

Social Leadership in the UK and beyond

The Active Citizens programme is a 6 month long-term commitment that sees participants attend multiple activities in order to develop competences in Social Leadership. Activities include UK and international networking events, a residential training course, international study visits as well as the opportunity to receive support (mentoring, coaching, project management skills and funding) for a project idea that makes a positive impact. There are 30 spaces for participants on this Programme.

The ASHA Centre | www.ashacentre.org | is delivering the 2016-17 [Active Citizens programme](#) in partnership with the British Council. Active Citizens is a British Council leadership education programme that promotes intercultural dialogue and community-led social development.

If this speaks to you, read on for more information (see page 4 for breakdown of activities).

training

mentoring

project development

mobility

networking

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To participate in the Active Citizen programme, applicants will fit the following profile:

- Be based in the UK and above 18 years of age
- Identify themselves with a cause or movement for social justice
- Possess a strong sense of initiative towards bettering society
- Good communication and interpersonal skills
- Access to well-established networks
- Be applying on behalf of yourself or a group of individuals (both formal and informal welcome)

PLEASE NOTE: To be selected, applicants must sign up and commit to a 6 month process (October 2016 – March 2017) that includes multiple activities. For all of the activities below, participation, accommodation and meals are provided free of charge with travel costs partially reimbursed.

The application form consists of four parts. Completed applications must be emailed to uk@ashacentre.org before 22nd August 2016.

part 1 | personal or group details

If you are applying as a group (either formal or informal), then each individual must still complete separate application forms. This section is simply to ensure that the ASHA Centre knows which participants want to work together.

	Individual	Group (max. 5 people)
Are you applying as an individual or as a group?		

Name(s) of Applicant(s)	Contact Email	Contact Number	Gender
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part 2 | participant background

What is your motivation to participate in this programme? How would you benefit at a personal and / or professional level? (max. 200 words)

Would you consider yourself an Active Citizen? Please refer to examples. (max. 200 words)

What does “Globally Connected, Locally Engaged” mean to you?
Please refer to any initiatives or project ideas you want to develop in your community or within wider society. (max. 200 words)

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part 3 | the Active Citizens programme

As a participant you will commit to the following activities and events:

Active Citizens Introductory Workshop

6th October 2016, ASHA Centre, UK

An introduction for the 30 successful participants to become familiarised with the ASHA team, the Active Citizens Programme and upcoming opportunities.

UK Networking Event

13th October 2016, Gloucester, UK

International Networking Event

24th October 2016, Brighton, UK

Both networking events will gather representatives and stakeholders from the field of Peace Education within both the UK and abroad. International opportunities for mobility will be presented including; volunteering, training course, internships and future partnerships.

Training on Social Leadership

1st – 4th November 2016, ASHA Centre, UK

An intensive 4 day residential British Council-designed training that develops competences for social leadership and is delivered by the ASHA Centre.

Social Action Project Implementation

5 working days of your choice from 5th November, UK

Participants will develop a Social Action Project as a result of the above training. They will be mentored throughout the realisation of their project towards achieving an effective and sustainable impact within either their community or wider society. A small budget is provided to help fund the initial set up of these projects.

International Study Visit

February 2017 (exact dates TBC), Location to be confirmed

The British Council offer a minimum of 3 participants the chance to attend an International Study Visit either within the UK or abroad (Pakistan, Egypt, USA, etc.). During these visits, participants will present their own Social Action Projects as well as experience those done by other communities from all around the globe.

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Please tick the activities of the Active Citizens programme that you can attend (attendance to training on social leadership as well as one networking event mandatory)

Active Citizens Introductory workshop	6 th October 2016	ASHA Centre, UK
UK networking event	13 th October 2016	Gloucester, UK
International networking event	24 th October 2016	Brighton, UK
Training on Social Leadership	1 st – 4 th November 2016	ASHA Centre, UK
Social Action Project Implementation	5 working days of your choice from 5 th November onwards	Your local community or wider society
International Study Visit	To be confirmed	To be confirmed (UK / Pakistan / Egypt / USA)

part 4 | special requirements

Do you have any special needs or requirements that the organisers would need to take into consideration (e.g. dietary, disability, medial, etc.)?

Thanks for taking the time to complete this application!

The ASHA Centre looks forward to working together in a meaningful way towards making a positive impact in society

Disclaimer: By submitting this application via email you confirm that you are above 18 years of age and therefore eligible to participate within the British Council & ASHA Centre partnership delivery of the Active Citizens Programme. Such a submission also represents a full commitment to the project and its 6 month duration and content (including participating in the dissemination of the online material of this programme).