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Ward Action Plan

Community Cohesion

Ward Community Fund

Ward Meeting Grant Application Form

Please read the "Guide to Ward Meeting grants and how to apply" before you fill in this form.

On completion please submit a signed paper copy of the form to:
Karen Shelton, Member Support Team, 2nd Floor, Town Hall, Leicester City Council, Leicester LE1 9BG. Fax No: 0116 229 8827

Continue on separate sheets if you need to, or expand the boxes if you are filling in the form electronically.

1. Name of Ward(s) to which you are applying for funding

Spinney Hill, Castle and Stoneygate

LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL

2. Name of your project/proposal

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Leicester Interfaith gardening Work Project

3. Name of group or person making the application

Kim Gordon

4. Detailed description of proposal. Please tell us:

- What is the proposal (where and when)?
- If you are planning an event who will attend, and where will does your target audience come from?
- How will we know the proposal has been successful?

It is important that your answers to this question are clear so that the Ward Meeting can fully understand your proposal.

The journey began 15 years ago in the Leicester University Tower; Sara Elkes, the founder, and her brother Joel were looking through the window and casting their eyes over the city Joel commented on the different faiths and the cultural mix which reflected the beauty of Leicester; from that moment Sara worked to set up the project.

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Partnership work with the interfaith communities & local residents, Leicester Council of Faiths, IVS, Christians Aware, Holocaust Memorial Centre.

*Each year the project, usually held in the month of July/August for 10 days, is dedicated to persons who have worked to promote peace and international understanding and solidarity. 2008 was dedicated to **Father Trevor Huddleston**, former chair of the International Voluntary Service, and **Helen Navid** who fought against **Apartheid**, in the hope that volunteers will gain a deeper understanding of the variety and commitment of faith communities.*

*Each year volunteers undertake practical gardening tasks in the grounds of different places of worship in Leicester- **Jewish synagogue, Buddhist temple, Sikh gurdwara, the Central Mosque, Hindu temple, Christian church** and the **Holocaust Centre** in Laxton, near Newark*

Two years ago the project was invited to work in the gardens of a cultural centre in Derby and a Muslim community centre in Huddersfield.

The camp language is English, and volunteers are asked to bring a 'goody' bag from their own country of cultural items, which could be shown, shared and talked about at different events during the project to educate about diverse customs, life styles and belief.

The projects main contribution factor: enabling faith communities to work together.

🌱Aims:

To foster community inter-cultural relationships, work through the earth which belongs to us all, which is why we work with gardening project.

The volunteers spend a day at each place of faith organization, eat & meet with the communities.

Observe prayers and customs of the faith community.

My role and duty starts immediately after the conclusion of one project. I work in a voluntary capacity that involves coordinating and planning the timetable, writing and inviting guests, in the past Lord Mayor and high Sheriff have attended budgeting,

transportation, writing and preparing the report, meeting and updating partnership group, greeting and welcoming all the Volunteers.

For Volunteers to gain a deeper understanding of the variety and commitment of faith communities of the City of Leicester, and develop an understanding of the importance of overcoming prejudice, either racial, or religious intolerance, and the importance of international understanding.

Positives for Community Cohesion:

- A member of staff at each place of worship will give an introduction to the faith practiced there. Study around issues of cultural diversity looking particularly at aspects of different faiths will be an integral to the Project
- The 10 Volunteers (in twos) will spend an evening with a 'Typical Leicester' family. They will each share their own cultures, faiths and it envisaged that all will gain more respect and understanding for each other.

Here are the comments of past volunteers:

Intercultural Learning;- Jelena from Serbia wrote:

"Each year the Volunteers come to Leicester and some it's there first time on English or British soil. Although the project runs for 10 days in all the evaluations, the Volunteers have always asked for two weeks.

Mimi from Serbia: 'To be part of this camp was a marvelous experience many thanks to you Kim; you are the embodiment of positive energy.'

'Speaking, meeting with other people (culture), visit England, how can I organise project like this in Poland'

Renata from Poland

'I became more open to other cultures and religion'

Julia from Ukraine

'You can be welcome in every culture'

Jurian From Holland

Kirit Mistry: (Executive Director Derby Racial Equality Council) "Derby Racial Equality Council would like to thank the Interfaith Gardening Project volunteers and its coordinator Kim Gordon for coming to Derby to support and share good practice on how Derby REC can work in partnership with the Interfaith Gardening Project to develop the project in Derby and create further opportunities for international volunteers to experience how interfaith and community cohesion in Derby".

The project is supported by Christians Aware, the accounts are audited and any monies received or donated are paid into Christians Aware's account. They also provide administration support.

Kim Gordon will coordinate and steer the project, and is supported through partnership by Leicester Council of Faiths, Christians Aware, International Voluntary Service, Environ (groundwork), and Sacred Heart.

How do you know if the projects successful?

The volunteers and a representative from the International Voluntary Service evaluate the project, the volunteers complete questionnaires,

We use feedback from our partner agency, places of worship we visit, self evaluation.

Each year we work to improve the project and incorporate the views of the volunteers and the partnership agency.

The project currently works on annual basis and will run for approx 10-11 days.

Dates: Monday 9th August – Thursday 19th August 2010

The project achievements:

Each year the project is named after an individual or theme. For example, in 2002 it was 'In Memory of the 11th September New York fourth fire-fighter who did not return'. In 2003 'Asylum & Refugees', and in 2006 'In Memory of Anthony Walker', young black man killed because of his colour, and for 2007 'In Memory of Rosa Parks & the Abolition of the Slave Trade'.

Date: Friday 13th August-13th August 2010 Phase 2 (1 day)

The annual Community day is a new innovative the history trail tour guide is

Eric Scott Lynch, he was born in Liverpool.

There is no one more knowledgeable than Eric Lynch to take you on a Slavery Tour in Liverpool. His tours have been featured on BBC 'Coast' series hosted by Nick Crane,

On this fascinating tour you will be shown the ill-gotten gains which still exist on turreted and domed offices, civic buildings, lampposts and churches with the symbolism of their global maritime power

Phase 2 The Community intercultural Day

Aim: To Promote cross-cultural, cross-community activities within and between different communities to bring together marginalised groups.

To build trusting relationships, improve confidence and self esteem, strengthen formal and informal social networks, reduce racial tensions and improve a sense of identity and common ownership.

The Community Day is envisaged to build bridges across the different cultural communities and help to celebrate our uniqueness as one and to learn about historical events that shape the country we live in today.

How? The Community Day (annual event) will involve travelling to a major city in the U.K, namely Liverpool.

You may ask why Liverpool?

Liverpool's wealth was built on the back of slavery, and this community day will help to enlighten the impact this plays in today's society.

There were 5 main ways the city of Liverpool made money from slavery:

- 1. Building & repair of slave ships*
- 2. Slave trading*
- 3. Slave produced goods - cotton, sugar etc*
- 4. Production of exportable goods - pottery etc*
- 5. Insuring & Financing the above operations and industries.*

Who will attend:

The Volunteers, the Volunteers from the local faith communities, the Leicester families hosting the Volunteers, partner agencies, and invited guests will travel to Liverpool. The programme will involve a guided tour around the streets of Liverpool.

Liverpool Slavery History Trail: Guided Tours

A fascinating guided walking tour through areas of Liverpool connected with the slave trade. All tours last an hour and a half and include uphill walking. A tour of the museum.

Each individual will complete an evaluation form and to forward suggestions for next year's Community day. The day will help celebrate diversity and to RESPECT the contributions that those who have made a contribution to diversity and equality.

5. Have you attached any supporting information? YES NO
(Please tick)

6. Does your organisation have audited accounts? YES NO
(Please tick)

If yes please submit your latest set

7. Does your organisation have a constitution? YES NO
(Please tick)

If yes please submit your constitution

8. How much are you applying to the Ward Meeting(s) for?

9. Please show each item of expenditure and say whether it is an estimate or an actual cost. Costings should be as accurate as possible and in most cases be based on quotes. If it is an actual cost please provide quotes and any other written confirmation. In the final column please show which elements of your project you are applying to the Ward Meeting for?

Item	Cost £	Estimate or Actual cost (E or A)?	Request to Ward Meeting (£)
Accommodation	£1,000.00	A	300.00
Food	£ 600.00	E	
Travel/hire of minibus+insurance/petrol	£ 500.00	E	100.00
IVS Fee	£ 300.00	A	
Staff costs, admin+report writing/coordinator/volunteers	£700.00	E	260.00
Website fee: Paying for service to be updated on our web page	£60.00	A	
PHASE 2:Community Day visit to Liverpool Maritime Museum/coach hire	£460.00	A	460.00
History Trail Tour x 40 people	£200.00	A	200.00
Total	3,820.00		

10. Have you obtained or are you trying to obtain funding for this project from anywhere else, either Leicester City Council or from another organisation? If so, please give details including:

Name, address, phone number and any other contact details of the funder.

The amount requested or received.

When do you expect a decision if you do not know already?

Please note that a failure to disclose any relevant information relating to other funding streams may result in your application being rejected or any offer of funding being withdrawn.

The project has received £2,500.00 from the High Cross Community Bursary Application fund.

11. Details of recipient

If your application is successful the grant will be paid by cheque to your organisations bank account. Please provide the payee name which appears on the account

Alternatively if you wish to be paid by BACS please provide bank and sort code details on headed paper and attach to the application.

12. Declaration and contact details

I have read the *'Guide to Ward Meeting Grants'* and I understand and accept the arrangements described in that guide. I confirm that the information I have given on this form is true. I will inform the council immediately if any of the information I have given on the form changes. I accept that Leicester City Council may reject this application or withdraw any funding provided if any of the information submitted is inaccurate.

I agree to complete a project evaluation form once the project has been completed (failure to do so may count against you receiving future funding).

Name of contact person	
Kim Gordon	
Your position in organisation or group	
Project Coordinator	
Name of organisation or group	
Leicester interfaith gardening work project	
Address <i>c/o Christians Aware, 2 Saxby Street, Leicester</i>	
Phone number Leicester 0116 2540 770	Email
Signature 	Date
	13-7-2010

Please send this completed form back to:

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Failure to sign the form may result in delay in the processing of your application