National Youth Social Action Fund - FAQs

When would applicants be likely to hear the outcome?
Organisations which are successful at the first stage will be contacted by Friday 18th September regarding submission of full proposals. We aim to let organisations know the final outcome of their application by the end of September.

When would applicants start spending money and when would it have to be spent by?
Successful applicants would be able to spend their grant funding from the beginning of October 2015. For those organisations that are jointly funded by Pears and Cabinet Office, and only Pears, money will need to be spent by 31st March 2017. For those funded only by Cabinet Office, money will need to be spent by 31st March 2016. Decisions around this will be made in the second stage.

How many grants are the CO aiming to make from the National fund?
We are aiming to make sizeable grants through this fund and therefore would ask organisations to bid for amounts from £50,000 to £200,000.

Is the fund aimed at geographic factors, or social factors - or both? And if both what is the priority / balance in terms of selecting applications?
The fund is aimed at young people from rural areas and/or from lower socio-economic groups. We are using the same definitions as those used by Ipsos Mori in the Youth Social Action Survey.
Young people from lower socio-economic groups:
Young people from families is in the group C2DE.
Young people living in rural areas:
Young people living in towns with a population measured by the 2011 census of 50,000 or less were classified as rural
or
If a postcode sector had more than 50% of its total area as non-residential or industrial or had 25%-50% of its total area as non-residential or industrial **and** had 2 contiguous postcode sectors with more than 50% non-residential, the postcode sector was also classified as rural.

Evidence that applicants meet this criteria will only be sought if applications are taken to a second stage. At this stage, please just indicate the area in which you propose to work.