Climate change and COP27: Open call for creative commissions

FAQs

**Can you connect us with a UK or Egyptian partner to collaborate on our project?**

For this open call, we are unable to provide support with connecting you to potential partners in the UK and/or overseas. Applicants will need to have partnerships in place when submitting applications.

We are unable to share details of applicants due to UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

**What can we do if our partner is experiencing poor digital connectivity?**

We recognise that digital connectivity can be an issue and this will be taken into consideration. Please specify any additional needs (such as signal boosters etc) in your budget allocations in the application form.

**Why is there a focus on engaging with a specific age group in this open call?**

As set out in the briefing document, climate change is everyone’s responsibility and we all have a role to play, but we are also mindful that children and young people are the custodians of our future planet.

This open call is for applicants working with audiences of all ages, recognising the importance of sharing knowledge and ideas across different ages and generations.

Whilst applications that primarily work with young people is the focus of this open call, we will consider exceptional applications that work with other audience groups, provided they strongly respond to other areas of the creative brief. For example, your application may not directly engage with young people, but may foreground the voices of older generations who have had to leave their homes due to climate change.

**What sort of digital platform can we work with?**

You can use any existing digital platforms available such as YouTube, Facebook, Instagram, gaming platforms etc. You can use your own platform too, but it isn’t a requirement to create your own bespoke digital platform (unless you wish to).

**What does interdisciplinary working mean?**

Interdisciplinary working means collaborating with organisations and individuals from sectors different to your own.

We want to see collaborative ways of working through these commissions – bringing together city planners, engineers, artists, technologists, thought leaders, activists, scientists and many others. We are particularly interested in collaborations between individuals and organisations who may not traditionally work together, from across the world.

**Can the partner in Egypt be a government organisation/agency?**

Yes – individuals, organisations and networks from different sectors and disciplines are eligible to apply for these grants, as long as they respond to the creative brief and technical eligibility criteria.

**Should project activity be implemented in the UK or in Egypt or both?**

Projects can be implemented in either the UK or Egypt or both - that element is flexible. But it's important that there is mutual benefit in both countries.

**Will the selected commissions be showcased in Sharm El Sheikh during COP27?**We are not able to guarantee a platform in the official COP27 spaces in Sharm El Sheikh due to the high pressure on space there and limited logistical capacity on the ground

**Can I submit more than one application?**

Organisations can be involved in more than one application – however, we are unlikely to fund the same organisation more than once.

**Will there be some flexibility built into the project to cover the ongoing implications of Covid-19?**

We are mindful of the ongoing implications of the global Covid-19 crisis and this will be considered at every stage of the project.

**How do I submit my application?**

Please submit your application by registering on the Submittable platform and using the online form [here](https://britishcouncil.submittable.com/submit/b5fcfea2-1070-4303-aa9b-454f60a986ac/creative-commissions-egypt-for-cop27)

**When will I hear if I am successful?**

We will endeavour to inform all successful and unsuccessful applicants by early August 2022. Unfortunately, due to the volume of applications we anticipate, we are unable to provide feedback to all applicants. We will host a post-open call webinar to discuss the common pitfalls we saw in applications, which will be open to all unsuccessful applicants.

**How will the grant be paid?**

The grant will be paid to the lead applicant. If the lead applicant is in Egypt with an Egyptian bank account the grant will be paid in Egyptian pounds