

## **Social investment and the youth sector: Call for information**

The Cabinet Office Youth Policy team wants to support youth sector organisations to capture and demonstrate the impact they have through their services, and to adapt to a new funding landscape.

As part of this work, we want to build on work done by the Catalyst Consortium, and learn more about whether and when the conditions of social investment are appropriate for organisations and services across the youth sector - particularly, for universal youth work.

This is a call for information from any organisation currently undertaking exploratory work on social investment funding models to get in touch. We would like to galvanise and support existing work, and to be in a position to share any knowledge and best practice across the sector.

We are particularly keen to hear from individuals or organisations who work with or for young people, and are exploring whether social investment could be appropriate for them. In particular, organisations that:

1. Are developing innovative / sustainable business models with a view to taking on social investment
2. Are in the process of defining fundable outcomes
3. Have staff members with particular expertise in developing new funding models, or are working with external partners
4. Have a particular focus on universal youth work (rather than targeted)
5. Are interested in sharing their process / findings with the wider youth sector, rather than for the benefit of a specific audience or organisation
6. Are willing to collaborate with other organisations carrying out similar work

...with a view to understanding how the Cabinet Office can best support work in this area.

This is primarily an information gathering exercise, but there is the potential for some financial support for existing projects that meet the above six criteria; or the creation of a best practice-sharing network in the event of multiple high quality returns.

If you are currently undertaking work in this area, please email [youthpolicyteam@cabinetoffice.gov.uk](mailto:youthpolicyteam@cabinetoffice.gov.uk) with a summary of your project (no more than three pages), by 31 December 2014, covering the above points as fully as possible, and we will be in touch to discuss whether and how we can work together.