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**Commonwealth Youth Exchange Programme: UK and Malta**

 **About the programme**

Are you an inspiring young leader who is passionate about creating positive changes in your local community?

In partnership with Clarion Futures, we’re offering six young people from Malta, aged 18-25 the exciting opportunity to take part in a six-month youth exchange programme, which aims to embed meaningful social action on a global scale.

As part of the programme, you’ll have the chance to take part in social action projects and campaigns that make a difference, along with training sessions to support you along the way.

You’ll also have the opportunity to visit the UK (30 September – 2/3 October 2022), where you’ll create connections with other young people to share knowledge of building and maintaining connected communities.

All reasonable costs will be covered, including flights, accommodation and expenses. Bursaries to assist with the delivery of social action plans will also be considered.

So if you’re passionate about making a difference in your community, we want to hear from you!

**Timeline:**

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| **12 September** | **30 September – 3 October 2022** | **October 2022 – January 2023** | **January 2023** | **Legacy work** |
| Introductory session(online) | UK Residential exchange at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor, UK | Monthly online training workshops + implementation of your social action projects | Exchange in Malta & Knowledge Sharing | Participants invited to become Associate Fellows of the Royal Commonwealth Society and continue your social action journey.  |

**How can I apply?**

Applicants should submit their answers to the following questions, together with a copy of their CV and details of two references to communications@royalcwsociety.org by 23:59 BST on Monday, 29 August 2022.

All applications will be acknowledged, and a member of the team will contact you if you have been successful to arrange an informal interview and provide you with more information about the programme. Please note that individual feedback will not be provided for unsuccessful applications.

Please note all participants should be:

* 18-25 years old;
* A Maltese citizen;
* Passionate about creating positive change in your community;
* Have some previous experience of engaging in social action, volunteering or activism;
* Awareness of grassroots organisations and social action opportunities in your local area;
* Knowledge of young people in your community and the issues that affect them;
* Good communication skills;
* Enjoy meeting new people and would be excited to attend a 3-day residential programme in September/ October in the UK, and a 3-day youth exchange in Malta on a shared room occupancy basis;
* An active team member who will commit to attending all meetings and virtual training/exchange activities, as well as participate in the programme for assigned period.
* Have the ability to travel internationally (i.e. holder of a valid passport).

Please submit answers to these questions by typing your answers in the boxes or answering the questions on a video recording of yourself. Because good communication and energy are such important parts of this role, we will take into account any videos received. This doesn’t need to be a Hollywood production; something recorded on your phone is fine. The video should be no longer than 5 minutes, using the questions below as inspiration.

**1. Please tell us about yourself (Full name, age, where about you live, any hobbies…)**

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**2. Why are you are interested in this exchange programme? Why would you be a great addition to the programme?**

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**3. Please give an example of something you have done that demonstrates your passion for social action and improving communities for the better. This may be a work opportunity, volunteering experience or something you have done in your local community.**

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**4. Please give an example of how you would engage young people to connect and run social action activities in your community? Would you approach certain youth groups or organisations, schools or neighbourhood offices (e.g. CAP, LGBT, BAME youth group, Scouts, Dance Groups, Youth Parliament, Steering Group, etc.)?**

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**5. Please tell us about your current situation (e.g. are you working, studying, volunteering, a carer or taking some time out?)**

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**6. Have you ever participated in an abroad exchange (e.g. trip with a community group, scouts or your school)?**

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**7. What is an issue that your community cares about (e.g. how has COVID-19 affected the young people in your local area)?**

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this application. Please submit this to communications@royalcwsociety.org by 29 August 2022 together with a copy of your CV.