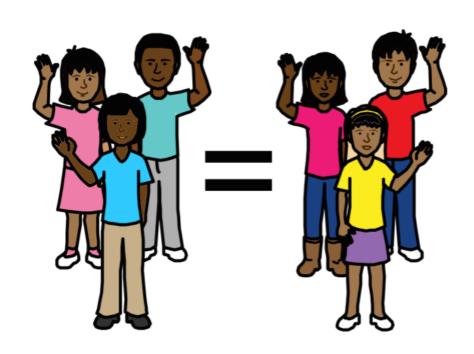
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Apply for the Young Feminist Leaders Fellowships 2019

Part 1

About the Young Feminist Leaders Fellowships 2019

Projects to help women, girls and people of all genders and none to be treated fairly, have the same chances in life and get their rights





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About this booklet



This booklet tells you about the Young Feminist Leaders Fellowships.

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



The Young Feminist Leaders Fellowships will help 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.

About the Young Feminist Leaders Fellowships



Who can apply for project money?

Young people aged 22 to 30 can apply.

You must have a project you want to do.



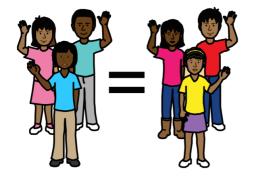
It does not matter if you have not done a project before.



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?



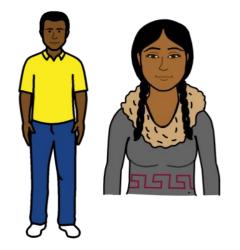
We will give money for projects that help people of all genders and none to be treated fairly and have the same chances in life as each other.



Gender is about whether someone is a woman, a girl, a man, a boy or something else.

This includes people who are not the gender that people say they are or want them to be.

For example:



• Transgender people. This means people who are a different gender to the one people say they are.

For example, someone may be told they are a man. But they consider themselves a woman or something else.



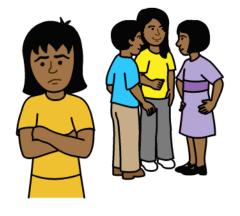
 Queer people. Some people may be more than one gender. Or they may have no gender or something else.

Or they may have their own ideas about who they like or want relationships with.



 Intersex people. Intersex people have bodies that may be different to what people think a man or woman should be like.

For example, their private parts may look a bit different to what people think a man or woman should look like.



At the moment people of all genders and none are not always treated fairly and do not get their rights.

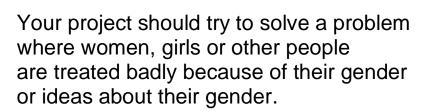
For example, many women and girls do not have the same chances as men and boys to take part in the community, make their own choices and have their say.



Where should your project take place?

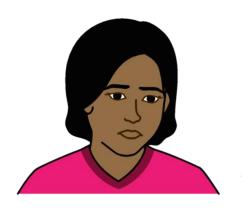
Your project should take place in Latin America.

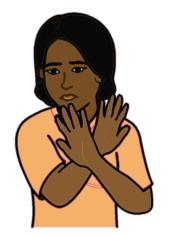




For example, there could be a problem where women, girls and people of other genders do not get their rights to:

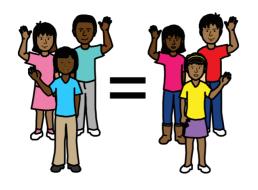
- Be safe from violence
- Go to school
- Make their own choices about their bodies, sex, relationships and having children
- Speak up and help make decisions about their local area and country
- Work and earn a fair wage











We want projects that help women, girls and people of all genders and none to:

- Be treated fairly
- Have the same chances as each other to take part in things and do well
- Get what they need
- Get their rights



We want the projects to:

 Help young people work together to speak up and change things for women, girls and people of other genders and none.

This includes young people who may not have much chance to speak up or are treated badly if they do

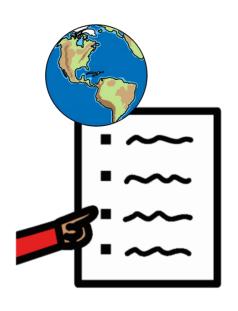


 Help young people work on new problems that have not been looked at before.

For example, violence on the internet

- Help young people be leaders, learn new skills and make decisions
- Make this work easier for more people to do in the future





Your project should also think about some important promises that countries made about the rights of women and girls everywhere.

The promises are called the **Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action**.

The promises were made in 1995 but there is still a lot more work to do on them.

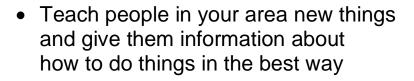
Other things about your project

How you can do your project



For example you can:

 Join with other people where you live so you can change things together





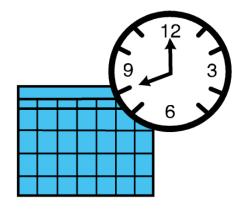


How long can projects last for?



The projects should last for 1 year.

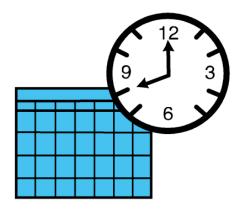
Projects can start between August and November 2019.



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.

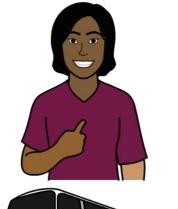
This means for some of the week.

For 20 hours a week or more.





We will choose 5 to 7 projects to give money to.



If we choose your project:

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



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

- travel
- support with your project
- health insurance
- meetings
- computers



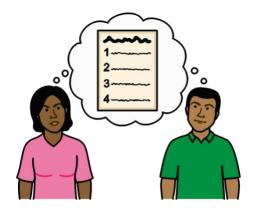
Help with your project



An organization to help you

You will need to work with another organization for the whole of your project.

This is called a **host organization**.



The project will be your own idea.

But it should also help with the work of a host organization.

We will choose the right host organization for your project if we say you can do your project.



The host organization will be one of the 3 organizations starting on the next page.

1. Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)

They do things like:



 Check if bad things are happening for the rights of women and people of other genders and none.

For example, unfair laws and rules that stop women getting their rights



 Tell people about bad things that are happening



 Help people get money and support to speak up and change the bad things

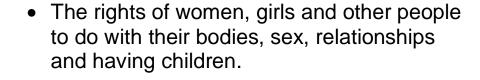


 Work to make sure that organizations that make lots of money behave fairly.

And that everyone is treated fairly when it comes to money, jobs and laws about taxes

2. El Instituto de Liderazgo Simone de Beauvoir (The Leadership Institute of Simone de Beauvoir- ILSB)

They work on things like:



For example, people's right to choose if they want children or not.

And to know how to have sex in a safe way.

 Supporting different groups of women to speak up about what they need and help change things.

For example, Afro-Mexican women and people who live and work in forests

 Making sure people who clean and look after people's houses get their rights

 Making sure that women can take part in politics and help make decisions about their local area and country



3. The Equipo Latinoamericano de Justicia y Género.

(The Latin American Team of Justice and Gender- ELA).



They work on things like:

 Making sure women have the same chances to take part in the community and help make decisions about their area and country.



 Making sure women are safe from violence and that the laws about violence work well



 Making sure women have the same chances to work and earn money.

And that nothing stops them from doing this.

For example, caring for other people in the family.



 Making sure that women can make their own choices about their bodies, sex, relationships and having children.



What the host organization can help with

The host organization should help you with things like:

• a space for you to work in



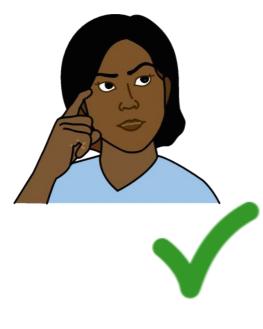
 meeting people who can give you ideas and advice about your project



A person to help you

You can also choose someone else you know to support you with the project if you want to.

It is best if this person knows a lot about your project and wants to help you with it.



Can you apply?

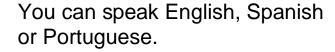
Here is a list to help you know.

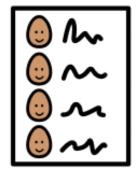
You can apply if:



You live in Latin America and your project will happen there

You are 22 to 30 years old.





Your project is about the things we talk about from pages 5 to 9.



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

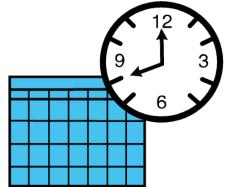
You want to do the work. You really want to change things.



You can apply if:

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





You can spend 1 year on the project.





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



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

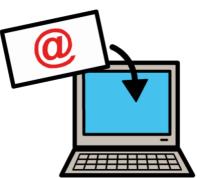


 Projects where you try to get the government to change something



For more information

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



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