

Birthrights: Call for Community Conversations Project

Apply for a £1,000 grant to co-host and support our regional Community Conversations on birth rights for your community



About us

Birthrights is the UK's leading charity dedicated to improving maternity care through the lens of human rights. We believe that all birthing people have the right to respectful, safe, and personalised care – and that the human rights framework should be a tool to empower and protect.

Our Birthrights workshops and training objectives include the following key aspects:

- Understand what human rights in maternity care are and where they come from
- Gain confidence in recognising human rights issues and identifying actions to address them
- Feel empowered to support service users to advocate for themselves
- Build peer support networks with others committed to change

About the Baring Foundation Project

This work forms part of a wider Baring-funded project to:

- Build capacity within civil society organisations (CSOs) and collaborate on training
- Strategically use the law for systemic change
- Support campaigns for legislative reform

We have funding from the Baring Foundation Project and our aim is to collaborate with a small number of organisations, offering longer-term support to co-produce the workshops to reflect your community's specific needs.

As part of some funding we have received we're launching the first stage of our research and development phase which aims to coproduce:

Community Conversations on birth rights

We're inviting 5 community-based organisations (CSOs) to partner with us to host local conversations about maternity care, legal rights, and lived experiences – particularly with communities who are often marginalised in the health system.



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What is a Community Conversation?

For us at Birthrights, Community Conversation is a space to:

- Reflect on experiences of pregnancy, birth, and postnatal care
- Share learning about legal rights and human rights in maternity and have a more informed conversation based on the workshops we offer
- Share stories in a safe, inclusive environment
- Help shape future training and advocacy work with you to support and cascade future training

We'll co-produce the event with you, focusing on your community's needs, culture, and context.

What You'll Receive

If selected, your organisation will receive:

- A £1,000 grant to support logistics (venue, access, food, childcare, etc.)
- A Community Conversation Pack including:
 - A detailed event guide
 - Outreach templates and flyers
 - Participant consent forms and data guidance
- 1:1 planning support from the Birthrights team
- Optional training on facilitation or human rights in maternity care
- The opportunity to nominate a Birthrights Advocate from your team for longer-term collaboration

What We're Looking For



We'd love to hear from organisations who:

- Work closely with marginalised or underrepresented communities
- Are based outside of London (we're aiming for regional diversity)
- Have experience supporting people during pregnancy, birth or early parenthood
- Can host a session in Jan-Feb 2026
- Are interested in long-term collaboration around human rights in maternity care

We especially welcome CSOs led by, working with or based in:

- Black and Brown communities
- Disabled people
- LGBTQ+ families
- Refugees, asylum seekers, and migrants
- Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities
- People with experience of poverty or marginalisation
- Birmingham, Manchester, Bristol, Wales

What We Ask Of You

If selected, we'll ask you to:

- Designate a main contact person
- Help recruit participants through your community networks
- Host or arrange a venue that's accessible and welcoming
- Work with us to shape the event and co-facilitate as needed
- Share feedback and reflections afterward, this will inform future collaborations and workshops

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Interested in applying?

Scan this QR code & fill in our short form to express your interest.



How To Apply

To express interest, please respond by filling out our short form at:
www.surveymonkey.com/r/3PLVJFC by the 25th November, 2025.

Alternatively, scan the QR code below or on the previous page which will take you to the short form.

We're keeping it simple – it should take less than 15 minutes.

If you have any questions or access needs, email us at: farah@birthrights.org.uk or training@birthrights.org.uk.



We're excited to collaborate with brilliant community groups who are already making a difference.

Together, we can build a stronger, more informed, and more just maternity system – from the ground up.

— The Birthrights Team

