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**Deadline:** Tuesday 5th September 2023

**For more information please contact**: Richard Crellin on r.b.crellin@gmail.com

**Participants notified:** Thursday 7th September 2023

**Youth Access’ Local Influencing Learning Programme**

At Youth Access, one of our strategic priorities is to increase access to YIACS across the country. To do this we have committed to supporting members and young people to advocate for local change and make the case for YIAC services in their area so every young person who needs support can find it locally.

During 2023 we have run a series of events to help members think about their local influencing and learn from each other. We explored issues like stakeholder engagement, working with trustees, making best use of evidence and data and empowering young people to advocate for change. This Autumn we want to take this work to the next level by working alongside a small number of members to influence change on the ground in their local area.

# The Opportunity

We are looking to support members as they deliver a local influencing project this Autumn.

We’re looking to support a range of activity – perhaps you’re building a group of youth activists, about to undertake a big consortium bid to deliver a new service, working with a new group of trustees, or taking a seat on a board at your ICB or delivering some local research for your council.

Whatever you are planning, we’d like to support you along the way, help you build connections with other YIACS, and draw out the learning from your experiences to share across the network.

One or two members of your team will be part of a supportive group of Youth Access Members from across the country. Alongside regular check-ins and one-to-one support from our facilitator, every two weeks there will be an action learning session with the whole group to help with problem solving and to provide peer support.

# How to apply

Spaces are limited on the learning programme. As a result, we are asking members to apply to take part. To apply, you’ll need to:

* Complete the short application form at the end of this document
* Get a senior manager or your Chief Executive (if applicable) to sign the application
* Review the timeline below and ensure you are available to take part in the programme

**Timelines for the project**

| 17th July | Launch Expression of Interest  |
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| Wednesday 2nd August | Information Session @ 0930 – [Register Here](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvcuChqzspHddhMvSghm1bMA40EMNRNrD7) |
| Wednesday 22nd August | Information Session @ 1600 – [Register Here](https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kdeuoqj4vGNZkhWdp_TZePeMnwmyfPsZd)  |
| Tuesday 5th September | Deadline to apply  |
| Thursday 7th September | Participants informed |
| w/c 11th September | Introductory calls with participants (mutually agreed times) |
| Tuesday 26th September | Introductory Group Session 1000-1200 |
| Wednesday 4th October | Action Learning Session One 1400-1500 |
| Wednesday 18th October | Action Learning Session Two 1100-1200 |
| Wednesday 1st November | Action Learning Session Three 1200-1300 |
| Wednesday 15th November | Action Learning Session Four 1000-1100 |
| Wednesday 29th November | Action Learning Session Five 1300-1400 |
| Thursday 7th December | Participant Review Session 1100-1300 |

Please submit your application to Richard Crellin, by email to r.b.crellin@gmail.com by Tuesday 5th September 2023.

# Need to know more?

We are holding two information sessions over the summer for members to find out more about the project before they apply. These sessions will be held on Zoom on:

Date One: 0930 on Wednesday 2nd August 2023

Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvcuChqzspHddhMvSghm1bMA40EMNRNrD7>

Date Two: 1600 on Wednesday 23rd August 2023

Register here: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0kdeuoqj4vGNZkhWdp_TZePeMnwmyfPsZd>

| **Local Influencing Action Learning Programme 2023 – Application Form** |
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| **Organisation Name:** |  |
| **Lead Participant Name:** |  |
| **Role:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
| **Telephone:** |  |
| **Second Participant Name (if applicable)** |  |
| **Role:** |  |
| **Email:** |  |
| **Telephone:** |  |
| **Question One: Please describe your local influencing project (max: 400 words)** |
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| **Question Two: What do you think are the main challenges you will need to overcome for your project to be a success? (max: 400 words)** |
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| **Question Three: How do you think being part of the programme will support your professional development? (max: 400 words)** |
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| **Question Four: How do you think being part of the programme will support your organisation’s development? (max: 400 words)** |
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| **Participant Signature:** |  | **Date:** |  |
| **Senior Signature:** |  | **Date:** |  |
| *Please submit this form to Richard Crellin* *r.b.crellin@gmail.com* *by Tuesday 5th September 2023* |