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**Next Gen Earth 2025-2026**

**Application Form**

**[Your Organisation Name]**

## Details of primary contact for Next Gen Earth:

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| Name: |  |
| Position: |  |
| Organisation: |  |
| Email address: |  |
| Organisation website: |  |

**Please confirm the following after completing the application form (to be eligible, all applicants must have answered yes):**

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| Your organisation has the experience to foreground NERC science, content, people and/or places within your engagements | Yes/No |
| Your organisation has the youth and/or community partnership in place that will enable your work with young people in your region | Yes/No |
| Your organisation is a member of ASDC and will remain a member throughout the duration of this programme | Yes/No |
| Your youth/community partner has been actively involved in the writing of this proposal | Yes/No |
| The CEO or member of the senior management team of your organisation fully supports and has signed this proposal | Yes/No |

**Please consult the Invitation to Participate in full and then address the following sections.**   
  
*ASDC adheres to an ethical funding code and would like to reaffirm ‘our commitment to you’, as detailed in the Invitation to Participate. Please don’t hesitate to get in touch during the application process to discuss any queries or challenges.*

## Programme overview

Please provide an engaging overview of your planned programme. Include a summary of who you are working with and why, the current proposed timeline of your delivery and the types of engagements you are planning with participants. *Please write this in a tone suitable for public audiences.*  
*(Max 300 words)*

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## Who will you be partnering with for this programme?

Please introduce the youth/community partner who you have developed your proposal with. Include a brief description of any history working together and how this proposal supports your ongoing partnership. (If this is a new partnership, we encourage you to include resource in your budget for partnership development at the start of the project and allow enough time to work around their priorities.) *(Max 300 words)*

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## Please explain your delivery approach and how you plan to achieve the key objectives of this programme

## In this section please share:

* What are the specific goals your proposed programme aims to achieve – both for young people involved and your organisation?
* What outcomes do you hope to support for the young people taking part? We are particularly interested in how you might support skills development, agency and ownership within your programme. For reference of inclusive outcome areas, you may wish to explore, please see the [ASDC Theory of Change](https://inclusion.sciencecentres.org.uk/resources/inclusion-theory-of-change/).

*(Max 500 words: Please use titles and bullet points for clarity)*

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## How will you promote an inclusive and equitable approach to your youth engagement throughout the programme?

We are interested in hearing methods that promote agency and ownership for young people.

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## NERC science, research, and innovation In this section please:

## Share your passion and experience for communicating NERC science with your audiences.

## Include details of the areas of NERC science that will be the focus of engagement activities e.g *climate adaptation, biodiversity loss, flooding risks etc*

## Include any plans to connect and involve specific NERC scientists and researchers within your activity (a desirable outcome for project proposals).

*(Max 300 words)*

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## Commitment to project evaluation and training

You will be asked to work with the evaluators to provide feedback from staff and the young people who will be participating in the project. The proposed approaches include self-reflection for both staff and young people, along with pre- and post-participation surveys for the young people. Support will be provided around gathering feedback in terms of ethics and gaining consent from the young people and their parent/guardian as appropriate.

Online training modules will be carried out in July on the following topics: evaluation & tools, equitable youth engagement, NERC science related activities and kit, and working with researchers.

## Please confirm your organisation’s commitment to supporting the evaluation process through the different measures listed below. We require full support from your CEO or representative from the Senior Management Team on these commitments.

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| Collecting and reporting the required metrics in the manner decided by you (in collaboration with your youth partner) and agreed with ASDC | Yes/No |
| Collating pre and post evaluation data from your youth advocates in the agreed format that has been approved by the evaluator and agreed with the youth partner | Yes/No |
| Completing and submitting your full and final evaluation data at the end of your delivery (by February 2026) | Yes/No |
| Allow two members of staff actively involved in the delivery of this programme to attend the 3 x 2-hour online training modules hosted by ASDC in July | Yes/No |
| Your organisation agrees to a visit from the external evaluator for observations of activities as part of the data gathered during the delivery period | Yes/No |
| Your organisation and youth partner (if possible) will participate in the final interview scheduled at the end of your project with the external evaluator and ASDC project manager | Yes/No |
| Does your organisation have an ‘Equality and Diversity monitoring form? If yes please provide a copy with your application | Yes/No |

**Please provide a signature from your chief executive or senior manager confirming their support of the above commitments of this programme.**

Name **…………………………..........................................**

Date **…………………………..** Signature …………………………....................................

## Summary table of anticipated engagement deliverables

Please fill in the table below as best you can with the anticipated sessions, and approximate numbers you plan to engage. Feel free to add explanatory details, it would also be useful to include development time. An ideal of ‘four or more’ engagements with your young people is recommended to achieve the key objectives. High numbers of participants are not a criteria of success for this grant.

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| Type of event or activity | With whom?  E.g. Young carers | When? (approx. start/finish dates) | Number of interactions/sessions per participant | Number of participants per event or session | Length of interaction (dwell time) per session | Interaction hours (total dwell time across all sessions x no. participants) |
| *Youth group* | *Age 12 - 14 + accompanying youth leader* | *30th Sept- 30th Jan* | *6* | *15* | *2 hours* | *180hours (6 x 2 hours) x 15* |
| *Local SEND community group* | *Age 10 - 12 + accompanying adults* | *1st Oct-31st Oct, weekly* | *4* | *10* | *2 hours* | *80hours (4 x 2 hours) x 10* |
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| **Totals estimated** | |  |  |  |  |  |

## **Your indicative budget for the £9,000 grant (inclusive of VAT)**

The below budget should demonstrate £9,000.00 well spent. We require realistic consideration of the budget required to engage and build partnerships with new audiences, deliver activities and collect data for the national evaluation. We also would like to see a clear outline of whether any of the grant will be going to the youth/community partner to support participation in the programme. This budget does not include the £1000 equipment grant which is in addition to the £9,000 delivery grant.

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| Expenditure (add details, budget lines and adapt table to suit your project) | Total Cost |
| *E.g. Science Centre Staff costs* |  |
| *External Staff/Consultant costs (e.g. Youth leader staff costs)* |  |
| *Travel and Subsistence for youth group* |  |
| *Venue hire* |  |
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| **TOTAL (including VAT)** |  |

*Please note you are free to change or delete the budget lines*

## Development Fee

Please read the note on the ASDC Development Fee on our [website](https://www.sciencecentres.org.uk/about/asdc-development-fee/). This grant is restricted, for the delivery of the project. As such, the ASDC development fee of £540 cannot be part of your grant for this programme and must come from another budget.

**Please confirm if your organisation commits to paying the development fee:**

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| Grant 1 development fee of £540 | Yes/No |

## Confirmation of application

**Name of applicant ………………………….............................................**

**Signature of applicant ………………………….............................................**

Please use a digital signature (a pasted .jpg, .png, gif etc. is acceptable)

**Date ………………………….............................................**

**Name of Community Partner representative………………………….................**

**Signature of Community Partner ………………………….............................................**

Please use a digital signature (a pasted .jpg, .png, gif etc. is acceptable)

**Date ………………………….............................................**

**By signing this application, you are also agreeing to the following:**

* You are happy for ASDC to share this application with individuals involved in the selection panel for Next Gen Earth
* If successful, you will be listed as a partnering organisation, with your organisations name and logo on ASDC website and ASDC social channels (we will ask again for permissions to list your community partner ahead of publication)

## Submitting your application

* Please re-save this application form in the following format:   
  **‘Next Gen Earth application \_name of your centre’**
* **Please email your application by 19th June 4pm to** [admin@sciencecentres.org.uk](mailto:admin@sciencecentres.org.uk)
* Please ensure you get an email response within 24 hours.
* Please title the email in the same format: **‘Next Gen Earth application\_name of your centre’**
* If would like to ask any questions please email and arrange a call with the Project Manager Cait Campbell: [cait.campbell@sciencecentres.org.uk](mailto:cait.campbell@sciencecentres.org.uk)