

Make it Happen Guide for Qatar Students

Make it Happen Online

This year, due to the risk involved in large gatherings, there will be no face-to-face event and so Make it Happen will be **online** and take place on the **21st December**.

Instead of a face-to-face presentation, your Make it Happen Team will need to submit your Make it Happen Project via an online survey where all submissions will be judged by the British Council Qatar Judging Panel. The deadline for submitting your projects is **13th December**. You will need to submit your projects with a small amount of text and a 5-minute video via a form on the Qatar webpage on our website.



taqaddam.britishcouncil.org/qatar2020

All winners will be announced at your Make it Happen Event where we will also be celebrating everything that you have achieved through your Taqaddam journey.

The Criteria Has Changed! (a little bit)

Most of the core judging criteria remains the same and is on page 92-93 of your Taqaddam Handbook (and below). As the judging process is now online, you will now need to produce a video that presents your project, so please read the information very carefully about what is required.

Your mission is (still) to create, develop and deliver an idea that has a positive community impact.

There is a total of 50 points available for your project:

A maximum of 10 points will be awarded for your Project Overview

You will need to submit:

- Your project name
- A project slogan (max 10 words)
- A project description (max 60 words)
- An explanation of how you have created, developed and delivered an idea that has a positive community impact (max 300 words)

A maximum of 40 points will be awarded for a 5-minute Project video

This video should:

- Describe your project
- Show how you have used the 3C's in your team
- Demonstrate how your project made a positive community impact

A Guide to Making it Happen

Your Make it Happen Project is about *putting life skills into action* because *we learn by doing*. We want you to **show us what you did** and **show us what you learnt**.

Show us what you did

In Workshop 2, we will be talking about **small steps**. We want to support you in feeling confident about your next steps, whatever they are and one of the best ways to take the next step, is to take a small step. It's the same when it comes to your Make it Happen Projects. If you've got big idea about how to make a positive community impact, think about what the smallest version of that would be and do that.

Actually doing something that has an impact – no matter how small – is better than planning something big, that never happens.

Show us what you learnt

Taqaddam exists because we believe in growing your life skills and the Make it Happen Project is just a way of doing that. That's why we ask you to show us how you have used your life skills in developing you project. Remember to check out the handbook for more information on each of the 3Cs.

Show how you have used the 3Cs in your Make it Happen Project.



Critical Thinking

There are many ways that you will be able to demonstrate the **critical thinking** that you have done for your project. *For example:*

- You should show that you understand the issue/s that you are working on
- You may have some evidence that there is a need for your project
- You could show the different causes and effects of your project
- You can show your research or that you have consulted different people about the issue/s you are working on and crucially, how your idea will address all of those issues



Creativity

There are many ways that you will be able to demonstrate the **creativity** that you have done for your project. *For example:*

- You could show how your project is unique and innovative OR how you have built on an existing idea in an interesting and creative way and made it your own
- You might show how you have taken a creative approach to communicating and presenting your ideas
- You might have done something we haven't we seen before



Collaboration

There are many ways that you will be able to demonstrate the **collaboration** that you have done for your project. *For example:*

- You might want to show your teamwork, highlighting how you have worked well together throughout the project
- You may want to say how you have used and developed your individual life skills and been able to use them as part of the team
- You could show how you have overcome challenges and barriers by working together
- You may have collaborated with people outside of your Make it Happen Team, for instance with people that will help you deliver your project or even by connecting with the public through your project

A Guide to Making Your Video

You and your Make it Happen Project Team will need to work on your video together. Check out the Taqaddam Handbook for more information on the 3C's and ask your friends, family and teachers for help if you need to!

Some key points:

- You are not expected to show your faces and be together in groups. This is an opportunity to get creative about how to present your project. You might want to consider using images and slides to enhance your video.
- Please DO NOT identify yourself by name or school.
- All video submissions need to be uploaded via WeTransfer.com.
 - There is a 2 Gigabyte limit, if your video is above this, then reduce the quality when exporting your video. When uploading to WeTransfer, you will need to input your email address to send it to yourself (do not email it to Taqaddam) and once it's uploaded, you will receive a download link to your email address. That is the link that you need to share with us in your submission form.

10 Top tips for the 3C's video

This is your opportunity to show how you have taken what you've discovered in Taqaddam and present it to the judges, so be creative! Videos can easily be filmed using webcams and phones and then brought together and edited on computers and phones. There's lots of free software available for that. We want to see you whole team contributing to the video too.

1. **Record videos in landscape** for best results. If you record in portrait, there will be lots of black space in the video once uploaded to YouTube.
2. **Choose a nice background.** Something that shows us a bit more about you.
3. **Ensure good sound quality**, be conscious of the wind if you are filming outside and check the recordings before continuing and sending. Make sure you are somewhere quiet and minimise background noise.
4. **Avoid shakiness** and use a stand or laptop camera if you can.
5. **Think about good lighting.** Your face, facing a window is good, if the camera is facing you with a window behind you, your face will appear much darker and we won't be able to see you.
6. **Look directly into the camera.** Your eye contact is so much more powerful than if you are looking elsewhere.
7. **Be creative!** You could use your Taqaddam Handbook, or paper to draw and write something and even slides to help you make a point. You can then edit those images into the final video in creative ways.
8. **Leave a good amount of time for editing.** You can be really creative in the editing stage and this can have a really big impact on your final video.
9. **Remember to demonstrate the criteria.** The judges won't be able to award points for projects not demonstrating how they meet the criteria.
10. **Have fun!** If you have fun with it, that will come across in the video

* SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT *

The Taqaddam Team are offering a complementary Event Series that will include webinars, life skills videos and activities all led by the Taqaddam facilitators and accessed through our website. These have been especially designed for YOU. So check them out on our website.