

FAQ's

Citizen Led Engagement Programme - Questions from Information Sessions across February 2019 *(Updated 25 February 2019)*

Application / criteria

Is there a cap on the income level of organisations who can apply? No.

How can applicants demonstrate passion and enthusiasm as part of the weighted criteria? Organisations can demonstrate their passion and enthusiasm through including, for example, case studies, testimonials, explanations of what impact their work has on the communities they are working with, photos, examples of previous successful projects and the impact they have had etc.

Can we get match funding for the project to increase budget and capacity? Yes, however it is not something we are assessing applications on. We would also need to understand clearly what the GLA is funding and what match funding is paying for. This will need to be demonstrated clearly in your application form.

Is it possible to put in multiple applications? Yes.

Which Mayoral strategies can we link up with? There are a number of strategies which you may want to refer to before submitting your application. These could include:

[‘All of us’ – The Mayor’s Strategy for Social Integration](#)

[‘Inclusive London’ – The Mayor’s Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy](#)

[The London Health Inequalities Strategy](#)

Last year’s programme (2017/18)

How many applications did you receive for the programme last year? We received 46 applications for the pilot programme in 2017/18.

Can we see examples of what projects were delivered last year? Below are links to summaries of the research projects for three of the six organisations we worked with last year:

You Press - <https://youpress.org.uk/roots-ldn-community-research-project-2018/>

High Trees - <https://www.high-trees.org/news/the-changing-landscape-of-brixton/>

<https://www.high-trees.org/news/high-trees-at-city-hall/>

Kayd Somali Arts - <http://www.kayd.org/?p=1046>

Themes/communities

How have you selected the themes and communities for this round of the programme? The Mayor is committed to making the capital a City for All Londoners, where every community can thrive. He is committed to making London fairer and more inclusive, and to encourage active citizenship. This will only be possible in collaboration with London's communities. However there are some communities in London that are not historically engaged with City Hall, and this has led to a gap in the GLA's insight and relationships. The communities and themes which have been selected for this year's programme are based on those we identified as having limited connection to City Hall and/or very limited insight into.

Do 2nd and 3rd generation members of communities count as 'migrants' in the refugee, migrant and asylum seeker group? 2nd and 3rd generation migrants will be affected by some of the same issues as new 'migrants' however they are not the primary group we are interested in as part of this category unless there is an intergenerational focus to your project.

What do you mean by 'European communities'? We are interested in communities we have had less engagement with, i.e. communities from Greece, Sweden, Albania, Latvia, Denmark, Belgium, Netherlands, Slovakia, Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania.

What are 'East Asian' communities? Communities which originate from countries within the Eastern and South-Eastern sub-regions of Asia e.g. China, Mongolia, North Korea, South Korea, Japan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Macau, Malaysia, Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, East Timor, Laos, Singapore, Vietnam, Brunei, Burma and Thailand.

Can you mix community groups and themes, for example, BAME LGBT+ people's experience of hate crimes? Yes

Community research projects

How long is the delivery period? The delivery period is around 5-6 months which is longer than we had allocated in the pilot programme. A full list of expected milestones for this year is included in the prospectus for the programme on our [website](#).

Who creates the research question? The organisation applying to the programme will submit their proposed research question and the final research question(s) will be co-produced in collaboration with the GLA.

Why are you asking organisations to recruit 15 researchers?

15 is an indicative number for how many researchers you may need, based on last year's programme. The number of researchers you will require should be determined by what you hope to achieve through your citizen-led engagement project.

Can young people be trained as part of the community research? Yes, as long as your organisation can demonstrate that they have the appropriate support in place for the young people/children to carry out the research including following relevant safeguarding and child protection procedures. If you are looking to engage under 18 year olds, we would expect your staff/project leads to attend the training organised by the GLA and provide appropriate training for the children/young people you will be working with.

Do the researchers we recruit have to be experienced in carrying out research? No. The programme will involve a number of training sessions which will help to build capacity of people who have never carried out research before as well as those who may have some experience in qualitative research.

Can we recruit researchers from our existing pool of engaged participants or do they have to be new? Some of your researchers can be previously engaged participants however we would expect you to also use this as an opportunity to engage new participants too.

What is the content of the training? The training offered as part of this programme will include a mixture of qualitative research skills, qualitative analysis as well as training related to confidence in presentation skills, storytelling etc.

Budget / finance

What needs to be included in the budget breakdown? Any costs associated with delivering this project, including expenses, materials, refreshments, volunteer recruitment and training costs, staffing costs, etc.

My organisation is not a registered charity, can I still apply? As long as you can evidence your experience in successfully engaging with a diverse range of community members and provide the due diligence paperwork requested with your application form, you are eligible to apply for the programme.

Other

Will the GLA be funding interpreters (BSL/speech to text) and would they be there for all the touch points with researchers? We would seek to support this where possible.

What support and guidance will be available for organisations who are unsuccessful? Will we receive feedback on our applications? Depending on capacity and the number of applications we receive, we will be able to provide some feedback where organisations request this.

Does the data need to provide insights for the whole of London? We don't expect your research to provide insights for the whole of London, this is a small community-based research project therefore can be focused in a particular area, borough, housing estate, ward or multiple of these if you engage with communities across London. This is up to the organisation applying to decide.