stop us from deepening and consolidating harm.

They believe this is only possible through collective and collaborative effort between individuals, organisations, movements, funders and beyond.

**Additional criteria:**

The Migration Fund is open to applications from not-for-profit organisations of any size working anywhere in the UK. **Newly established** and **unincorporated groups** are also welcome to apply if they fit our criteria.

We will consider:

- core funding for salaries, organisational costs, etc;
- funding dedicated to a specific programme; or
- funding for partnerships.

While we will continue to consider applications from a broad range of organisations that align with our vision and criteria, we will prioritise applications from organisations:

- led by migrants and diaspora communities;
- that work with historically underfunded groups and regions;
- with annual turnover under £500,000; or
- that have less access to funding from other sources.

**Size of grants:** Up to £60,000 per year (3 to 4 years); up to £50,000 per year (5 years)

**How to apply:**

1. [Request an enquire call](#)
2. [Submit a written application](#)

## Rosa

### Voices from the Frontline fund

**Funding source:** <https://trustforlondon.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Gender justice

**Geography:** UK

**Aim of fund:**

Supports women's and girls' organisations work in campaigning and influencing to create change.

**Additional criteria:**

- Supports work that campaigns for changes in policy and laws, including national campaigns
- Influences community leaders and power holders

- Gathers evidence or produces reports and tools which allow organisations to campaign for change
- Mentoring/training for women to be able to participate in public life and influence social policy
- Video or media campaigns about women's issues
- Training activists in campaigning, advocacy, lobbying or public speaking

**Size of grants:** Up to £7,000 for a year

**How to apply:**

3. Submit an [online application form](#)
4. Submit a [3 minute video](#)

## Trust for London

### Economic Justice

**Funding source:** <https://trustforlondon.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Economic justice

**Geography:** London

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which aims to improve working conditions for Londoners.

**Additional criteria:**

- Supports campaigning, organising, policy work and research on following issues:
  - Improving pay for those on low incomes
  - Addressing exploitative employment practices and discrimination
  - Improving the practice of public agencies.
  - Promoting good employment practice
  - Addressing rise of automation and changing business structures

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:** Submit an [online application](#)

## **The A B Charitable Trust**

### **Access to justice programme**

**Funding source:** <https://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Legal

**Geography:** National

#### **Aim of fund:**

Supports work which improves access to justice through providing specialist legal advice and representation or influencing law, policy and practice.

#### **Additional criteria:**

- Delivers effective work and understands impact
- Listens to people the organisation serves and alter work accordingly
- Engages people with lived experience in work
- Organisation is effectively managed
- Shares knowledge or works in partnership when possible
- Works well with others in geographical or policy area
- Grant would make a positive difference

**Size of grants:** £10,000–£30,000

#### **How to apply:**

1. Submit an [online application](#)

### **Human Rights programme**

**Funding source:** <https://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/>



**Funding theme(s):** Human rights

**Geography:** National

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which protects the human rights framework and the principles of human rights and the rule of law, including campaigning, advocacy, and narrative change work.

**Additional criteria:**

- Delivers effective work and understands impact
- Listens to people the organisation serves and alter work accordingly
- Engages people with lived experience in work
- Organisation is effectively managed
- Shares knowledge or works in partnership when possible
- Works well with others in geographical or policy area
- Grant would make a positive difference

**Size of grants:** £10,000–£30,000

**How to apply:**

1. Submit an [online application](#)

## **Migrants & Refugees programme**

**Funding source:** <https://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/>

**Funding theme:** Migration

**Geography:** National

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which enables immigrations, refugees or asylum seekers are welcomed, treated fairly and able to maximise their potential.

**Additional criteria:**

- Deliver services which directly target migrant and refugee communities
- Influence law, policy, public opinions and narratives
- Strengthen voluntary sector and support organisations delivering work in this area
- Delivers effective work and understands impact
- Listens to people the organisation serves and alter work accordingly
- Engages people with lived experience in work
- Organisation is effectively managed
- Shares knowledge or works in partnership when possible

**Size of grants:** £10,000–£30,000

**How to apply:**

1. Submit an [online application](#)

## **The Justice System & Penal Reform programme**

**Funding source:** <https://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Legal

**Geography:** National

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which aims to create an equitable justice system, with a focus on prevention and rehabilitation.”

**Additional criteria:**

- Deliver effective services for individuals and families who are at risk of experiencing, or in the justice system, at all stages
- Support effective rehabilitation into the community
- Work to influence policy, public opinion, and narratives to reform and reimagine the justice system
- Strengthen the sector and support organisations delivering work in this area
- Delivers effective work and understands impact

- Listens to people the organisation serves and alter work accordingly
- Engages people with lived experience in work
- Organisation is effectively managed
- Shares knowledge or works in partnership when possible

**Size of grants:** £10,000–£30,000

**How to apply:**

1. Submit an [online application](#)

## The David & Elaine Potter Foundation

### Civil Society programme

**Funding source:** <https://potterfoundation.com/>

**Funding theme(s):** Human rights

**Geography:** UK

**Aim of fund:**

Supports a broad range of work focused on human rights and good governance.

**Additional criteria:**

- Interested in supporting work that specifically focuses on impact of drones on human rights work; investigative journalism; rule of law; democracy and inequality
- Supports work that looks at issues it funds in a global context (e.g. cross-border/non-geographic)
- Common characteristics in work that is funded includes: building networks; unlocking and enabling potential; catalysing change; and encouraging use of strong evidence base

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

1. Applications invitation only but you can email ([info@potterfoundation.com](mailto:info@potterfoundation.com)) to discuss potential eligibility if you believe your work is within the remit of the grant

## Education

### Funding source:

[https://potterfoundation.com/causes\\_we\\_support/education/introduction.html](https://potterfoundation.com/causes_we_support/education/introduction.html)

**Funding theme(s):** Education

**Geography:** UK

### Aim of fund:

They are interested in funding projects that work on improving policy, improving practices and pedagogy and testing new techniques and / or interventions. They favour grants directed at education in support of economic and social well-being, primarily in the UK and historically in South Africa.

### Additional criteria:

In the UK we are primarily looking to fund work focused on technical / vocational education, out of school / after school mentoring, the preparedness of young people with regard to life skills and employability, and the development of young leaders.

We are interested in pilot projects or those that provide a proof of concept, projects that influence policy and those that explore the role(s) of new technology in education.

**Size of grants:** Not known

### How to apply:

Please note that applications are strictly by their invitation only. They do not accept or consider uninvited or unsolicited applications. However, if

you think your work may fit their remit you should email them at: [info@potterfoundation.com](mailto:info@potterfoundation.com) to discuss your potential eligibility and whether it is something that they may fund.

## The Legal Education Foundation

### Fairer Systems programme

Funding source: <https://thelegaleducationfoundation.org/>

Funding theme(s): Legal

Geography: National

#### Aim of fund:

Supports work which influences how laws are made and implemented through holding governmental institutions and policy-makers to account and acting in interest of communities.

#### Additional criteria:

- Value the following qualities in organisations:
  - Lived experience at the heart of the organisation's strategy and leadership
  - Accountability to communities the organisation serves
  - Creates connections between everyday injustice and advocating for change
  - Commitment to learning and reflection
  - Supportive, inclusive work environment

Size of grants: Not known

#### How to apply:

1. Submit [online application form](#)
2. If successful, organisations are invited to make a full application

## Stronger Sector programme

Funding source: <https://thelegaleducationfoundation.org/>

Funding theme(s): Legal

Geography: National

### Aim of fund:

Supports organisations who use law or legal tools and strategies for social justice. This programme focuses on “law of everyday life”, such as housing, employment, immigration, welfare benefits etc.

### Additional criteria:

- Value the following qualities in organisations:
  - Lived experience at the heart of the organisation’s strategy and leadership
  - Accountability to communities the organisation serves
  - Creates connections between everyday injustice and advocating for change
  - Commitment to learning and reflection
  - Supportive, inclusive work environment

Size of grants: Not known

### How to apply:

1. Submit [online application form](#)
2. If successful, organisations are invited to make a full application



# Closed Funding

## City Bridge Foundation

### Support for refugees, asylum seekers and migrants programme

**Reopens:** Autumn 2025

**Funding source:** [www.citybridgefoundation.org.uk](http://www.citybridgefoundation.org.uk)

**Funding theme(s):** Migration

**Geography:** Greater London

#### **Aim of fund:**

Supports services and work which aims to increase the influence and representation of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants to improve the services they receive.

#### **Additional criteria:**

- Supports organisations tackling barriers refugees, asylum seekers or migrants face
- Support work which involves communities the organisation or project serves or is led by people with direct experience of the UK immigration system where possible
- Supports work which challenges power dynamics in voluntary/community sector
- Supports work which values equity and helps organisations diversity and inclusion grow.
- Supports work which has potential to allow organisation to grow in their approach to learning

**Size of grants:** £2,000 to £300,000 with an average of £110,00 for up to 5 years.

#### **How to apply:**

1. Check your [eligibility](#)



2. Submit [application form](#)

## Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

### Power and Accountability programme

Funding source: <https://www.jrct.org.uk/>

Funding theme(s): Social justice, racial justice, economic justice

Geography: National

#### Aim of fund:

Supports work which aims to create a world where power is shared equally and institutions are accountable to, and aligned with, the interests of wider society.

#### Additional criteria:

- Supports charitable work which focuses on:
  - Strengthening corporate accountability
  - Strengthening democratic accountability
  - Encouraging responsible media”
  - Responding to the dual harms of Covid-19 and systemic racism

Size of grants: Not known

#### How to apply:

1. Create an account on the [grants management system](#)
2. Apply through the [programme page](#)

### Rights and Justice programme

Funding source: <https://www.jrct.org.uk/>

Funding theme(s): Social justice, racial justice

Geography: National

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which aims to influence policy, legislation and public debate to increase support and empathy for the rights of racial and religious minorities.

**Additional criteria:**

- Focus areas:
  - Protection and promotion of human rights and their enforcement in the UK
  - Promoting rights and justice for minorities who face the most severe forms of racism
  - Promoting human rights and justice for refugees and other migrants by challenges structures and systems that deny their rights
- Interested in supporting the work of grassroots groups and those with lived experience of the issues their tackling

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

1. Create an account on the [grants management system](#)
2. Apply through the [programme page](#) when applications re-open

**Social Change grants**

**Funding source:** <https://www.jrct.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Social justice, racial justice, economic justice

**Geography:** UK

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which is creating a more equitable future and ending poverty.

**Additional criteria:**

- Supports range of work in three different pathways:

- Directional change: working with existing power structures and acting to create solutions to address current needs
- Systemic change: working with other organisations to understand what is needed to create change
- Infrastructure for change

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

Applications not currently open.

## **Grassroots Movements fund**

**Funding source:** <https://www.jrct.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Climate justice, social justice

**Geography:** National

**Aim of fund:**

Supports “grassroots social movements on the frontlines of social and environmental injustice who are striving for transformative change.”

**Additional criteria:**

- Funds groups doing long-term relational work to challenge systems of inequality
- Sharing power – using some aspects of participatory grant giving
- Utilising intersectional framing
- Being connected and accountable to grassroots groups
- Being accessible – removing barriers which prevent full participation of disabled people
- Being transparent and clear in communication around processes, decisions, learning and power

**Size of grants:** £40,000–£50,000

**How to apply:**

1. Visit [jrctmovementfund.org.uk](http://jrctmovementfund.org.uk) to apply

## Justice Together

### Influencing grants

**Funding source:** <https://justice-together.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Migration

**Geography:** UK

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which contributes to the development of a shared strategy for transforming access to justice in the immigration system.

**Additional criteria:**

- Main aims:
  - Fair, timely and accessible immigration system
  - More sustainably resourced immigration advice and legal system
- Supports work which is focused on changing systems and structures locally or nationally
- Interested in projects led by people with lived experience
- Supports development and testing of new approaches to influencing
- Supports proposals led/informed by those with lived experience of the immigration system
- Supports coordinated approaches
- Supports increased influencing capacity or organisations (e.g. staffing costs, direct costs)

**Size of grants:** £90,000 to £200,000 for up to three years

**How to apply:**

1. Fill out the [contact form](#) before submitting an application
2. Submit [online application](#)

## **Lloyd's Bank Foundation**

### **Local Collaborations**

## **Nationwide Foundation**

### **Nurturing Ideas to Change the Housing System programme**

**Funding source:** <https://nationwidefoundation.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Economic justice

**Geography:** UK

#### **Aim of fund:**

Supports work which creates and tests housing ideas to influence policy and ultimately be implemented.

#### **Additional criteria:**

- Supports work which includes researching, testing, developing, piloting and evaluating ideas
- Opportunity to scale-up ideas
- Supports work which addresses root causes and creates systemic change

**Size of grants:** Not known

#### **How to apply:**

Applications not currently open.

## **Nuffield Foundation**

### **Racial Diversity 2048 programme**

**Funding source:** <https://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/>

**Funding theme(s):** Racial justice

**Geography:** UK

**Aim of fund:**

New grants programme which aims to explore the influence of migration and ethnic diversity in the UK and improve understandings of ways to achieve a racially inclusive and just society.

**Additional criteria:**

- No additional criteria currently

**Size of grants:** TBC

**How to apply:**

Applications not currently open but you can [subscribe for updates](#)

## **Paul Hamlyn Foundation**

### **Shared Ground Fund**

**Funding source:** Not known

**Funding source:** <https://www.phf.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Migration

**Geography:** National – but work outside London will be prioritised when it is led by people with direct experience of the UK immigration

**Aim of fund:**

Support work which addresses structural inequalities that lead to specific groups being negatively affected by the migration system in the UK.

Funds work which supports long-term objectives: (1) Influencing migration system (2) Improving access to support services (3) Strengthening civic participation (4) Informing public understanding

**Additional criteria:**

- Understanding of challenges and opportunities and clear plan of action
- People with lived experience of the immigration system at the heart of change
- Resources for staff and others' wellbeing of staff and participants in considered and
- Contribution toward organisation development to be effective, sustainable and anti-racist
- Thoughtful approach to capturing learning and applying it as work develops

**Size of grants:** £30,000 to £400,000 for work lasting between 12 months and 4 years with an option to extend.

**How to apply:**

1. Submit an [initial inquiry](#)
2. Submit an [online application](#)
3. Stage 2 online application – submit further information online

## **Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation**

### **Policy grants**

**Funding source:** <https://www.polden-puckham.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Social justice

**Geography:** International

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which aims to influence policy, attitudes and values at a national or international level.

**Additional criteria:**

- Support organisations with radical thinking and solutions

- Support movements which hold power to account and advocate for change
- Support organisations aiming to bring about transformational policy and system change
- Special consideration to youth led organisations; small organisations with a bold vision; and organisations with intersectional justice approach
- Support practical projects that have potential to influence national policy in the UK and can be scaled up

**Size of grants:** on average £50,000 to £150,000 for up to three years

**How to apply:**

Applications not currently open.

## The Baring Foundation

### Strengthening Civil Society programme

**Funding source:** <https://thelegaleducationfoundation.org/>

**Funding theme(s):** Civil society, human rights

**Geography:** UK

**Aim of fund:**

Supports organisations to utilise law and human rights based approaches as effective ways of tackling issues in civil society.

**Additional criteria:**

- Currently not available

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

Applications are not currently open but details of grant rounds announced through [e-newsletter](#)



## The Bromley Trust

### Human Rights programme

Funding source: <https://www.thebromleytrust.org.uk/>

Funding theme(s): Human rights

Geography: UK

#### Aim of fund:

Supports work which combats violations of human rights.

#### Additional criteria:

- Focus areas:
  - Torture and abuse – supports specialist organisations which address the needs of people who have experienced torture, slavery, trafficking or sexual violence
  - Detention – supports organisations which campaign against detention without trial of due process
  - Human Rights Protection – support strategic work which aims to protect human rights in the UK
- Supports organisations with annual turnover between £100,000 and £1,500,000
- Supports well run organisations which work collaboratively with others

Size of grants: Not known

#### How to apply:

1. Complete [eligibility quiz](#)
2. If you meet the eligibility requirements, the application form becomes accessible

### Prison Reform programme

**Funding source:** <https://www.thebromleytrust.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Criminal justice reform

**Geography:** UK

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which promotes prison reform in the UK with an emphasis on rehabilitation and reducing re-offending.

**Additional criteria:**

- Focus areas:
  - Prison education and skills training
  - Prison reform
    - Support work which helps to alleviate suffering of vulnerable groups in prison and create positive changes to the prison environment
    - Support work which aims to positively change the prison system through informing or influencing policy, practice and legislation
- Supports prison reform work where most of the work take place within prisons
- Supports organisations with annual turnover between £100,000 and £1,500,000
- Supports well run organisations which work collaboratively with others

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

1. Complete [eligibility quiz](#)
2. If you meet the eligibility requirements, the application form becomes accessible

## **The Legal Education Foundation**

### **Smarter Justice programme**

**Funding source:** <https://thelegaleducationfoundation.org/>

**Funding theme(s):** Legal

**Geography:** National

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which creates an evidence base of what effectively helps people to understand and use the law to secure their rights, protections and fair treatment.

**Additional criteria:**

- Value the following qualities in organisations:
  - Lived experience at the heart of the organisation's strategy and leadership
  - Accountability to communities the organisation serves
  - Creates connections between everyday injustice and advocating for change
  - Commitment to learning and reflection
  - Supportive, inclusive work environment

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

1. Submit [online application form](#)
2. If successful, organisations are invited to make a full application

## The Young Foundation

### Community Knowledge Fund

**Funding source:** <https://www.youngfoundation.org/>

**Funding theme(s):** Social justice, climate justice, youth

**Geography:** UK

**Aim of fund:**

Supports community groups and organisations to develop ideas which use knowledge from within communities to address local and national issues.

**Additional criteria:**

- Particular interest in following themes:
  - Community safety and resilience
  - Environment and sustainability
- Demonstrate that ideas have the potential to build stronger community connections to research and innovation
- Supports work community groups who want to shape research and innovation (not for those in the formal research sector)

**Size of grants:** £10,000 to £100,000

**How to apply:**

Have to apply for Phase 1 of funding – Groundwork and Early-Stage Testing grants – before accessing further funding in subsequent phases.

1. Submit an [Expression of Interest form](#)

## Trust for London

### Better Work programme

**Funding source:** <https://trustforlondon.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Economic justice

**Geography:** London

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which aims to improve working conditions for Londoners.

**Additional criteria:**

- Supports campaigning, organising, policy work and research on following issues:
  - Improving pay for those on low incomes

- Addressing exploitative employment practices and discrimination
- Improving the practice of public agencies.
- Promoting good employment practice
- Addressing rise of automation and changing business structures

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

Applications not currently open.

## **Decent Living Standards programme**

**Funding source:** <https://trustforlondon.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Economic justice, youth

**Geography:** London

**Aim of fund:**

Supports creation of an inclusive and responsive welfare and support system.

**Additional criteria:**

- Supports campaigning, organising, policy work and research on following issues:
  - Impact of changes to the welfare support system
  - Improving welfare support system
  - Demonstrating the effect on low-income Londoners from public services (e.g. children's centres and youth provision)
  - Reducing cost of living
  - Improving public attitudes on social security and challenging the stigma of working-age adults on social security.
  - Research into the future role of social security and the state to prevent poverty in London

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

Applications not currently open.

## **Disability Justice fund**

**Funding source:** <https://trustforlondon.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Disability justice

**Geography:** London

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which strengthens ability of Deaf and Disabled People's Organisations (DDPOs) to engage in campaigning, policy and advocacy.

**Additional criteria:**

- At least 75% of trustees are disabled and 50% of paid staff are disabled
- Supports Deaf and Disabled people who are at the intersection of other systems of oppression
- Strengthens voice and capacity in DDPOs
- Campaigns aiming to achieve social justice
- Enabled DDPOs to develop partnerships or new innovative ways of working to mobilise for social change

**Size of grants:** Two strands of funding:

1. Development grants of up to £20,000
2. Large grants for up to £180,000 for 2-3 years

**How to apply:**

1. Complete [online application form](#)

## **Good Homes and Neighbourhoods programme**

**Funding source:** <https://trustforlondon.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Economic justice, climate justice

**Geography:** London

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work to make housing more affordable for Londoners and improving the wider environment.

**Additional criteria:**

- Supports campaigning, organising, policy work and research on following issues:
  - Making housing more affordable
  - Improving quality of housing, including better regulation
  - Increasing the influence tenants have over their homes and neighbourhoods
  - Improving understanding of public attitudes on renting and affordable housing
  - Including people on low incomes in planning and regeneration
  - Improving built environment and green spaces of neighbourhoods
- Supports well-evidenced research on approaches to tackle housing and homelessness issues in London

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

Applications not currently open.

## **Pathways to Settlement programme**

**Funding source:** <https://trustforlondon.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Migration

**Geography:** London

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which combats issues migrants face in London.

**Additional criteria:**

- Supports campaigning, organising, policy work and research on following issues:
  - Promoting a better and more fair immigration system
  - Improve understandings of public attitudes on migration
  - Create effective pathways to settlement for migrants
  - Challenge exploitation and discrimination of migrants

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

Applications not currently open.

## Shared Wealth programme

**Funding source:** <https://trustforlondon.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Economic justice

**Geography:** London

**Aim of fund:**

Supports work which aims to reduce the gap between the rich and poor, creating a fairer London.

**Additional criteria:**

- Supports campaigning, organising, policy work and research on following issues related to wealth inequality:
  - Improving understanding of the impact of wealth disparity
  - Advocating for greater transparency around wealth
  - Advocating for reforms for fairer taxation

**Size of grants:** Not known



**How to apply:**

Applications not currently open.

**Stronger Voices programme**

**Funding source:** <https://trustforlondon.org.uk/>

**Funding theme(s):** Social justice

**Geography:** London

**Aim of fund:**

Supports people to build the skills which will allow them to influence government, policy-makers, media and the public.

**Additional criteria:**

- Supports less experienced organisations to develop skills and practice
- Supports community organising and campaigning for policy changes
- Supports strategic communications to shape public attitudes and narratives
- Collects data on the impact of poverty or inequality on different communities
- Supports development of people with lived experience of inequality in campaigning and leadership

**Size of grants:** Not known

**How to apply:**

Applications not currently open.

