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UKRI-4643 UK- wide Celebration of Research and Innovation

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Scope

Description

UKRI want to commission a supplier to deliver a new UK-wide celebration to engage the public, particularly young people, with research and innovation (R&I). This will be delivered through the following 5 work packages over the duration of the six years:

- Work package 1: coordinated UK-wide activities that celebrate and showcase R&I and supports people (particularly young people and those from minoritised communities and those underrepresented in R&I) to engage with R&I through co-produced local and regional activity.
- Work package 2: grants programmes to support those from minoritised communities and underrepresented groups to engage with R&I through community-led events and local activities in schools throughout the year.
- Work package 3: a programme of deliberative dialogues with young people to explore their views and concerns about R&I, providing unique insights into young people's relationship with R&I and enabling their views to inform and influence decision-making in R&I.
- Work package 4: support for sharing learning between this programme of activity and existing knowledge festivals, museums, science centres and other relevant organisations.
- Work package 5: summative and formative evaluation to understand and share what works in informal engagement with R&I.

N.B. UKRI will require the successful supplier to deliver all the work packages detailed above.

Total value (estimated)

- £3,300,000 excluding VAT
- £3,960,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 October 2025 to 14 October 2031
- 6 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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Submission

Enquiry deadline

21 August 2025, 4:00pm

Tender submission deadline

4 September 2025, 11:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

https://ukri2.my.salesforce-sites.com/ProSpend__CS_ContractPage?SearchType=Projects&uid=a1MTm0000077hllMAI&searchStr=&sortStr=Recently+Published&page=1&filters=&County=

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 October 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Quality	90%	Quality	90.00%
Price	10%	Price	10.00%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

Not required

Contracting authority

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government