



The National Youth Council of Ireland

Request for Tender Proposals for Specialist Services

to undertake a mid-term evaluation of NYCI's Youth 2030 Global Youth Work Programme

Closing date for receipt of tenders: 29th March 2024

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Introduction

The National Youth Council of Ireland (NYCI) is the lead agency of the **Youth 2030 – Global Youth Work Programme**, working in consortia with Trócaire, Concern Worldwide and the Centre for Youth Research and Development at the Department of Applied Social Studies in Maynooth University.

The Youth 2030 – Global Youth Work Programme seeks to strengthen, support, and empower the youth sector in Ireland ensuring young people are informed, skilled and engaged as Global Citizens through Global Youth Work, challenging injustice, inequality, and climate change, in solidarity with those left behind.

The Programme is designed within the framework of the Sustainable Development Goals, the Irish Aid Global Citizenship Education Strategy (2021 – 2025).

To deliver this programme (2021 – 2026), we will work and partner with the **youth work community of practice** which includes youth workers and youth leaders, youth work managers, youth work organisations, volunteers, trainers, researchers, educators of youth workers, boards of management, local communities and local government, the National Agency for Erasmus+ Youth, young people, youth work partners, and policymakers at all levels of governance.

Our programme goal and outcomes are as follows:

Overall Programme Goal: Young People are informed, skilled and engaged as Global Citizens through Global Youth Work, challenging injustice, inequality, and climate change, in solidarity with the world's left behind.

Outcome 1: Global Youth Work is integrated into non-formal youth work programmes and activities of NYCI member organisations in the Youth Sector where young people are better informed and more active in helping to bring about the SDGs by 2030.

Outcome 2: Global Youth Work forms part of youth and community work professional training at Third Level.

Outcome 3: Enabling Policy Environment for GYW in the Youth Sector which stimulates, responds to, and addresses the needs of young people.

Outcome 4: Promoting innovation, research, and capacity development in the youth sector which identifies, responds to, and addresses the issues, challenges, and opportunities to broaden and deepen Global Youth Work across the youth sector including building links with the global south.

National Youth Council of Ireland

The National Youth Council of Ireland is a national organisation which represents and supports community, voluntary and not for profit youth organisations in Ireland. Founded in 1967, we currently have 55 members across Ireland who represents the scope, scale, and diversity of the youth work sector (www.youth.ie/members). At a conservative estimate, youth organisations influence the lives of almost 400,000 young people in every urban/rural community in Ireland.

NYCI uses our collective experience to act on issues that impact young people. We provide a comprehensive range of advice, information and training programmes including:

- National Youth Health Programme
- National Youth Arts Programme
- Interculturalism and Equality Programme
- International Programme
- **Youth 2030 Global Youth Work Programme**
- UN Youth Delegate Programme
- Child Protection Programme
- STEAM in Youth Work Programme
- Youth Policy, Research, Media, and Communications

Additionally, we undertake advocacy with policymakers, legislators and funders on behalf of our members to secure an appropriate political, legal and operational environment for youth work in Ireland.

We believe that a fair and just society is one where young people are valued; where there is a commitment to justice; a belief in the interdependence of lives and a sense of solidarity that comes from people acting together; a strong commitment to freedom; and a strong engagement with the ecological values of harmony and balance with nature.

1. The Brief

NYCI is seeking tenders from qualified individuals to undertake a mid-term evaluation of the work of the NYCI Youth 2030 Global Youth Work Programme.

Applicants are invited to outline their approach and framework they propose to employ to undertake this work.

Service required:	Undertake a mid-term evaluation of the work of the NYCI Youth 2030 Global Youth Work Programme.
Reporting to:	Youth 2030 Global Youth Work Manager, National Youth Council of Ireland.
Location:	NYCI, 3 Montague Street, Dublin 2.
Budget:	€10,000 max inclusive of VAT and this should include all costs such as fees, administration costs and expenses incurred. Applicants should provide a detailed breakdown of costs in their tender proposals.
Payment:	A payment schedule will be agreed with the successful applicant. Payments will be made within 28 days of receipt of an invoice. If at any stage during the evaluation, the agreed level of quality of the work is not adhered to, payment may be withheld.
Profile of Consultant:	Applications should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● An outline of the methods/approach the applicant would take with this piece of work with a general timeline outlined.● A statement outlining relevant knowledge and skills demonstrated with examples of roles played in comparable projects.● CV.● Costs for entire piece of work (including daily rates and anticipated expenses).● Two referees (including telephone numbers and email addresses).● Details of any other relevant information that the applicant considers appropriate.● Tax Clearance Access Code and Tax Reference Number.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclosures of any conflict of interest. • Contact information.
Starting Date:	May 1 st 2024 – October 31 st 2024
Vetting:	Contract awarded subject to Garda Vetting.
Role and Purpose:	<p>The Contractor will be required to work alongside NYCI Global Youth Work staff and Youth 2030 Consortium members to undertake a mid-term evaluation of the Youth 2030 Global Youth Work Programme.</p> <p>Those contracted to undertake the evaluation will be required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the existing Programme Results-Based Framework, Logic Model, and Theory of Change, and previous annual reports. • Undertake a qualitative evaluation of the Youth 2030 Programme from 2022 – mid 2024 with key stakeholders, NYCI staff, and the Youth 2030 Consortium. • Take into account Irish Aid’s Global Citizenship Education Strategy 2021 – 2025. • Work with the Youth 2030 Team to include existing quantitative data from previous annual reports. • Undertake interviews/focus groups with those engaging/previously engaged with the Programme, Consortium partners, and Irish Aid (funder). • Present draft findings to Youth 2030 Consortium members. • Make recommendations to inform the future years of Youth 2030’s strategic partnership with Irish Aid. • Complete the final mid-term evaluation report and an accompanying executive summary with key findings, conclusions, and recommendations. The final report and the executive summary to be provided to NYCI to publishable standards.

Application process:

The deadline for receipt of completed proposals is **Friday 29th March 2024** before **12.00 pm**. Tender applications should include the subject line '**Mid-Term Evaluation Tender**' and be submitted by email to valerie@nyci.ie

Applications submitted before **12.00pm** on **Friday 29th March 2024** will be acknowledged by email. If an applicant has not received an email confirming receipt of their application, this may indicate the application has not been received and the applicant should follow up with NYCI before the closing date for applications.

An assessment panel will examine all tenders received. The panel will have to be satisfied that the contracted consultant is suitably qualified and has the knowledge, experience and skills needed for the project, within the timeframe and budget outlined above. The Assessment Panel will determine eligibility for this service in accordance with the following criteria:

- A clear understanding of the brief and the context within which the Youth 2030 Programme operates.
- Skills and knowledge required to deliver the service successfully.
- Experience of successful delivery on comparable projects.
- Alignment between the outlined approach and the needs of the Youth 2030 Programme.
- Capacity and resources to deliver the services required within the available budget and timeline for the project.
- Overall costs (NYCI does not commit itself to accepting the lowest of any tender. Once the tender has been accepted, any price increases during the term of contract will not be accepted).

NYCI reserves the right not to award the tender to any of the applications received.

QUERIES

Please contact Valerie Duffy at valerie@nyci.ie.

