

# The National Youth Council of Ireland

# Request for Tender Proposals for Report writer/researcher on the EU Youth Dialogue Consultation on Inclusive societies

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# NYCI's International Programme

Closing date for receipt of tenders: 1st Oct 2023

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Introduction

## **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 (<a href="https://www.youth.ie/members">www.youth.ie/members</a>). 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.

The NYCI International work area aims to facilitate and promote the involvement of youth organisations and young people in international activities and to encourage youth organisations to include an international dimension to their youth work. We advocate and lobby on International and in particular European youth policy to ensure young people have an

opportunity to add their voice to decisions that affect young people, their youth organisations and their future. NYCI lead out on the engagement of young people in the EU Youth Dialogue process in Ireland as a member of the National Working Group on EU Youth Dialogue. See <a href="https://www.youth.ie/youngvoices">www.youth.ie/youngvoices</a> for information and reports from previous consultations in Ireland. For more information on the structured dialogue process at a European level see link: <a href="EU Youth Dialogue">EU Youth Dialogue</a> | European Youth Portal (europa.eu). In Ireland the EU Youth Dialogue process is called Young Voices.

# **The Brief**

NYCI is seeking tenders from qualified individuals, organisations or institutions to undertake a consultation process, as part of a team and produce reports on the outcomes of consultations with young people in the EU Youth Dialogue process in Ireland.

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Service required:	Reports, including collection of demographics, on the
	Young Voices EU Youth Dialogue consultation
Reporting to:	International Affairs Manager, National Youth Council of
	Ireland.
Budget:	Applicants should provide a detailed breakdown of costs
	in their tender proposals.
Starting Date:	Oct 2023 – March 2024
Profile of	The Report Writer must demonstrate:
Consultant:	<ul> <li>An in-depth understanding of young people issues;</li> <li>Relevant report writing experience from a consultation process;</li> <li>Flexibility – attend a number of focus groups/sessions (approx. 5), and a youth event (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov) set up by young voices team between Oct 2023 and Dec 2023 nationwide, in person and online, as part of a planning team. Which events attended can be negotiated with</li> </ul>

the planning team in advance, depending on availability.

**Role and Purpose:** The National Youth Council of Ireland invites tenders from qualified individuals, organisations or institutions to undertake a consultation process, as part of a team and produce a report on the outcomes of consultations with young people undertaken specifically for this project and also incorporating the outcomes of other recent, relevant consultations on the theme of Inclusive Societies. The consultation questions will be guided by the EU Youth Dialogue guiding questions.

> The report should be based on the outcomes of consultations with young people and youth workers from 15-30 years old. These consultations should then be summarised into two reports:

- 1. A report using the template for the European Steering Committee on EU Youth Dialogue, addressing specific questions in the European context and
- 2. A youth friendly, accessible online report.

The successful tender candidate will design the consultation for the focus groups, and youth event on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup>,in cooperation with the EU Youth Dialogue lead trainer and facilitator, based on guiding questions provided by the European Steering Committee on EU Youth Dialogue. In addition, the successful tenderer will also be required to co facilitate/attend a selection of the focus groups/youth events, set up and facilitated by the EU Youth Dialogue lead trainer and facilitator. The report for the European Steering Committee deadline is Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 and the deadline for the second report is end of Feb 2024.

The role of the Report writer will be to:

- a) Together with the EUYD team plan the consultation and how to collect the data on the young people and youth workers involved in the consultation in terms of identity mapping.
- b) Design consultation focus group session/ youth event day and how the data will be collected in cooperation with EUYD lead trainer and facilitator, based on the guiding questions for cycle 10 of the EU Youth Dialogue process.
- c) Incorporate results of recent/relevant consultations carried out.
- d) Attend planning meetings and a youth event on Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 and focus groups.
- C) Write 2 reports on the outcomes of the consultation.
  - Fill out report template for European Steering
     Committee on results of consultations.
  - Write an accessible, youth friendly report.

# **Key Outputs:**

# The work will deliver on the following:

- A report using the template for the European Steering Committee on EU Youth Dialogue, addressing specific questions in the European context and
- A youth friendly, accessible online report, working together with a graphic recorder/designer on the team.

# **Proposal Required:**

In submitting a short proposal (maximum 4 pages) for providing the services set out in the brief.

The deadline for receipt of completed proposals is 1st Oct 2023. Tender applications should include the subject line 'EU Youth Dialogue tender for report writer and be submitted by email to <a href="mailto:international@nyci.ie">international@nyci.ie</a>.

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 International 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 International 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 Jean-Marie Cullen at international@nyci.ie.