



Transitions from Secondary Education Special Initiative

Phase 2, Cohort 1

Launch Webinar

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Welcome

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Housekeeping

Webinar is being recorded and the slides will be available on the Mercers' website with FAQs, by the end of the week

Audience will be muted during the presentation

Questions will be taken at the end

Please share contact details in the chat if you're happy to

Overview

Background

- The Mercers' Company has been supporting work in area of Transitions from Secondary Education since 2019 and has so far funded 15 organisations across three cohorts in Phase 1. All grantees deliver effective programmes which support disadvantaged young people to move successfully from secondary education.
- Making a successful transition into work, further or higher education, or training is critical to a young person's life chances. Young people from disadvantaged background can often face additional barriers making this transition every more difficult.

Overview

Previous Grantees

In Phase 1, 15 organisations were funded over 3 cohorts

| Cohort 1 | Cohort 2 | Cohort 3 |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Career Academies | Brentford FC Community Sports Trust | Blueprint for All |
| Construction Youth Trust | Dallaglio Rugby Works | Envision |
| Drive Forward Foundation | IntoUniversity | In2Science UK |
| EY Foundation | Young Westminster Foundation | Making the Leap |
| | | Power 2 |
| | | Street League |
| | | XLP |

Outcomes

Work must help disadvantaged young people to:

- Gain access to progression pathways including further or higher education, apprenticeships, traineeships and other similar programmes
- Build experience and knowledge of work including career specific work experience
- Develop social and emotional capabilities including communication, leadership and resilience

The Mercers' Company Philanthropy Impact Framework has three overall aims for its work:

- Improving people's lives
- Strengthening organisations
- Contributing to social change

We **will** fund

- Constituted not for profit organisations, charitable incorporated organisations (CIO), charitable companies (limited by guarantee), community interest companies (CIC) and social enterprises and partnerships
- Work which supports young people in secondary education transition to further education, employment, training or other positive destinations
- Work supporting young people in London including organisations that do, or could have a national reach
- Project or core costs

We **won't** fund

- Applications from individuals
- Work outside of London
- Capital Projects (bricks and mortar)
- General appeals or financial support for project costs that have already been incurred

How to apply

Stage 1: Expression of interest (EOI) – Eligibility

Before you submit your Expression of Interest for our Transitions from Secondary Education Special Initiative, please complete the following Eligibility Quiz.

1. Does your work take place in London?

-Select One- ▼

2. Does your work support young people currently in, or who have recently left, secondary education?

-Select One- ▼

Submit

How to apply

Stage 1: Expression of interest (EOI) form

1. Organisation information
2. Proposed work
3. Budget

How to apply

Stage 2: Full application

- More detail to build on your EO1
- Shortlisted applications will be given further information
- Assistance available from Mercers' YP&E team

What we offer

- **Funding:** Between £120,000 and £350,000 in total per organisation paid across three years
- **Learning partner support:** Grantees will be required to work with them as part of a programme wide evaluation
- **Cohort approach:** creating opportunity for collaboration
- **Capacity building support:** through trusted partners

Timeline

| Grant application timeline | |
|---|------------------------------|
| Launch of Transitions SI Phase 2, Cohort 1 via webinar and access to EOI form | Tuesday 16 July 2024 |
| Deadline to submit EOIs | Noon, Tuesday 20 August 2024 |
| Indicative timeline for progression to stage 2 (TBC) | |
| Decisions made and organisations contacted about outcome of EOI | By early November 2024 |
| Application window (if invited to apply) | November - December 2024 |
| Assessment and due diligence | December 2024 - January 2025 |
| Decisions made and organisation informed of the outcome | Mid-March 2025 |
| Projects to start | By 1 October 2025 |
| First payment of funding granted to successful applicants | April 2025 onwards |

Question time





For more information and to access the expression of interest form visit our website

<https://www.mercers.co.uk/philanthropy/young-people-and-education>

Contact: grants@mercers.co.uk

We look forward to receiving your expressions of interest