



Irish Aid

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Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Frequently Asked Questions

Global Citizenship Education Grant Call 2027

Please refer to the guidelines and guidance at the end of the application form for comprehensive information on the grants process and how to complete the application form.

1 Does an organisation have to wait for an Eligibility Criteria Form to be acknowledged before preparing a grant application form?

Yes. All applicants are required to submit an eligibility criteria form by 12 noon 06 November 2026 and will be notified of their eligibility status by 09 November 2026. Eligible organisations should then proceed to complete the Global Citizenship Grant 2027 application form. If an organisation has not heard from Irish Aid by this date, please contact Irish Aid to confirm the status of the eligibility request.

2 Are organisations eligible to apply for funding under this call if they are in receipt of Irish Aid Civil Society funding?

Organisations that are in receipt of funding from the Civil Society Fund (CSF) are eligible. However, organisations in receipt of Irish Aid Civil Society Partnership or are Strategic Partners of Global Citizenship Education are not generally eligible to apply.

3 What if organisational audited accounts have been forwarded with the Eligibility Criteria Form or main application form but they are not yet on the website as per Section (2) (ii) of the Form?

As per the eligibility criteria, applicant organisations are expected to have their audited accounts available on their website, at the latest by the eligibility deadline date of 06 November 2026.

4 What if an organisation does not have a website?

Irish Aid strongly encourages all partners to have a website in the interest of transparency. However, if at this point in time your organisation does not have a website, it can still be considered eligible.

5 What if I want to work in partnership with other organisations?

Irish Aid welcomes and encourages partnership between organisations working on Global Citizenship Education. If applicants wish to work formally in partnership with another organisation to implement a joint project or programme, sub-granting can take place but Irish Aid must be satisfied that appropriate financial management and governance arrangements are in place. If an organisation is on-granting, a Flow of Funds Reporting Template must be requested from Irish Aid.

6 Is an ‘Own Contribution’ or income from ‘Other Funders’ necessary towards the cost of the project in order to be successful with an application?

No. However, a contribution from sources other than Irish Aid towards the full cost of the project is desirable.

7 Is there a formal appeals process?

No. Applicants are appraised as part of an open and robust process by the Global Citizenship Education Grants Committee, with support from independent external experts representing various sectors. Feedback from the appraisals is provided to applicants.

8 Is the development of resources supported under this call?

Yes. A proposal for the development of resources is deemed eligible for funding in the 2027 grant round, where there is a clearly identified need or gap in available resources. Please note that printing of resources is not deemed eligible expenditure, other than materials required, for example, for workshops. All resources should be shared with www.developmenteducation.ie. Please refer to the [most recent audit of development education resources](#).

9 Is funding for projects with post-primary schools provided under the 2027 Grants call?

No. Irish Aid has agreed a strategic programme for all support to post-primary schools through [its WorldWide Global Schools Programme \(WWGS\)](#). This programme encompasses all post-primary school based Global Citizenship Education activities.

10 Is work with primary schools eligible under the 2027 Grants call?

Yes. Primary schools work is eligible under the Global Citizenship Education Grant call. Proposals confined to individual schools are ineligible.

11 What is meant by a “legal representative”?

A legal representative is a person within the organisation who is legally authorised to act on behalf of the organisation i.e. can sign contracts.

12 For personnel costs, is the full salary of the staff member covered?

The full cost of the relevant person(s) working on the project can be charged to the project if they are working 100% on the project. If they are working a portion of their time on the project, then a percentage cost should be charged. This should be clarified in the final table of the budget.

13 Can seed-funding for local groups to carry out their Global Citizenship Education Projects be allowed?

Sub-granting can take place if adequate checks and accountability are in place.

14 Can an organisation that has not been funded by you prior able to apply for funding where we are sub-contracting/using another organisation as consultants that are receiving funds for you already for another project.

Yes, but consultant use should be clearly denoted and explained in both the project budget and project budget narrative.

15 If we are in receipt of WorldWide Global Schools funding are we eligible to apply for this funding.

Yes, however as per Question 9 GCE grant round funding cannot be used for projects in Post Primary schools.

16 Does it cover any transport costs for collaboration with international agencies?

Yes, transport costs can be included on the island of Ireland. These costs should be clearly denoted and explained in both the project budget and project budget narrative.

17 Would Joint Application be acceptable? If acceptable, how would that application look like, could two organisations use one application form.

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18 Are existing GCE partners eligible to participate in a consortium or as subcontractors/consultants in this round?

Yes, consultant costs should be clearly denoted and explained in both the project budget and project budget narrative.

19 Are subcontracting/consultancy costs eligible under GCE? If so, does Irish Aid Has specific guidance that should be followed as to procurement processes? Why are specific guidance does Irish Aid have on on-granting to project partners under GCE?

Yes, consultant use should be clearly denoted and explained in both the project budget and project budget narrative. Organisations should be aware of, and strictly adhere to, the requirements of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform circular (13/2014) relating to the Management of and Accountability of Grants. Circular 13/2014 outlines public financial management principles and procedures for both Grantors and Grantees of Irish public money and seeks to ensure that there is greater transparency and accountability in the management of public money. Where Irish Aid funding is on-granted to implementing partner organisations, there should be clarity on the flow of funds and how they will be managed. Sub granting is dealt with in Question 5.

20 We are not a registered charity, We are a not for profit cooperative social enterprise? We are not yet signed up to Charities Governance Code. Can we still apply?

Yes, Applicant organisations must have current registration as a charity with either the Irish Charities Regulatory Authority or the Charities Commission of Northern Ireland for a minimum of 2 years prior to date of application, **or** hold an up to date Tax Clearance Certificate from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners. Other organisations and institutions may also apply including social enterprises, educational institutions, trade unions and cooperatives etc. Organisations should be compliant with all the standards in the Irish Charities Regulatory Authority Governance Code and have met the annual reporting requirements.

21 Will this fund cover rent for a venue for the project

Yes, renting a space for carrying out workshops can be part of direct event costs. A proportion of the indirect costs can be used for office rent. Rent, fees and costs should be clearly denoted and explained in both the project budget and project budget narrative.

22 The 90% we can apply for, is that of yearly income of the organisation or the Funds Dependency on Irish Aid: Income received from Irish Aid, either directly or indirectly, must not exceed 90% of the overall organisational income of the applicant organisation in a financial year.

23 Can post primary students be a target group for a GCE application

At the moment, it is not possible to apply for primary and post-primary school activities in

one application. Secondary school projects are not funded under the Global Citizenship Education annual grants round as these projects are handled by GCE unit's strategic partners, WorldWide Global Schools (WWGS). The GCE Unit recommend that you contact WWGS if you have not already done so.

24 As an organisation applying from Northern Ireland do we need to submit our budget in Euro as per annex B or is an alternative for £ available?

We don't insist on presenting the budget in either currency, but it would be helpful if they were to give a euro conversion along with the sterling figure if they want to use sterling figures.

25 Is the grant allocated to the Innovation Challenge Fund within the total grant of the scheme (so within the min. grant of €10,000 and max. of €180,000)? Or does the Fund have its own budget allocation? In that case, what is the minimum and maximum grant available for the Innovation Fund?

The Innovation Challenge Fund (ICF) is part of the main grant application. However, it wasn't envisaged to be the main focus of an application – only a part. The entirety of your application, including the ICF, such cost a minimum of €10,000 and a maximum of €180,000 per annum.

26 Is there a minimum or maximum available under the Innovation Challenge Fund?

No there is no minimum or maximum available under the Innovation Challenge Fund.

29 Is a core contribution to the organisation's operations eligible and what percentage is acceptable to support management and financial processing of the project?

No, core contributions/funding are not eligible. We allow up to 10% indirect costs in an application (which could include management and financial processing) but as with all elements of the projects these should be clearly explained and budgeted for. Please also refer to section 5 of the guidelines for more on Eligible Costs and Activities.

30 Is it possible for our new **project to begin at the start of March 2027, if the current **project** doesn't finish until the end of that month?**

No. We cannot allow any crossover in funding dates – so if you have an existing **project** funded under the GCE grants round, your new **project may only begin** after the existing **project** ends. Additionally, the earliest any project can start is 1 April 2027.

31 Is it allowable for a project to commence on 1 October 2027?

Not usually, grant applications should either have a start date between 1 April and 1 September 2027. However, if a rationale is provided in the application form for a project start date to be delayed until 1 October, the Grants Committee will consider this as part of the overall appraisal of the application, and decide whether this is allowable on an exceptional basis.