



Call for applications

Join a Participatory Action Research journey

How can young people influence economic decisions in Morocco?

Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) and Recrear are inviting 20 young people aged 18–30 to explore this question with other young people in their communities. As a co-researcher, you will help shape research questions, lead community conversations, and develop recommendations to inform WFD's future youth programmes in Morocco. We will provide training and support throughout.

To apply, you need to:

- Be aged 18–30.
- Live in Béni Mellal-Khénifra, Casablanca-Settat, Drâa-Tafilalet, or Tanger-Tétouan-Al Hoceïma.
- Be able to communicate effectively in Arabic.
- Be active in your community, for example through a local initiative, volunteering, a civil society organisation, or a social or youth movement.
- Be available for project activities, including some travel within your region.
- Be willing to listen, work with others, and respect people's different experiences, opinions, and privacy.

You do not need research experience, a minimum education level, or membership in an organisation. We will select five people from each region, aiming for gender balance and a mix of backgrounds and experiences. Knowledge of Tamazight and other community languages is welcome.

Dates: 2 November 2026–15 April 2027

Time commitment: Approximately 100 hours, including training, community research, group meetings, analysis, and programme co-design.

Stipend: 10,000 MAD per participant.

You will receive practical research training, ongoing mentoring, research materials, and logistical support for agreed travel and participation costs. You will also learn alongside young people from four regions and receive a certificate of participation.

Apply by 15 October 2026

Complete [the application form](#) in Arabic, French, or English. Questions or need support applying? Contact Majdouline El Yaquobi at majdouline.elyaquobi@wfd.org and Yasmine Zeid at yasminezeid@recrear.info

Learn more about the opportunity in the FAQs below.

Frequently asked questions

What will we explore together?

Public policies shape many parts of young people's lives, including access to work, education, public services, entrepreneurship, housing, mobility, and opportunities to build a future. But how much influence do young people have over these decisions? Whose experiences are heard, and whose remain invisible? What affects young people's trust in public institutions?

Together, we will explore:

- young people's experiences of public policies and decision-making;
- trust between young people and public institutions;
- the barriers that make participation difficult or unequal;
- how gender, geography, language, education, income, disability, and other aspects of identity shape people's experiences;
- the formal and informal ways young people are already influencing their communities; and
- what could help young people have greater voice, power, and agency in policymaking.

As co-researchers, you will help refine the questions based on what matters to young people in your region.

What is Participatory Action Research?

We know that you already hold important knowledge about your community and the decisions that shape your life.

In conventional research, researchers often decide the questions, collect information from other people, and produce their own conclusions. Participatory Action Research recognises that we each hold valuable knowledge and expertise about our own realities.

The people whose lives and communities are being explored become part of the research team. They bring their own knowledge, ask questions, listen to others, analyse what they discover, and decide what action could follow.

This process will create space for your knowledge to be shared, questioned, deepened, and transformed into action.

What will I do as a co-researcher?

With training and ongoing accompaniment from Recrear and WFD, you will:

- get to know the other young co-researchers and build a learning community together;
- learn about Participatory Action Research and practise creative, accessible research methods;
- help decide which questions are most important to investigate;
- adapt research activities to the realities, cultures, and languages of your region;
- connect with young people whose perspectives are not always represented;
- facilitate conversations, interviews, or other participatory research activities;
- document what you hear while protecting people's privacy and safety;
- reflect on your own position, assumptions, and experiences;
- analyse the stories and information gathered across the four regions;
- identify patterns, differences, tensions, and possibilities;
- develop ideas and recommendations with the other co-researchers;
- share and discuss the findings with young people, civil society organisations, and public stakeholders; and
- help co-design WFD's future youth programmes in Morocco.

Do I need to belong to an organisation?

No. You should be active in your community, but this can take many forms. You might contribute to a community initiative, student association, neighbourhood group, youth network, civil society organisation, volunteer activity, social movement, or informal project. We value community involvement whether or not it takes place through a formal organisation.

Do I need research experience or particular qualifications?

No. There is no minimum education level required.

Previous experience with interviews, group conversations, surveys, community consultations, advocacy, or research can be helpful, but it is not required. Training and accompaniment will be provided.

You need to be able to communicate effectively in Arabic. Knowledge of Tamazight, local dialects, or other languages used in your community is warmly welcomed.

Who will I be working with?

The group will bring together 20 young people, with five participants from each of these regions:

- Béni Mellal-Khénifra
- Casablanca-Settat
- Drâa-Tafilalet
- Tanger-Tétouan-Al Hoceïma

Each region holds different experiences of work, migration, inequality, rural and urban life, environmental change, entrepreneurship, public investment, and civic participation. Bringing

these perspectives together will help us build a richer picture of young people's lives across Morocco.

We want the group to reflect this diversity while ensuring gender balance. We welcome applicants with different educational and socio-economic backgrounds, language skills, abilities, geographic locations, and levels of civic engagement or research experience.

What training and support will I receive?

You will receive:

- practical training in Participatory Action Research and creative research methods;
- ongoing mentoring and accompaniment from Recrear's PAR facilitators;
- support with research design, community conversations, documentation, analysis, and developing recommendations;
- opportunities to apply what you learn through research in your region;
- spaces for peer learning, reflection, and exchange;
- research materials and tools; and
- a certificate of participation.

How much time will I need?

The project runs from 2 November 2026 to 15 April 2027 and requires approximately 100 hours in total.

This includes training, research activities, group meetings, analysis, and programme co-design. You should be available throughout the process and willing to travel within your region when research activities require it.

What financial support is provided?

You will receive a 10,000 MAD stipend for your participation, alongside logistical support for agreed travel and participation costs.

Who is accompanying the process?

This project is a partnership between Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) and Recrear.

Westminster Foundation for Democracy

Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) works with people and institutions around the world to strengthen democracy. In Morocco, WFD is developing a locally grounded programme focused on young people's participation in economic policymaking and governance.

This research will help ensure that the programme is co-designed with young people.

Recrear

[Recrear](#)'s mission is to co-create knowledge and manifest new realities within ourselves, our communities, and humanity. Recrear works with civil society actors, grassroots organisations,

and social movements, as well as international NGOs, funders, and academia, to design and organise programmes that bring people together to learn about their inner, collective, and social realities.

Recrear will accompany the young co-researchers throughout this journey, helping the group create a space grounded in trust, curiosity, care, and meaningful participation.

How will participants be selected?

Applications will be assessed based on eligibility, motivation, regional or community engagement, ability to contribute to peer research, availability, and contribution to the diversity of the group.

How do I apply?

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