



MILLION MINUTES Funding Criteria

Million Minutes wants a world in which young people are recognised and supported to transform their lives and their world so that all may have a life of dignity.

To do this, Million Minutes raises money and supports youth action and advocacy activities that give voice and support to young people to transform their lives and their world, inspired by Catholic social teaching.

We support young people to make a difference by assisting them to:

- participate in society
- assume responsibility
- develop as leaders

Our funding decisions are based strongly in our values, which are

- solidarity and subsidiarity
- participation and community
- accompaniment and leadership

Million Minutes gives money in three ways:

- **Grant Funding:** grants for new or existing projects in the UK (see below)
- **Million Minutes Projects:** we seek to establish directly new projects where young people should be supported to grow in responsibility, participation and leadership, for the benefit of others, consistent with the principles of Catholic social teaching.
- **Million Minutes 'fellows':** Fellows are young people who show particular potential to develop as leaders and make a difference in their communities, wider society or the world, taking action consistent with the principles of Catholic social teaching.

The Million Minutes Trustees invite applications at specific times during the year for grant funding in the UK (see below for guidance and the website for the current grant-making status)

Our other funding streams are entirely pro-active. Applications are not invited by the Trustees. Million Minutes will seek to develop relationships with potential partners, including organisations supported by Million Minutes' grants, in order to identify projects and individuals for funding. If you wish to introduce your work to the Trustees, this should be done by means of a simple letter. Please do not send other information when making initial contact.

Grant Funding for UK projects

Our funding aims

We provide grants for new or existing projects which support youth-led action and advocacy activities that give voice and support to young people (aged up to 25 years old) to transform their lives and their world, consistent with the principles of the social teaching of the Catholic Church. These principles are summarised below and more details can be downloaded from millionminutes.org/about

(Direct link: https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56ee69d91bbe05366beb2a1/t/571291ff356fb09118da97d2/1460834819492/CST_web.pdf)

The promotion of the dignity and equality of each human person through:

- the call to participation and community
- a preferential option for the poor
- the dignity and rights of workers
- solidarity among peoples
- the promotion of peace
- care for the Earth

The activities that Million Minutes funds are for the benefit of the 'Common Good' of society. Any organisation is invited to seek support for activities that are designed to promote young people's participation in making a difference in their communities, consistent with Catholic social teaching.

What types of funding do we offer?

- We consider requests to fund core or project costs. These can include staff salaries and overheads. We will generally not fund buildings or equipment.
- Although our values are based in the Catholic faith, we welcome applications from all organisations, whether or not they have a faith basis.
- Small grants are those between £200 - £2,000. The upper limit may be changed from time to time by the Trustees. (Our current recommendation is to apply for grants up to £500)
- We will only accept applications from organisations that are either a registered charity in the United Kingdom, or a registered Community Interest Company. The activities that are funded should also take place in the UK.
- We only fund organisations who have a commitment to equal opportunities and have ethical employment practices including paying staff a living wage, with just standards and conditions and employment. Where appropriate applications should demonstrate how young people are involved in the application, preparation, delivery and evaluation of the project.

We will NOT accept applications from:

- High profile appeals, and organisations whose primary purpose is fundraising
- Endowment appeals
- Overseas projects
- Organisations or projects whose primary purpose is political.
- Pilgrimages or overseas trips.
- Activities which are not genuinely youth-led.

Applications for grants

Small grants

Please complete an application form. Applications for grants are invited by the Trustees, advertised on our website. Please do not apply at other times.

Applications should be sent to:

Million Minutes 604a Commercial Road London E14 7HS

Or by email to info@millionminutes.org

Applications received will be acknowledged by email which will also give advice of when your application will be considered by the grants meeting of the Trustees. Following the grants meeting we will notify you of the Trustees decision within two weeks.

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