



## **Invitation for Expressions of Interest: Provider(s) for Peer Learning & Support offer to Regional Programme Partners**

### **1. Background**

Blagrave is an independent funder dedicated to serving young people who are challenging and experiencing injustice in their individual lives and within society. As part of this, our Regional Programme gives funding to over 40 youth focused partners across Sussex, Wiltshire, Berkshire, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. Although the programme closed to new applicants in September 2025, all partners have a commitment to funding from Blagrave for 3 years, a small number of whom are on their second or third tenure.

Alongside financial support, and in response to ongoing insight from our partners, we are seeking to enhance our offer of peer learning and support opportunities for those in the programme.

### **2. Purpose**

We are inviting Expressions of Interest to develop and deliver Blagrave's Regional Programme support offer for youth organisations (charities and CICs) in the SE of England. To accommodate the diversity of partners and encourage specialist expertise, we are offering a three-pronged opportunity, open to individual professional(s), organisations, and/or collaborations who can deliver one or more of the learning strands outlined below.

In alignment with [our commitments](#) we are seeking a provider(s) to build on our existing peer learning group for Regional partners in the South East; to support their expertise on youth leadership, engagement and service delivery. In response to feedback from partners and need for specialist input, we want to extend this offer to include optional bespoke support on safeguarding, and fundraising/income generation.

We are therefore seeking EOIs from individual professional(s), organisations and/or collaborations who are:

- Confident organizing and optimizing learning opportunities for audiences with a diverse range of lived, learnt and professional experiences;
- Experienced supporting youth organisations' development and growth, with recognition of on-going challenges and constraints;
- Flexible in accommodating the learning priorities of partners, being both proportionate and responsive to needs;
- Proven ability to unlock potential in participants, through peer-learning, reflection exercises and/or workshops;
- Innovative in their approach to delivering organisational support, insight and development opportunities;
- Holds specialist expertise in youth leadership and engagement, safeguarding and/or fundraising, able to evidence this through previous experience, qualification and/or accreditation;
- Able to demonstrate strong administrative and communication skills;
- Experienced in accommodating varying access needs, accommodations, and learning styles, working alongside Blagrave to enable equitable participation;

### **3. Learning Strands & Key Objectives**

To offer flexibility and creativity in approach, we are welcoming Expressions of Interest from individual freelancers, organisations and/or collaborations who are able to deliver 1 or more of the learning strands listed.

<b>Ref.</b>	<b>Learning Strand</b>	<b>Objectives</b>	<b>Deliverables</b>	<b>Contract value</b>
<b>A</b>	Facilitation & development of peer learning events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enable partners to share and generate deeper understanding of equitable approaches to youth leadership, engagement and delivery</li><li>• Increase Blagrave's understanding of challenges facing partners and the youth sector</li><li>• Evaluate our approach and impact of our learning and</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Curation, organisation and facilitation of four events open to Regional Partners, including 3 in-person and 1 online, lasting 4-6 hours each;</li><li>• Provide all organisation and administration required including venue booking, understanding participants' needs via registration form, briefing and paying all guest speakers or facilitators, writing up notes, issuing feedback forms.</li></ul>	Up to £5,000 (exc. VAT) or £6,000 (inc. VAT)  (Logistical costs held separately e.g. venue hire, catering)

		<p>support offer as part of the Regional Programme</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In preparation for, and following, events, collate and share key resources to support participants learning;</li> <li>• Throughout delivery, support the collection of reflections and feedback from participants, sharing with Blagrave's Programme Manager</li> <li>• Collaborate alongside fellow learning delivery partner(s) to optimize partners' participation.</li> </ul>	
<b>B</b>	Fundraising & income generation expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equip and empower partners in their understanding and ability to generate funds and/or income</li> <li>• Increase Blagrave's understanding of challenges facing partners and the youth sector</li> <li>• Evaluate our approach and impact of our learning and support offer as part of the Regional Programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curation and delivery of a flexible support offer reaching a minimum of 10 Regional Partners (e.g. group training &amp; 1:1 consultancy);</li> <li>• Throughout delivery, support the collection of reflections and feedback from participants, sharing with Blagrave's Programme Manager</li> <li>• Collaborate alongside fellow learning delivery partner(s) to optimize partner's participation</li> </ul>	Up to £2,083 (exc. VAT) or £2,500 (inc. VAT)

<b>C</b>	Safeguarding Adults at Risk & Children expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enable partner organisations to enhance their practice, understanding and culture of Safeguarding Adults &amp; Children</li> <li>• Increase Blagrave's understanding of challenges facing partners and the youth sector</li> <li>• Evaluate our approach and impact of our learning and support offer as part of the Regional Programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Curation and delivery of a flexible support offer reaching a minimum of 10 Regional Partners (e.g. group training &amp; 1:1 consultancy);</li> <li>• Throughout delivery, support the collection of reflections and feedback from participants, sharing with Blagrave's Programme Manager</li> <li>• Collaborate alongside fellow learning delivery partner(s) to optimize partners' participation.</li> </ul>	Up to £2,083 (exc. VAT) or £2,500 (inc. VAT)
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#### **4. Commitment to Safeguarding & Wellbeing**

As part of [our commitments to safeguarding](#), we require all delivery partners to participate in Blagrave's Safeguarding & Wellbeing briefing. Throughout delivery, learning partners will be expected to adhere to Safeguarding policy and procedures at all times. Support and guidance will be provided as required from Blagrave's Safeguarding Team.

As part of Safer Recruitment practice, delivery partners are required to complete a Basic DBS check and provide two previous client references.

## **5. Key Details & EOI Timeline**

**Delivery Timeline:** May 2026 -January 2027

**Budget & Additional Resources:** Please note there is additional budget to cover pre-agreed logistical costs (e.g. venue hire). Pre-agreed travel and reasonable expenses will also be considered.

**Location:** In-person sessions will take place in the same agreed location in the South East in one of the four regions covered by the programme: Sussex, Wiltshire, Berkshire or Hampshire.

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Date(s) 2026</b>
<b>EOI Deadline</b>	Mon 23rd Feb 10am
<b>Suitability Conversations (online)</b>	Tue 10 <sup>th</sup> & Thur 12 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Consideration &amp; Negotiation Period</b>	16-27 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Award Notification</b>	w/c 30th March

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#### **4. How to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI)**

We welcome Expressions of Interest from individual freelancers, organisations and/or collaborations who are able to deliver 1 or more of the learning strands listed. If you have any queries regarding this approach, please get in touch with us.

Please submit the following items to [grants@blagravetrust.org](mailto:grants@blagravetrust.org) by **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 10am** using subject line EOI: Learning Partner 2026

- Up-to-date CV/portfolio, no more than 2 sides of A4;
- A proposal for how you would approach the work: Up to 300 words per strand or 3-5 minute recorded video/audio.

If applying as a collaborative, please include an additional 200 words regarding your approach to working together and any interdependencies.

- Top-line budget
- Confirmation of understanding Commitment to Safeguarding & Wellbeing

#### **5. Contact Details**

For any queries, or to arrange a short call to discuss, please get in touch with Regional Programme Manager (Interim) Gray Hutchins. If you would like a short call to discuss, please include your availability and preferred method of contact.

[gray.hutchins@blagravetrust.org](mailto:gray.hutchins@blagravetrust.org)

Please allow 5 working days for a response.