

Tech for the Public Good

Call Out to Participate

Closing date:
15 September 2021
8pm (BST)

Introduction

For people seeking solutions to society's global questions.

Tech for the Public Good is an online international residency programme for 10 people who want to work together to find answers to some of the biggest challenges faced by citizens around the world.

Are you a government employee, scientist, artist, engineer, cultural worker, gamer, researcher, community support worker, technologist, developer, data insight manager, UX designer, producer, programmer, theatre maker or person who wants to do something for society? Then this is the project for you.

No matter what your background, we want to bring people with all types of experiences – lived and learned – from around the world together, to prototype answers to societies big questions through creativity and technology.

This could be how do we reduce the digital divide? How do we achieve food security? How do we create more mentally healthy neighbourhoods?

Over the course of two months, 10 people will come together through a series of labs, residencies, masterclasses, and workshops. Together you'll decide which challenge you'd like to tackle and collaborate on a solution that will be open source (freely available and distributed) and piloted in all participating countries.

So, if you are passionate about social justice, have an interest in collaborating with an international community and want to be part of a programme seeking new ways of working together then apply - we are looking for you!

Who we are looking for

Expressions of interest are now open to be part of the programme. We are looking for people from all sorts of backgrounds – most importantly, we are looking for people who want to share their skillsets or experiences and be part of a collaborative process.

You may not have worked in this way before, and that is okay. This is an experiment – all we want to know about you is your background, why you are interested in the project and what burning questions you have about the way we live and what we live for.

We are looking for applicants based in Leeds, the UK and in the following eligible* countries and states:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, China, Colombia, Cuba, Egypt, Ethiopia, Georgia, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Malawi, Mauritius, Mexico, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nepal, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Senegal, Serbia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Tanzania, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Vietnam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

*This open call has been made possible using Overseas Development Assistance (ODA) funding, which is government aid promoting and targeting the economic development and welfare of eligible developing countries from the UK Government.

Who is delivering the project

The project is a partnership between LEEDS 2023, British Council and the Frontiers Institute at the University of Leeds. We are also actively seeking further partnerships with gaming, engineering, science, social justice, technology and third and voluntary sector organisations. If you're interested in being involved as an organisation, get in touch!

Support

As part of the project you will have the support of LEEDS 2023's Creative Technologists who will help to facilitate the process.

If there are further support measures we can put in place to make the process more accessible for you, please include this within your application or contact info@leeds2023.co.uk to ask us any questions.

Participation Fee

Each participant will be paid £200 p/day x 10 days - £2000 total

An additional accessibility fund is available to support you through the programme. Access can include interpretation, childcare, support workers, data packages and other support that ensures you can participate in the programme. Please include your access requirements within your application or speak to a member of the LEEDS 2023 team.

Timeline

15 Sep 21 Deadline for EOI

22 Sep 21 Confirmation of result of EOI

14 – 15 Oct 21 Kick off sessions (online)

27 – 29 Oct 21 Bootcamp (online)

29 Nov – 3 Dec 21 Prototyping

06 Dec – 10 Dec 21 Testing

10 Dec 21 Presentation to LEEDS 2023, British Council and Leeds University

It is important that all applicants confirm they are able to participate in the Kick Off sessions and Bootcamp, and commit a further 5 days to the programme throughout November and December 2021.

The online Expression of Interest form is available in the link below. The questions you will be asked are included at the end of this document for your information.

The deadline to complete the online Expression of Interest form is 15th September 2021, 8pm (BST). If you need support to make the application please contact us on info@leeds2023.co.uk or 0113 511 2027.

If you would like to make an application by video or audio/voice recording please respond to each question within the application form and be no longer than the minute count included next to the word count. Additional editing will not be counted, we will listen for content only. Your audio / video should be no longer than 17.5 minutes total.

We will be running a series of open sessions and events where you can find out more about the programme on:

Tuesday 17 August 2021, 1pm – 1.45pm (BST)

Friday 27 August 2021, 9am – 9.45am (BST)

Wednesday 1 September 2021, 6pm – 6.45pm (BST)

To book a space [CLICK HERE](#).

We will let you know by **22nd September 2021** if your Expression of Interest has been successful.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM

Name

Contact information

- *Email*

- *Phone Number*

- *Address*

Format of application

- Written

- Audio or Video

Written application questions:

1. Tell us about you: what do you do day to day? What are you interested in?
150 words or up to 1.75 minutes speaking
2. Why do you want to be part of this programme?
150 words or up to 1.75 minutes speaking
3. What do you think are the most urgent challenges we need to address worldwide?
250 words or up to 2.5 minutes speaking
4. What experiences and / or skills would you bring to the group?
250 words or up to 2.5 minutes speaking
5. Is there anything else you would like to say?
250 words or up to 2.5 minutes speaking
6. Do you have any access requirements you would like us to be aware of?

Please find the expression of interest form [here](#).

LEEDS 2023 will be a landmark year of culture for Leeds and the wider region.

Starting on 1st January 2023, it will be an extraordinary, year-long programme of creative experiences. Co-created with local, national and international artists, LEEDS 2023 will be for Leeds, with Leeds and inspired by Leeds.

A showcase of creativity across all forms of culture: from dance to design, art to architecture, poetry to pop, sculpture to sport, grassroots community theatre to performances on our world class stages, LEEDS 2023 will have something for everyone.

Fuelled by a belief in the power of artistic expression and cultural experiences to transform lives, LEEDS 2023 will unlock talent and creative opportunities for people from every district in the city.

About British Council

The British Council is the UK's international organisation for cultural relations and educational opportunities. We build connections, understanding and trust between people in the UK and other countries through arts and culture, education and the English language. Last year we reached over 80 million people directly and 791 million people overall including online, broadcasts and publications. Founded in 1934, we are a UK charity governed by Royal Charter and a UK public body. We receive a 15 per cent core funding grant from the UK government.

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The Frontiers Institute, University of Leeds

The Frontiers Institute at the University of Leeds brings together researchers, businesses, third-sector organisations, government and communities to co-produce solutions to urgent global challenges. It is a showcase for the very best of the University's research and a platform for engaging with people from all walks of life on the issues that matter to them.



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