

# Youth Leadership for Climate Action Project (YLCA)

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# Terms of Reference for Resource Persons to deliver special topics

## V3.0

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### Revision history

Date	Version	Change details
07.11.2022	2	Extension of deadline for submission of EOIs
14.11.2022	3	Extension of deadline for submission of EOIs Limiting the call to two special topics from the original five

## GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

### Important Dates

SR No.	Activities	Date/Month
1	Date of advertisement	28 October 2022
2	Last date for submission of Expression of Interest	22 November 2022; 23:59 SL Time
3	Tentative date of result announcement	25 November 2022
4	Contract signing	Late November 2022
5	Duration of assignment	Early – Mid December 2022

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## Background

Climate change is an important issue for Sri Lanka. Its effects threaten to impact both human and natural systems. Sri Lanka has a youth population of roughly 2.6 million between the ages of 18 and 25 years. If the age bracket is extended to 15 and 29 years, approximately a quarter of the total population classifies as youth.

In 2021, British Council conducted a research study – “Young people on Climate Change: A perception survey”. According to the Sri Lanka country report, following are some of the main findings.

- Sri Lanka’s youth are generally aware of climate change, but the majority neither have technical understanding nor in-depth knowledge of the topic.
- The following were identified as the key gaps through the survey:
  - lack of leadership skills, lack of comprehensive climate education as well as lack of openness from state and non-state community stakeholders to take ideas from youth.
  - Sri Lankan youth believe in collective action for climate change and view it as a public responsibility. However, there is a lack of opportunities and platforms for youth to take initiatives and make decisions.

There is a significant interest among Sri Lankan youth to learn more about climate change, and the majority believe to some degree that their opinions and actions on climate change will matter in the future. This signifies a potential for government and non-government actors to reach out to young people and enhance climate-related education and training as well as provide opportunities for their climate action.

## Introduction to the project

Through ‘Youth Climate Action (YCA)’ project, British Council in Sri Lanka intends to offer Sri Lankan youth active in **community level climate action** (mitigation and adaptation) to develop their **knowledge, skills, and networks** to offer **better, more impactful, and sustainable solutions** to pressing social, economic, and environmental climate related issues through engagement of local communities.

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## Project Rationale

Sri Lanka is currently facing many economic and social challenges in addition to the shocks created by the global outbreak of COVID-19. In this context, threat to environment has exacerbated and the risks posed by climate change to the country has taken a back seat. The society is now challenged to foster respect and engage different cultures and communities for the long-term benefit of all while increasing awareness of our interdependencies with the natural environment.

Youth can be key stakeholders in climate and environmental action through community building and active citizenship and will play a critical role in responding to the global challenge of climate change.

This initiative offers an opportunity for partnership between youth and various civil society actors, focussed on strengthening youth leadership in climate action. It will engage youth and local organisations to explore how climate and environmental action in their respective communities can seek to mitigate and address the effects of climate change.

Through dialogue and conducting community projects, participants will develop a more intimate understanding of local social systems within which their climate action is embedded and participate in knowledge and experience exchange with fellow youth in the society, adhering to the values of equality, diversity, and inclusion.

## Project Objective, Outcomes and Outputs

YCA project will have as its **specific objective** to:

- enhance knowledge and capabilities of youth for more effective and inclusive climate action through social mobilisation.

The project will have **four outcomes**, viz.,

1. Improved Knowledge, Skills and Connections of youth for community level Climate action.
2. Effective and Inclusive Climate Action Plans are developed and implemented by youth.
3. Fellow youth are inspired and motivated towards favourable Climate action through shared experiences.
4. Stakeholder support, collaboration, and recognition for youth Climate action.

Conducting **three district level (Colombo, Kandy and Gampaha) youth capacity building workshops** is a key activity **under Outcome 1**. These workshops will be organised by the already appointed British Council delivery partners. Following are expected to be covered during these workshops.

*Core modules to aim develop Leadership, Problem solving, Communications, Influencing and Negotiation skills – This will be delivered by the already appointed British Council delivery partners*

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*Special complementary topics – This Terms of Reference (ToR) is to recruit individual consultants / organisation to deliver these special topics.*

## **Scope of the opportunity**

The successful **individual consultants / an organisation** are expected to cover the following special complementary topics:

- **Fund raising and Environmental / Social entrepreneurship**  
*This topic is to help youth to understand the importance of a plan for continuous flow of resources to sustain their climate action projects through various avenues. Introduction to environmental and social entrepreneurship approaches is also expected.*
- **Communicating and Networking through social media**  
*This is to give youth an understanding of the power of various social media platforms for communication and networking. Also, this should cover the concept of responsible digital citizenship.*

A **½ a day session (3.5 hours)** is expected to be dedicated for each topic. Each topic needs to be delivered **separately to the three district youth cohorts.**

Each district cohort will have 24-26 numbers of youth belonging to **different ethnicities** and with **different levels of education.**

The youth capacity building phase of the project is expected to be from late-November to mid-December 2022. It will be non-residential.

At the end of the delivery of special complementary topics, youth should be able to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the concepts covered and the tools introduced
2. Apply concepts and tools in their community climate action

**The key tasks** of the consultant will be to:

- Prepare a detailed lesson plan for the topic
- Discuss and agree the lesson plan with the British Council
- Prepare a PowerPoint training presentation for the session (This could be in English)
- Deliver the topic to the youth in local languages, Sinhala and Tamil (use of an interpreter is encouraged, if the person delivering the session is not competent in both local languages)
- Prepare handouts to participants as appropriate

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## Required experience

- Subject expertise
- Experience of delivering training workshops, particularly to a youth audience in local languages
- An understanding of climate change, sustainability and environment is desirable
- An understanding of equality, diversity, and inclusion, safeguarding and gender sensitivity principles

## How to apply

Your Expression of Interest (EoI) should include:

- Topic(s) you are interested in covering
- Experience statement tailored to the above requirements (Max. 2 pages)
- Consultancy fee for this assignment (Indicate full cost)

**Email address to submit EOI is:** [Chameera.Wickramasinghe@britishcouncil.org](mailto:Chameera.Wickramasinghe@britishcouncil.org)

The submission deadline is **23.59, SL time on 22 November 2022**.

Incomplete and EOIs submitted after the deadline **will not be considered**.

The applicants need to comply with the British Council policies on prevention of fraud, bribery, money laundering and address any other financial and reputational risk that may affect a transparent and fair award process. See:

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The applicant is encouraged to work towards as equal a gender balance as possible and promote diversity. They must ensure that no one is excluded from participation based on ethnicity, gender, religious belief, sexual orientation, or disability.

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If you want more information about this, please contact your local British Council office or the Data Protection Team at: [inforgovernance@britishcouncil.org](mailto:inforgovernance@britishcouncil.org)

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- as being subject to export, trade, or procurement controls or (in the case of an individual) as being disqualified from being a company director.
- and/or as being a heightened risk individual or organisation, or (in the case of an individual) a politically exposed person.
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