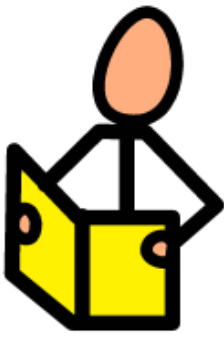OPEN SOCIETY
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Apply for the Community Youth Fellowships 2018

Part 1

About the Community Youth Fellowships

Projects about young Roma people with disabilities

What is in this booklet?

About this booklet

This booklet tells you about
the Community Youth Fellowships.

There is another booklet to read after this
called **Part 2 How to apply and what
happens next.**

The Community Youth Fellowships
helps young people do exciting projects
that make the world a better place.

A project is an idea you have about
how to make your community better.

If you have a project you want to do
you can apply to us.

This means you can ask us for money
for your project.

Please do this by **January 10 2018.**

About the Community Youth Fellowships

Who can apply for project money?

Young people aged 18 to 30 can apply.

You must have a project you want to do.

It does not matter if you have not done a project before.

But you must want to:

- learn new skills

- do important work to change things in your community and make it better

What projects do we give money for?

We will give money for projects that happen in the **Czech Republic**.

This is a country in Europe.

The projects will be about
young Roma people with disabilities.

Roma people are a community in the Europe.

Roma people with disabilities are often treated badly and do not get their rights.

For example, they may not get
the healthcare or education they need.

And they are often left out or ignored.

What should your project do?

Your project should try to solve a problem that makes life hard for young Roma people with disabilities in the Czech Republic.

For example, there could be a problem with:

- education

- crime and keeping safe

- doing the same things as other young people in the community

Or there could be a problem with:

- jobs and the rights of people who work

- health

- housing

- support for people who have to leave their countries because of problems like war or violence

- something else that you and people in your community think is important

Other things about your project

How you can do your project

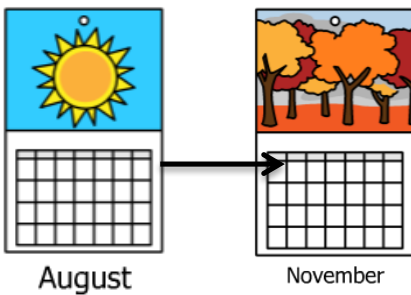You can do your project in lots of ways.

For example you can:

- join with other people where you live so you can change things together

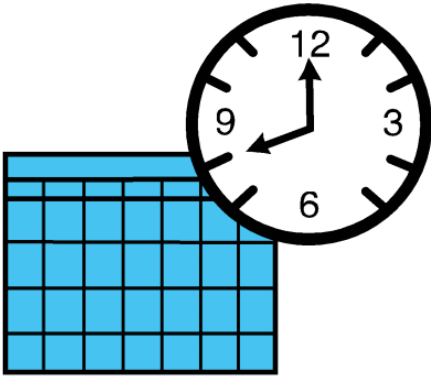- teach people in your area things and give them information

How long can projects last for?

The projects can last for 1 year or a year and a half.
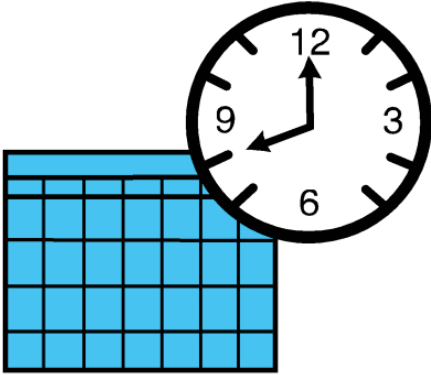
Projects can start between August and November 2018.

You can work on your project **full time.**

This means for most of the week.

For 35 hours a week or more.

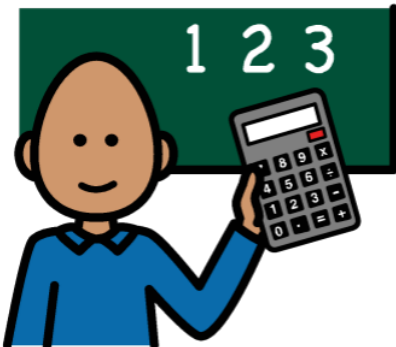Or you can work on your project **part time.**

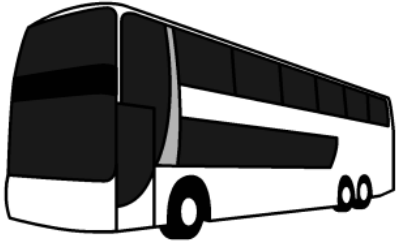This means for some of the week.

For 20 hours a week or more.

How much money do we give?

The money we give is only for you to help you with your project.

If your project is part time we will look at how many hours you will spend on it and work out the right amount of money.

We can also give you money for other things to help with your project like:

- travel

- support with your project

- health insurance

- meetings

Help with your project

Finding an organization to help

It is a good idea to have an organization to help you with the project.

This is called a **host organization**.

The organization you could work with

There are lots of organizations you could work with, like:

- groups in your local area that support people's rights

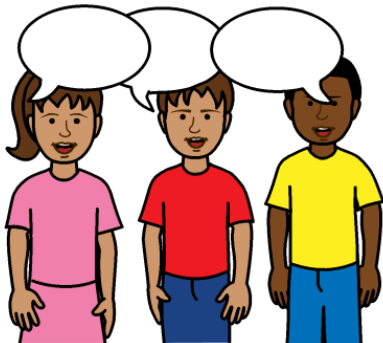- universities or places where people study and find out things

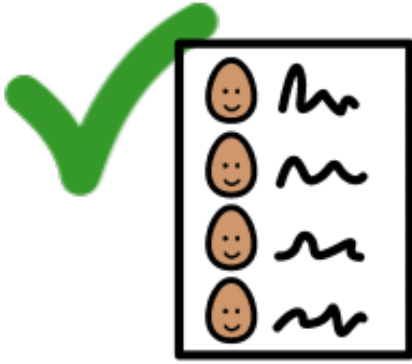- organizations that work with the government

The organization should help you with things like:

- a space for you to work in

- computers to work with

- meeting people who can give you ideas and advice about your project

The organization may also support you with your project in other ways.

If you work with a host organization

You have to choose how to work with the organization.

For example, you can plan your project with them.

Or you can plan it on your own first.

We may ask you for more information about this organization later on.

We may ask the organization for a letter to agree how we will work together.

You can change the organization you work with. Or you can do the project without them.

But you have to ask us first.

A person to help

It is a good idea to find someone to help
and support you for the whole project.

This could be a person from the
host organization you work with on the project.
Or someone else.

It could be more than one person.

It is good if this person knows a lot about
your project and wants to help you
make it happen.

This person can:

- give you advice

- support you with the project
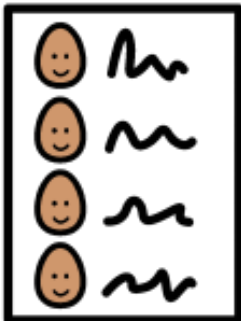 and the things you want to learn

Can you apply?

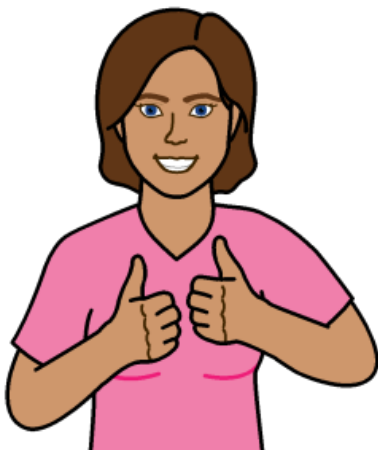**Here is a list to help you.**

You can apply if:

You are 18 to 30 years old.

You live in the Czech Republic
and your project will happen there

Your project is about the things
we talk about from pages 5 to 7.

You can do the things in the project
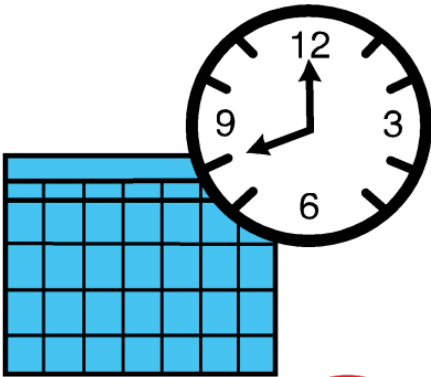with support if you need it.

You want to do the work.
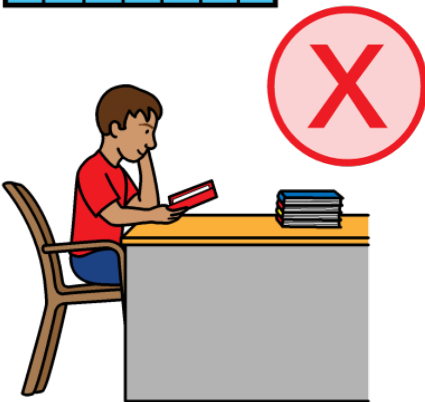You really want to change things.

You can apply if:

You want to learn new skills
and learn about how to change things
in the world

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You can spend 1 year
or a year and a half on the project.

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You are **not** studying full time
or working full time in a job.

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Full time usually means
Monday through Friday.

It is good if:

- you know a lot about the people your project is helping

- or you know a lot about the problem that your project is working on

- you have not done work like this before. But you want to learn

We do not give money for:

- helping you go to college or university to study

- projects where you try to get the government to change something

For more information

Please also read the booklet called:
Part 2. How to apply and what happens next.

For more information you can email:
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