

Young People Participation Pathway ITT: Clarification questions & responses

Question 1:

Regarding the recently posted ITT - do applicants need to be situated near to the involved local authorities to bid/will such persons be favoured over bidders outside of the jurisdiction?

No preference will be given based on location of the researchers.

The assessment will be made based on the criteria set out in section 8:

1. Expertise in relation to the subject matter
2. Quality and robustness of the proposed approach and methodology
3. Proven experience of working with YP and professionals in the FJS/LAs in engaging and ethical ways.
4. Potential and ability to deliver high quality work on time and to budget
5. Value for money

Question 2:

Can we submit a tender for higher than the total budget?

Yes, but any tender responses that request more than the available budget in the ITT will need to provide a robust and/or compelling argument for why the additional funds are required and what they will cover (or what cannot be covered through the available budget) for discussion at the next stage of the application process. This does not guarantee that the proposed budget will be accepted.

Question 3:

Is there an in-house ethics committee at the NFJO that freelancers are able to use to secure ethical approval?

We do not have an in-house ethics committee. If you include your proposals for ensuring ethical research in your response, we can support in identifying individuals who can review the ethics proposals to secure ethics approval.

Question 4:

Are you expecting researchers to need to go through Local Authority Research Governance procedures in order to recruit young people to the study?

We do not envisage the evaluator(s) to go through Local Authority Research Governance procedures, though we are in the process of confirming governance procedures with the local authorities involved.

Question 5:

We're interested in submitting a proposal for the feasibility evaluation and note the page limit of 5 pages. Does this include the project plan or can this be attached as a separate document?

Happy for the project plan to be attached separately if required.