

EIC MEMBERS INFORMATION PACK

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Part of YMCA George Williams College

Many thanks for your interest in the Evidence and Insights Collective (EIC)! We're aware that some of you have worked with the EIC before and others are new to it. We'll therefore provide a recap of what the EIC is about; what it has done in the past; and what it's now looking to achieve. Please take some time to read this information before you decide whether to take part or not.

WHAT IS THE EIC?

The EIC is funded by UK Youth and Volunteering Matters as part of the #iwill movement. It brings together young people and organisations that represent the variety of youth social action as part of #iwill.

The EIC has met several times in the past to share good practice and provide recommendations and advice to support young people to engage in youth social action and feel empowered to make change, and to draw together learning around youth social action practice from within and across the #iwill movement.

YMCA George Williams College and UK Youth are now re-establishing the EIC to build on its previous achievements. This will involve working with young people and organisations to create a refreshed research agenda for youth social action.





What will being part of the EIC involve?

We would like you to attend two online workshops (on Teams or Zoom): one in February 2024 (on Tuesday 20 February, 5-7pm), and one in March 2024 (on Tuesday 19 March, 5-7pm). Each workshop will take no more than two hours.

Workshop 1 (in February) will involve asking you to discuss and shortlist priorities for research around youth social action. We will share some research priorities for discussion beforehand, which we will identify through a review of relevant research.

Workshop 2 (in March) will involve asking you to create some research questions which relate to each of the top five research priorities you identified in workshop 1. We will also ask you to rank each research question in terms of urgency and importance.

We will also invite you to help us with some communications activities as part of the EIC. This might include blogs or posts on social media.

Depending on funding, we may ask you to take part in some more activities as part of the EIC after March 2024. We will discuss these with you closer to the time.

What will I get for taking part?

Although we can't offer incentives or payments for taking part, creating, testing, and sharing learning around youth social action enables your voice to be heard by those responsible for funding research in this area. It will also enable you to gain useful skills and to be recognised through the communications activities we will do to raise awareness of the EIC's work.

What will you do with the information I share?

We would like to video-record the workshops using the inbuilt function in Teams or Zoom to make sure we hear everything you have to say, but only if everyone who attends is OK with that. A GWC researcher will also take notes during the workshops. GWC will store the workshop data and your contact information on our server and will delete it one year afterwards, by 31st March 2025. If you would like to know more about how your data will be used and stored, please see the [UK Youth](#), [#iwill](#), and [GWC](#) privacy notices.

We will write up the notes from the sessions and use them to create a young person-friendly report which we will refine in partnership with you to ensure that it is accessible, relevant, and engaging. The report will share the priorities for research into youth social action, as refined by you through the workshops.



The report will be published on UK Youth's and our College website and will be shared on social media, but we won't identify you in any way within it. The wider communications activity might identify you, but only if you are happy with this – we will ask you about this again when we are producing the communications material.

It is completely up to you whether you take part or not. If you change your mind about taking part, that is absolutely fine. If this is the case, please email the EIC Project Manager at YMCA George Williams College, Rammiza Akhtar at rammiza.akhtar@ymcageorgewilliams.uk by 21 March 2024.

How can I get involved?

Please email us at eic@ymcageorgewilliams.uk, telling us whether you are a young person or from an organisation. If you're a young person, we'll need you to complete a consent form before taking part. If you're aged under 16, we'll also need your parent or guardian to complete a separate consent form. If you have any questions about taking part, please email EIC Project Manager, Rammiza Akhtar.

**Please return your application to us no later than
Friday 16 February 2024.**

Good luck!

