



What is Drivers for Change?

Drivers for Change is a unique 11-day journey to inspire 100 young leaders to be creative and entrepreneurial, and to take ownership of driving change in their communities.

During the journey, the 100 young creative and entrepreneurial participants will exchange ideas and skills - supporting each other to fulfil their potential and become a network of dynamic and diverse drivers for change. We'll visit 8 towns and cities across the UK and meet inspiring role models - entrepreneurs, activists, community organisers and artists - that are working to make their communities thrive. These inspirational visits will be coupled with a leadership and enterprise skills programme and each participant will also receive practical advice and support to create their own social action or enterprise plan. The aim of the project is to create a dynamic and diverse network of young leaders, who are inspired and equipped with the tools needed to drive change in their communities.

By exploring innovative practice and developing skills, the participants will gain a greater understanding of how they can create social impact within their own communities.

What's the inspiration behind it?

Drivers for Change is inspired by the world's biggest enterprise journey; Jagriti Yatra in India. Now in its tenth year, Jagriti Yatra has taken over 3,000 young people on a 14-day tour of India and has been the catalyst for a number of innovative social action projects

Our Mission:

To inspire young people to be creative and entrepreneurial, and to take ownership of driving change in their communities.

International Participants

We are partnering with the British Council's DICE (Developing Inclusive and Creative Economies) programme which is running in Egypt, Brazil, Pakistan, Indonesia and South Africa. We are excited to be able to invite 4 participants from each of the 5 countries to attend the programme. The DICE programme takes an innovative cross-sectorial approach that draws on the UK's experience and expertise in creative and social economies to promote and support the progress on the Sustainable Development goals. Participants will be selected on the following criteria:

- Participants need to have a good understanding of either the social or creative enterprise sector in their country, and will be able to demonstrate they have been involved in a social action project or programme.
- They will need to have an open mind and appetite for learning and sharing around different communities, cultures and will be confident to contribute to discussions during the programme
- They will need to have a high level of speaking, understanding and writing English as no translation will be available
- Most importantly, they will need to have a desire to want to embed positive social action in their community when they return to their home country, and will be passionate about becoming an agent of change!
- You must be available to be in the UK from the 19th June – 3rd July.

Programme costs and travel to the UK will be covered by British Council and Drivers for Change. Unfortunately, we cannot support international participants from any other countries except for those listed above.

How to apply

All applications will be coordinated through the British Council country offices and the Drivers for change team. In the first instance, please email either Gemma@driversforchange.org.uk or dice@britishcouncil.org to request an application form.

For more information about the programme visit: www.driversforchange.org.uk

Applications close on 20 April.