YOUNG CHANGE MAKER GRANT
Hi, welcome to this Information pack! Here you will find everything you need to know about the Young Change Maker Grant scheme. If you have any questions, please get in touch at lizzy.fauvel@plan-uk.org. I can’t wait to see your ideas, good luck!

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ABOUT PLAN INTERNATIONAL UK

Plan International UK is a global children’s charity. We are committed to ensuring that girls’ rights globally are upheld and that the voices of young people and those working with them are at the heart of decisions that affect their lives. We launched our girls’ rights work in the UK back in 2016 and began working in Wales in 2018.

Sadly, we know that girls and young people are facing a number of challenges that can hold them back in school, careers, everyday life and preventing them from just being who they are. If you want to understand more about some of these issues Plan International UK have carried out research in Wales that you can read here.

If knowing about these challenges inspires you to make a difference, then we want to hear from you! This grant pack is designed to provide more detailed information about how, who and what Plan International UK will fund as well as a detailed grant and application process.
**WHAT WILL WE FUND?**

We are particularly interested in:

- ✔ Raising awareness of issues faced by girls and young women in the community
- ✔ Social action or campaigns around gender equality
- ✔ Creating change in the community
- ✔ Working to raise the voices of young women and girls from marginalised groups
- ✔ Challenging and/or raising awareness of toxic masculinity
- ✔ Ideas from minoritised young people – particularly those who identify themselves part of the LGBTQI+, BAME, Gypsy Roma communities, who are young carers, disabled young people, survivors, or any other groups who experience oppression

What we can't fund:

- ☠ Student fees/bursaries
- ☠ Projects taking place outside of Wales
- ☠ A salary for the project – we won’t pay for your time to run this project
- ☠ Individuals’ campaigns for elected positions i.e. running for Member of the Senedd, Local Councillor, SU president etc.
- ☠ Projects/ideas that do not align with Plan International UK’s values

**To apply:**

- ✔ You must be aged between 13-24 years old
- ✔ Those under the age of 16, must have a responsible adult on the project who will receive funds into their bank account
- ✔ You must live and deliver the project in Wales
- ✔ You must have a reference – this is someone who can support your application. They must be a professional over the age of 18.
OUR GRANTS!

There are two types of grants you can apply for:

### Development Grant

This is a grant for pilot projects, which means that this money can pay for something new for you, and that you have not tried it before.

**You could apply for this grant if you:**

- Have an idea that tackles gender inequality in your community
- Want to raise awareness of the issues women and girls face in your community
- Want to run a campaign to make a change in your community
- Want to run a social action event or project that supports gender equality

**Who might you be?**

- Someone whose idea is in its infancy, and would like to give it a go
- You need support from experts to bring your idea to action
- You are passionate about gender equality

### Expansion Grant

This grant is about increasing the scope of work or a project you have already been delivering or have done before.

**You could apply for this grant if:**

- You want to grow a project or an action that you have already carried out that tackles gender inequality in your community
- You want to develop your project/campaign or social action into something bigger
- You have already done something successful to support young women and girls in the community and want to grow it
- You want to increase the scope of your work from one location to more

**Who might you be?**

- Someone who already tested and tried their idea and are looking to grow it or replicate it in another location
- Someone who is passionate about gender equality
- Someone who needs support to grow your ideas and raise its profile

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What are we offering you?

- Funding, of up to £2000, to run a project
- A flexible mentoring programme with Salesforce professionals to support you throughout the project. You will have a tailored support package to help with all your needs and to help you build skills and knowledge around your interested areas. It will also look great on your CV!
- Plan International UK training in campaigning and advocacy, girls' rights, and money management
- Support to raise awareness of your project and celebrate the work you are doing

What do you need to be able to do?

If you are successful, you will need to commit to a few things.

- Attend two inspire days where we will bring all award grantees together to learn more about project management and get to meet other young people with similar values to you. We will pay for the transport for you to be able to attend
- Deliver your project within six months of being awarded your first payment
- Provide two simple finance reporting sheets, to show how you spent your money. One is required mid-way through and one at the end of the project
- Attend the celebration event to show off your amazing projects and celebrate with peers and professionals. We will pay for the transport to get you there!

Plan International UK is committed to supporting all successful grantees during their funding period and look forward to creating strong working relationships with applicants. The expectation is that grantees are honest and open during the grant process. Challenges can and should be openly discussed with Plan International UK, to ensure we can help you, or source any other support needed, in a timely way.
TOP TIPS FOR FILLING OUT YOUR APPLICATION FORM!

What you will need before you start:

• **Your idea:** what you want to achieve, and what you think the impact of your project will be

• **A reference from someone who knows you well but who isn’t a friend or family member.** They could be a teacher or lecturer, employer, youth worker, social worker or similar

• **If you are under 16 you must have a responsible adult** who is able to receive the money into their bank account

• **All young people under 18 must have consent from parent, guardian, or support worker.** The person who provides consent needs to be different to the person who provides your reference, however, please contact Plan International UK if you have any problems in doing this, and we will help

• **An idea of how much your project will cost**

How to apply

Complete the online application form, available on [our website](#) and, or email ChampionsofWales@plan-uk.org

If you need any help or support to complete your application, please contact Lizzy Fauvel, at ChampionsofWales@plan-uk.org
Application questions

1. Project Name

Come up with something fun and empowering!

2. Tell us about you

In this section tell us about what you are passionate about and why? You could also let us know why you have applied for this grant and what drives you to make change.

3. What is the problem you would like to tackle and why?

In this section we would like you to tell us about the thing you want to change and why?

The problem I would like to tackle is…..

This problem is an issue because…..

This means that……..

This problem is in my school/community/youth club etc.

It would be even better if you can provide evidence of the problem

Maybe you have seen some facts and figures, or from conducting your own mini research from talking to the people you want to work with.

4. Tell us about your idea to tackle this issue.

To tackle this issue, I will…

Who will it help? Young people/ adults/ community members/ everyone?

How many people will you help?

Where are you going to tackle this issue? School? Community? Youth Club? Etc?
5. How will your project challenge gender inequality in your community?

What will the impact be on the community?

What change will happen?

How will your project benefit girls?

6. We need a bit of a budget from you, below is a bit of an example

Venue hire for 2 days – £300

Catering for 20 people = £200

Materials = £100

Equipment, microphone, camera = £800

Useful hints!

☑ Tell us as much as you can about your idea. Tell us about the issue, how your project tackles the issue, who this will help, and how will it help

☑ Make sure you explain how this helps young women and girls in your community. Always keep thinking about how this will support gender equality!

☑ Feel free to be bold, creative, and innovative

☑ Make sure you have asked the people who you have said will be your references, before filling out the form

☑ You can always write your answers out in a word document before and paste them into the form when you are happy with it
FAQs

1. Do I have to apply for the full amount?

No, these grants are up to £1000 or £2000. Do not feel like you must apply for the full amount if you do not need it.

2. If I applied for Young Change Maker grants before, can I apply again?

Yes, but only if you received less than £1000 and now are applying for the expansion grant.

3. If some training days take place in school time, can I still come?

Yes, we will work with your parent/guardians and the school to make sure you are able to attend workshops and events if they are in school time. We think this is a great learning opportunity so we are sure schools will be supportive!

4. If I do not spend all the money, will I have to give it back?

We will work with you to encourage you to spend all the money, so you do not have to give it back.

5. If I buy equipment for my project, do I have to give it back to Plan International UK?

No, if you purchase equipment, you will be able to keep them. We expect that it will help you to continue your work and leave a legacy. If, however, you have not used equipment purchased for the project then we may ask for it.

6. Do I have to keep finance information and receipts?

Yes, but do not worry – it is super easy! We have created a spread sheet for you to use and we will show you how to fill it out in the introduction workshop. You will only need to keep receipts for purchases over £50. If you lose a few do not worry but keeping on top of this is a good skill!

7. How often will I need to complete the budget form?

Only twice!

8. When will I get the money?

Plan International UK will work with you to create a terms and conditions in which we will set out your payment plan. We would like to pay you in two instalments, one at the start of the project, and then another halfway through. We will need to have your first finance information before giving you the other half of the money, but do not worry we will support you!

9. How does the mentoring work?

We are so excited to offer you this exciting addition to the grants scheme. You and your mentor will decide the best ways in which you would like to work together, whether that be weekly, monthly, or bi-weekly (every 2 weeks) meetings. Mentors can help build skills, knowledge, and confidence around areas you are passionate about and would like to develop! The mentoring element of the programme is flexible so please do take advantage of this great opportunity!
8. What is the timeline?

- **23 May**
  - **Applications open**

- **1 July**
  - **Application deadline**

- **Week starting 4 July**
  - **We will let you know if you have been successful**

- **July and August**
  - **One to one meeting with Plan International UK**

- **Saturday 1 October**
  - **Inspire day one**

- **Wednesday 5 October**
  - **Meeting your mentor**

- **10 October**
  - **Receive your first payment**

- **Saturday 10 December**
  - **Inspire day two**

- **January**
  - **Second payment**

- **Tuesday 28 March – to be confirmed on location**
  - **Celebration event**