

Empowerment

SARD Application Guidance

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SARD: Guidance for Applicants

Preparing to apply

The SARD call for applications usually opens each year in **January**.

Applications are currently closed. Information about the next application round, including eligibility, funding available, timelines, guidance notes and application forms, will be published on this page when the call opens.

In the meantime, the information below provides an overview of the programme and the types of projects we are looking to support. Please note that requirements may vary between application cycles.

Who can typically apply?

SARD welcomes applications from individuals, groups and organisations based in Palestine, as well as organisations based in the UK that have the capacity and experience to deliver work with Palestinian communities.

Collaborative partnerships are encouraged. Applicants should have relevant experience in English education, community engagement or creative practice. Experience in psychosocial support or working with vulnerable communities is also valued.

Projects involving children must be delivered by registered organisations with appropriate child safeguarding policies and procedures.

What kinds of projects does SARD support?

We are looking for creative projects that:

- Use English as a skill and a tool for storytelling, dialogue and creative expression
- Empower disadvantaged or marginalised communities across Palestine
- Strengthen participants' English language and wider life skills
- Celebrate Palestinian stories, culture, identity and heritage
- Produce a creative outcome that can be shared with wider audiences, such as publications, films, podcasts, performances, exhibitions or digital content
- Demonstrate a strong commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion.

How are applications assessed?

Applications are typically assessed against the following criteria:

- Eligibility and relevance to the programme
- Quality and feasibility of the proposed project
- Creativity and innovation
- Potential for meaningful and sustainable impact
- Approach to English language development
- Experience and capacity of the applicant or partnership.

What to expect when applications open

Application guidance will be published when the next call opens. Applicants will typically be asked to submit:

- A project proposal
- A budget
- An implementation timeline
- Information about the project team and their experience
- Supporting documents relevant to the proposed activities.

Indicative timeline

The application process usually opens in **January**, with successful projects beginning in the spring and concluding later in the year. Exact dates for each cycle will be confirmed when the call for applications is launched.

Additional information

Successful applicants will work closely with the British Council throughout the programme. This may include participation in orientation sessions, learning events, monitoring and evaluation activities, and communications to showcase project achievements.

All projects are expected to uphold the British Council's commitment to safeguarding, equality, diversity and inclusion, and to contribute to sharing learning and creative outcomes with wider audiences.

For updates on future application rounds, please visit this page regularly.