

Webinar

Call for projects

Learning

Differently



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We are convinced that **learning by doing together** is a great way to help young people regain confidence, develop skills, express their talents, create connections, and lead their own future.

This is why the Orange Foundation created the concepts of **FabLabs and Solidarity Third Places**, and has supported more than **240** of them in 25 countries.

We now want to open this call for projects to associations using this active pedagogy and focus on **the realization of a collective project by young people in difficulty**.

Since 2011:

900
projects



560
structures




250 000
beneficiaries



Purpose of this call for projects

Allow young people in difficulty to carry out a collective project that meets the needs of an association, a business, a town hall, or fulfills a sustainable development goal.

Ambitions

-  • Develop skills: teamwork, creativity, communication, critical thinking
- Through a meaningful project that meets a real need
- Thus allowing the development of self-confidence, the expression of talents, and playing a role in society.



Design by young people of a solar-powered refrigerated tricycle for the transport and distribution of fresh meat to markets with JA from Burkina Faso



Design by young people of a collector of reusable cups at parties, festivals and shows with Tic Tac Lab in Belgium



Design by young people of a plastic recovery model (tools such as shredder, awareness-raising, circular economy) with Massilia in Guinea



1 Active pedagogy

- Learning by doing and creating a real “object”
- Around a collective project that addresses a need
- Using digital tools and incorporating awareness of responsible digital practices and AI
- Ending with a presentation in the presence of partners

2 Partnership project

- With an organization that supports young people in difficulties and values the skills development of its beneficiaries
- With a local actor who has a specific need, who will approve the project specifications, iterate during the implementation, and be present at the presentation
- With all partners necessary for the successful completion of this project

3 Sustainable

- Resources (human and material) for the project based on the number of sessions, duration, and number of participants per session
- Desire to implement this action in a sustainable manner
- Budget solely related to the project
- Sustainable development approach

The project takes place in one of the countries where Orange is present (outside France)



Belgium,
Botswana,
Burkina Faso,
Cameroon,
Ivory Coast,
Spain,
Egypt,
Guinea-Bissau,
Guinea Conakry,
Jordan,
Liberia,
Madagascar,
Mali,

Morocco,
Poland,
Republic of Moldova,
Central African Republic,
Democratic Republic of the Congo,
Romania,
Senegal,
Sierra Leone,
Slovakia,
Tunisia.

For young people in integration:

- 13 to 25 years
- In school dropout
- Or in social and professional integration

Calendar 2025

Opening : **May 4th**

Closing : **July 3rd**

Due diligence/Compliance

Announcement of results : **December**

Contractualisation : **December, January**





Your questions

Some information

- The collective project could be different for each cohort.
- The project is carried out by young people in difficulty: from 13 years old to 25 (dropouts, unemployed, without training)
- The budget concerns only the project. The budget does not concern the payment of materials for the creation of a fablab or of a workshop independent of the collective project.
- Fablabs already supported can apply, new fablabs can apply and also other associations with this active pedagogy approach by doing and a partnership with a fablab.
- Each collective project have to use digital technology (fablab machines, software, social networks, etc.)
- Candidates will have to present the collective project, if they do not have a pre-defined collective project they can prepare one for next year's call for projects.
- An association can apply without a prescribing partner if it is in direct contact with young people in difficulty or if it is able to attract young people over the duration of the project.
- It is preferable to have external partners to allow young people to be in contact with other actors in the territory, to respond to “specifications”, to have iterations with the partner to best meet their needs and create meaning.
- It is preferable to have one or more financial partners so that the action developed is sustainable.
- The duration of the collective project carried out by the young people is at least 35 hours with the same youths but it can be much longer.

Thank you

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