



# YOUTH CLIMATE CHANGEMAKERS FUND

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR YOUTH ORGANISATIONS 2025

Funding Fairer Futures (FFF) wants to transform the climate justice movement to be more inclusive, accessible and representative focusing on youth, local communities, people with disabilities and ecofeminist groups. We've built a coalition with [Climate Action Network](#), [WECF](#), [Christian Blind Mission Ireland](#) and [ECOLISE](#) to empower more organisations and individuals to build community power, organise and hold power holders to account through providing financial support and training.

As part of the project, we are launching the Youth Climate Changemakers Fund - the biggest fund and organisational development space in Europe so far for youth organisations and informal groups to work on inclusive climate justice. We are especially focusing on engaging the actors from outside the obvious spaces as well as building bridges between climate justice and other priority issues for youth ( 18-30 years).

Generation Climate Europe was created by a group of young people in 2019 to amplify the voices of young people on climate toward the EU institutions. We have grown to be in a position to support our members and other youth organisations, and between January 2025 and May 2028 our coalition will be launching a range of opportunities to do just that. Through this call, we're looking to support youth organisations specifically but our partners are providing other opportunities to fund all kinds of actions. If you think another fund may be more suitable for you then please take a look at the other grant specific documents. If you're not sure, please reach out and we can help! You can find more information about other opportunities available through the coalition below.

- [Climate Action Engagement Fund](#)
- [Feminist Climate Action Fund](#)
- [Global Connections for Climate Justice Fund](#)
- [Regenerative Climate Fund](#)



## OBJECTIVES

*In our first call for proposals, we're looking to start building a strong community of actors to help us shape Funding Fairer Futures. In this document you'll find information about how we want to engage youth organisations.*

We have some objectives with this call that give you an idea of the type of work we're looking to support.

**We want to strengthen the youth climate movement.** The climate justice movement is overwhelmingly being [driven by young people](#) and those young people are pushing governments, companies and organisations to prioritise the climate emergency but are often under-resourced. We want to use the Youth Climate Changemakers Fund to bring much needed financial, training and networking support to the youth climate movement.

**You don't have to be a climate or environmental organisation.** In fact, we're also really interested in supporting organisations who are either new to working on climate issues or those who are looking to expand their work in this area. We are particularly interested in engaging organisations and groups from outside of the typical 'climate bubbles'. So don't worry, you don't have to be a climate expert!

**We're looking for new and innovative project ideas.** When you have an original or new project idea it can often be difficult to find support. If you've had an idea for a project that you've struggled to get off the ground or if your project is struggling to reach its full potential we're particularly interested in hearing from you.

**We're looking to engage and reach new audiences.** The climate movement [has a diversity problem](#) and we want to use the Youth Climate Changemakers Fund to redress that imbalance. We're interested in supporting organisations that are led or focused on working with groups underrepresented in the climate movement or projects designed to reach out to these groups.

**We want to support projects that are going to have an impact.** We want to know that the support we're providing is having an impact on the climate movement. We want you to tell us what difference the support of the Youth Climate Changemakers Fund will have on your work. Will your project influence the direction of a local or national government? Will your project make the climate movement more diverse? Will your project be a catalyst for a motivated and enthusiastic group that just needs the resources to accelerate their action? Tell us your story and we can be part of your journey. We are particularly interested in activities that engage young people with decision makers.

**We want to create a legacy.** We will prioritise investment. Meaningful financial support into the youth climate movement is rare so we want to hear from you how our support will contribute to



your long term work and how, through joining Funding Fairer Futures, your organisation will benefit in the long term. This is why alongside the financial resources, we will also offer comprehensive support on organisational development.

**We want you to join our community.** Being part of Funding Fairer Futures is more than just receiving financial support and training– our strength comes from working together. We’re looking to support organisations that are interested in collaborating on campaigns and working together to amplify action in their communities!

**We want to support projects that will amplify the message of FFF and engage decision makers.** We have particular interest in supporting projects that contribute to our shared campaign on the intersection of the housing, and energy crisis.

We are also interested in supporting projects that organise dialogues between young people, youth groups and decision makers on any climate related topic..

## WHAT WE OFFER

For this call we have tailored our offer specifically for registered youth organisations.

<b>Financial Support:</b>	Organisation can apply for funding from €1,000 to €38,000
<b>Project Duration:</b>	For projects with a budget of <b>over</b> €10,000 the project duration can be between 12 months and 30 months.  For projects with a budget of <b>under</b> €10,000, the project duration can be between 6 months and 18 months.
<b>Start date:</b>	For project starting between April 2026 and November 2026 <i>(Projects must end before October 2027)</i>
<b>Training and networking support:</b>	<b>Project Management and organisational development training:</b> We will offer tailored support and provide access to training on topics such as project management, HR, finance, fundraising and inclusive leadership.  <b>Campaign and Advocacy training:</b> We will offer access to training for advocacy, campaign strategy and policy development.  <b>Communication and mobilisation training:</b> You will have access to training opportunities on media engagement and communications strategising.  <b>Fundraising Support:</b> We will provide access to fundraising



training and support for each project on fundraising strategies, how to access institutional funding and alternative funding campaigns such as crowdfunding and income generation.

**Networking opportunities:** We will organise activities and events that will bring all the projects that Funding Fairer Futures supports together to collaborate, exchange and learn from each other.

**Visibility and recognition:** You will be part of one of the EU's largest programmes supporting citizen engagement and climate action and benefit from being a part of a network of hundreds of organisations and individuals mobilising on a local, national and international level.

## WHAT WE EXPECT

**Meaningful engagement:** Being part of Funding Fairer Futures provides more opportunities than just financial support. Being a recipient of a grant means you will also be expected to meaningfully engage with the project and with other grantees as well as contribute to the collective campaigning of the Funding Fairer Futures project.

**Co-financing:** The Youth Climate Changemakers Fund will fund 100% of project costs for those applying for less than €10,000. If you're applying for between €10,000 and €100,000 we will cover 90% of the total budget and successful grant recipients will need to provide the financial support for the remaining 10% of the project's costs.

**Appropriate reporting and communications:** Receiving a grant that comes from the EU means complying with their reporting requirements. We know this isn't always easy but we'll provide support and training to help you along the way. What we expect in return is for clear and regular contact so we have the opportunity to support and guide you with your reporting. There may also be other times we need your input, for example, in consultations around the campaigns or feedback on the training you've received.

**Visibility and recognition of funding:** Being part of an EU project also means providing visibility to the project and its funders. This means you will need to ensure the materials you produce carry the logos of the project and funder. We'll provide all the information on this to successful applicants.



## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for this grant, there are some conditions you must meet. They can be complicated so if you're not sure please reach out and we'll be happy to help you.

To benefit from this grant you must meet the below criteria:

1. If you are applying for over €10,000 you must be able to demonstrate your organisational and financial capacity to manage and deliver large grants.
2. Be registered as a Legal Entity. That usually means you're registered with a national government as an organisation and have a registration number.
3. You must not be profit making. Whatever type of organisational structure you have, it cannot be profit-making.
4. Your organisation must be youth led. (meaning day to day management of your organisation must be carried out by those under 30 or the governing body is made up of a majority of people under the age of 30).
5. Your organisation must be designated as an NGO in the country in which you're registered.
6. Your organisation must be registered in one of the [EU-27 countries](#).
7. The project must take place in one or more EU member states.
8. Your organisation can't already have received, nor expect to receive, support from another fund financed by the EU's DEAR programme. *(That's any programme funded by EuropeAid/173998/DH/ACT/Multi)*
9. Your organisation can't have participated in an application to deliver the EU's DEAR programme *(You cannot have applied for the EuropeAid/173998/DH/ACT/Multi)*. You can't be a led, co-applicant, affiliated entity nor associated or contracted in any way by a project funded by the EU's DEAR programme.
10. Your organisation must be able to comply with the financial, administrative and operational and due diligence requirements of receiving EU funding. We'll assess this as part of the application process but also provide support to those who need it.
11. Your project must align with the objectives of the call and consist of activities such as;
  - i. Awareness raising
  - ii. Public engagement activities
  - iii. Mobilisation campaigns
  - iv. Advocacy activities
  - v. Capacity building and training activities



## THINGS WE DON'T FUND

While this isn't an exhaustive list of everything we don't fund, here is a short list of some of the costs that aren't eligible as part of this grant:

- i. We do not cover the cost of new equipment
- ii. We do not fund building or capital projects
- iii. We do not fund activities that generate a profit
- iv. You cannot use any part of this grant to co-finance another EU funded project
- v. We do not fund activities or projects taking place outside of the European Union
- vi. This is a project grant and not an operational grant (although some operational costs are eligible when they can be directly attributable to the project)
- vii. We do not fund political campaigns or political parties
- viii. We do not fund fundraising activities
- ix. We do not fund projects that exclusively serve religious purposes

## HOW TO APPLY

**Application Deadline:** The proposals must be submitted in English by 26 January 2026, 23:59 CET via email using the [online application form](#).

**How to Apply:** Applicants should complete:

- The [Application Form](#)
- The [Declaration of Honour](#)
- The [Declaration on Exclusion Criteria](#)
- The [consultation survey](#)

Applications should be submitted to [fundingfairerfutures@gceurope.org](mailto:fundingfairerfutures@gceurope.org) before the deadline.

**Questions and Support:** We're here to support and help you through the application process. If you have any questions about the grant, your eligibility, the process or if you just want to find out if this is the right fund for you then please reach out to [josh.cope@gceurope.org](mailto:josh.cope@gceurope.org) before 19 January 2026.



## SELECTION & EVALUATION

A team of experts will evaluate each application and decide its eligibility and suitability to be funded by the Youth Climate Changemakers Fund. They'll be particularly focused on the quality of the proposal, its impact and the likelihood of success. They will also consider the overall makeup of the group of organisations we will fund to ensure it's representative and inclusive.

Proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Relevance will make up 30% of the points awarded
- Potential Impact will make up 20% of the points awarded
- Coherence of project design will make up 20% of the points awarded
- Capacity and credibility will make up 15% of the points awarded
- Added-value of the funding will make up 15% of the points awarded

Preliminary results will be communicated to applicants via email. We will shortlist a selection of applicants and assess their capacity, evaluate their organisation and ensure they can comply with the operational and financial requirements of the grant. At this stage, some additional documentation may be required.

We may also choose to engage with some shortlisted applicants to suggest adjustments or improvements to their proposals before making a final decision on funding. Applicants will then have the opportunity to refine and resubmit their proposals based on this dialogue.

All applicants will be informed individually via email about the results of the selection process.

Applicants are encouraged to review all sections of this Call for Proposals carefully and ensure that their proposals meet all requirements. Further details and the application documents can be found on our website.

## QUESTIONS?

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If you would like to stay updated on upcoming news related to the Funding Fairer Futures project, sign up to our [mailing list](#).



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