

Next Generation Zimbabwe

Call for Applications - Youth Task Force

The Next Generation Zimbabwe is seeking applications from suitable and qualified young Zimbabweans to form the project's Youth Task Force.

Next Generation Zimbabwe is a project of the British Council follows on other similar Next Generation in Tanzania, South Africa, Pakistan and Nigeria. These projects looked to research the perceptions and aspirations of young people in countries experiencing youth bulges; producing recommendations for improved policies to capitalise on the potential of the next generation; and giving a voice to young people as they attempt to shape their countries' future. The project combines policy-relevant research with a strategic communications campaign to disseminate the findings widely and use them to enhance young people's ability to influence the policy environment.

The Next Generation Zimbabwe Youth Task Force will be the public face and voice of the project. Its 10 select members will:

- Use their expertise to help steer the project's quantitative and qualitative research studies into the aspirations and opinions of young Zimbabweans
- Review the research findings to produce recommendations for policy
- Help disseminate the findings and recommendations to policy-makers and the public.

Members of the Youth Task Force will be drawn from across the Zimbabwean social spectrum, covering a range of geographies, religions, genders, ethnicities, professional sectors etc. All will be **over the age of 18 and under 35 years of age**. Members will be influential voices in their fields and have a strong interest in advocating for and contributing to the development of improved policies for young people in Zimbabwe.

Members will be expected to perform a series of duties, for which all expenses will be reimbursed. This is a voluntary role, and as such there will be no monetary compensation for involvement. Responsibilities include:

- Attending 4-6 meetings between October 2018 and July 2019 aimed at guiding the implementation of the project, discussing research findings, and developing recommendations for policy.
- Reading and reviewing the reports of the three research stages, namely the literature review on youth employment in Zimbabwe, and qualitative and quantitative research into how young people live their lives and their hopes and fears for the future.
- Attend up to 3 launch events around the country in between November 2018 and July 2019 for policy-makers and the public, assist in presenting the research findings at these events, and represent Next Generation Zimbabwe to the media.

If you are interested in becoming a Youth Task Force member and feel that you possess the right attributes for the role, please e-mail your summary CV with a **one-page** covering letter (as one document, maximum 4 pages) expressing your interest and suitability to **Simbarashe Mukwacha** at the British Council, Zimbabwe on the following e-mail: simbarashe.mukwacha@britishcouncil.org.zw. Applications must be received by the **8th of October, 2018**.