

FAQs

What funding is available?

The Step Up To Serve team is working with a group of funders to put in place funding of c£500k over the next two financial years to contribute to the costs of the support functions outlined above. Organisations putting themselves forward will be expected to work closely with these funders as well as secure additional funding as needed until 2025.

There is no set expectation on how the funding is split up - it will be up to consortium organisations to agree how best to share the funding.

It is important to note that whilst the team at Step Up To Serve are working closely with funders to contribute to funding to take this work forward, this isn't guaranteed. We will be inviting successful organisations to enter into discussions with those committing funding to agree final details, milestones and expectations.

What is the process for selecting the preferred organisation/s?

Page 12 of the EOI information document outlines the process for selecting the consortium of organisations that we'll be inviting to take forward coordination of #iwill.

The panel assessing the EOI proposals will be made up of funders and young people, with Rania from Step Up To Serve joining, everyone will have an equal vote.

A further panel will be developed when we reach the full proposal stage.

What is the assessment criteria?

You can find the criteria that you will need to demonstrate are outlined in section 6 (pg 10) of the EOI information document. YOU will need to show how as a consortium you meet the key criteria, and the specific elements for each supporting function.

What assets are available?

The Step Up To Serve team is working hard to provide a comprehensive handover of key information. This includes a two week period before the close down of Step Up To Serve where we'll be available with key members of the consortium to have meetings to work through all the assets and information.

A list of available assets can be found on pg 12 of the Eoi proposal document.

We are working with GDPR support to ensure that we are able to share details of our #iwill ambassadors etc so that you have a comprehensive list to work with.

We aren't able to share our CRM system as that contains too much personal information to share.

Who is eligible to apply?

We are welcoming organisations who are already involved in our Sector or Devolved Nations Groups, currently being involved or leading these groups is no barrier to people applying.

Organisations leading the consortium will need to be a registered not-for-profit organisation, but may choose to sub-contract elements out to others.

What does the long term vision for this look like?

Uniting the #iwill movement is a shared belief that **all children and young people should be supported and empowered to make a positive difference on the issues that affect their lives, their communities, and broader society.** In support of the vision, collective action will drive progress towards four impact goals:

1. More children and young people, especially from low income and ethnic minority backgrounds, take social action across the UK
2. More children and young people, especially from low income and ethnic minority backgrounds, shape decisions in the public, private and voluntary sectors
3. More organisations and institutions demonstrably take action to grow the power of youth
4. There is a shift in public perception on the role children and young people can play in society

Target for the goals above, and the roadmap for making progress over the next five years, would be developed by the new consortium in collaboration with the #iwill Partnership.