



BRITISH COUNCIL APPG INQUIRY:

BUILDING GLOBAL BRITAIN: CONNECTING YOUNG UK CITIZENS TO THE WORLD THROUGH INTERNATIONAL SKILLS AND EDUCATION

The value of international experience, skills and connections for young people in the UK

At the heart of the success of Global Britain is the UK's role as a global connector and facilitator. The UK is a trusted global partner, in no small part thanks to the millions of personal connections forged by individuals as well as UK institutions. As well as both aiding the UK's mission to be a global force for good, these connections also serve the national interest and enhance the lives of people in the UK.

The British Council APPG wish to explore the value of these connections for young people, establishing where the UK does this well, where lessons can be learnt from global partners, and how we can ensure all young people in the UK are able to individually benefit from international skills and experience to build further connections for the UK.

You should feel no obligation to address every question raised, and so please only answer those questions relevant to your work and expertise.

The value of international experience, skills and connections for young people

1. What is the impact of international connections on individuals in terms of: i) skills and competencies; ii) qualifications; iii) employability; iv) the personal resilience, aspiration, and confidence; v) and mindset of young people?
2. What are the main obstacles to young people in accessing international skills, experience and connections? *You may wish to include any relevant demographic (socio-economic, sex/gender, disability, age, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation) information pertaining to current accessibility.*
3. How can access to international experience, skills and connections be broadened, particularly for the most disadvantaged in the UK? *Please consider if there are communities which are underrepresented in existing programmes, and to what extent participants are representative of their local communities.*

The value of international experience, skills and connections for the UK

4. How does the UK benefit from young people having international experience and connections? Please use examples where possible and consider benefits to i) the national and local economy; ii) social and culture life in the UK.
5. What are the benefits for employers and businesses of a workforce that has international experience, connections and/or skills?
6. To what extent is the UK's languages deficit a challenge for *Global Britain*; and how could this challenge be met?

Lessons for the UK

7. Are there examples from around the world that the UK can learn from to ensure access to international experience and connections for young people? *Please include examples of best practice and, if relevant, bad practice that could be instructive. You may wish to include comparisons of relative success between international experience, connections and skills available to young people in the UK and elsewhere in the world.*
8. What has been the impact of Covid-19 and related safety restrictions on the quality and accessibility of international experience for young people; and are there lessons from the pandemic which can enhance and expand access to international experience and skills for young people?
9. What role should digital connections (both globally and within the UK) play in broadening and enhancing access to international experiences for young people in the UK?

If there is any further information that you wish to be considered by the inquiry please include it at the end of your submission.



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