



## Citizen scientist opportunity in Bar Elias

**Recruitment opportunity:** Citizen scientist (18-24 years old)

**Project:** Co-producing Digital Platforms for Youth Inclusive Urban Governance (YUP)

**Location:** Bar Elias, Beqaa, Lebanon

**Days of engagement:** Consultancy, in total up to 60 working days starting May 2024 until September 2026

**Application deadline:** 13:00 Beirut time on 30 April 2024

**CatalyticAction** is seeking to recruit a group of citizen scientists (local researchers) in **Bar Elias, Beqaa** to help document and explore young people's engagement and action in the city. Our project 'Co-producing Digital Platforms for Youth Inclusive Urban Governance (YUP)' aims to understand young people's role in urban planning and governance, and to explore how young people could collaborate to address urban issues that are important for them, using digital platforms. We believe that collaborative research involving local researchers creates more meaningful outcomes, for the research itself as well as the communities involved.

We are seeking young people who represent the diversity of Bar Elias. We welcome applicants from all sections of the community, irrespective of nationality, gender, ability, religion or belief. This project will enable you to get a better understanding of youth participation and digital platforms in Bar Elias, to work to improve planning outcomes in your city and to develop skills in research and facilitation. You will be part of a diverse team, working with other citizen scientists, the CatalyticAction team and researchers from the Development Planning Unit. The recruited citizen scientists will be paid upon the completion of their training sessions and research tasks. Citizen scientists will receive a certificate of completion at the end of the project.

[CatalyticAction](#) is an organisation that uses design and architecture to empower vulnerable children, youth and their communities. We achieve this through built and research projects, delivered using a participatory approach that engages local communities. We work with communities to produce dignified built environments where everyone can take part in the creation of equitable, inclusive and sustainable communities.

The [Bartlett Development Planning Unit](#) (DPU) at University College London (UCL) conducts world-leading research and postgraduate teaching that helps to build the capacity of national governments, local authorities, NGOs, aid agencies and businesses working towards socially just and sustainable development in the global south. Our mission is to build the capacity of professionals and institutions to design and implement innovative, sustainable and inclusive strategies.

Please read carefully the recruitment details below.

**A) The main responsibilities of the citizen scientist are:**

**1. Research**

- Conduct research activities individually and in groups.
- Engage and coordinate with young people in your city to help the team plan research workshops.
- Support planning and facilitation of project activities such as research workshops and the city forum.
- Support the development, administration and analysis of the quantitative survey.
- Work with the team to analyse research findings.
- Abide by ethical principles of working as a community researcher.
- Participate in the co-production of the digital platforms.
- Participate in a global exchange with other citizen scientists (from Indonesia and Lebanon) in year 3 of the project.

**2. General**

- Attend and actively participate in a series of training sessions.
- Attend and actively participate in project meetings with local and international team members.
- Be part of a team with other citizen scientists and the wider YUP research team.
- Report regularly the progress of work.
- Share your insights about Bar Elias and its young people.
- Be present in Bar Elias.
- Be reliable, punctual and well organised.

**B) The required person specification is the following:**

- Age 18-24.
- Knows the city well.
- Has an established active network in the city i.e. a wide group of people made of friends, family members, work colleagues, etc.
- Motivated to learn about the issues affecting young people in their city.
- Motivated to help mobilise young people into the project initiatives.
- Able to work independently, to take initiative.
- Able to work as a member of a diverse team, and willing to be flexible.
- Reliable, punctual and well organised.
- Knowledge of the English language is desired but not essential.
- We welcome applicants from all sections of the community, irrespective of nationality, ethnicity, gender, ability, religion, belief, etc.

**C) Time availability:**

The below reflects the estimated time availability expected for the first year of recruitment as citizen scientist, subject to change:

- Initial training - Saturday May 18, 2024
- Research tasks (including focus groups, survey, data analysis, KII) - (May to October 2024)
- 1 week in November (TBC) for the city forum



- Flexible time to allow scheduling some research activities on weekdays with 1 week notice
- In total, be engaged for up to **60 working days** starting **May 2024 until September 2026**.

#### **D) The application process timeline:**

- The deadline for applications is **13:00 Beirut time on 30 April 2024**.
- Interviews will take place on **Wednesday 8 May 2024**.
- **Citizen scientists** will receive their induction and training on **Saturday 18 May 2024**.

#### **E) How to apply:**

Please complete the application form using this link: <https://bit.ly/ca-barelias-citizenscientist>

Alternatively you can send your completed application form at [jobs@catalyticaction.org](mailto:jobs@catalyticaction.org)

Please include the subject title: Bar Elias Citizen Scientist Application\_your full name.