

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND "Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live" WARD PROPOSAL FORM	
WARD Handsworth Wood	INNOVATION TITLE Together We can Make a Difference.
<p>Innovations have to meet the LIF priorities and add value to the City wide core priorities listed below.</p> <p>(Tick all those that apply)</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p><u>City Core Priorities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children - a Great City to Grow Up In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Jobs & Skills a great City to succeed in <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Housing a great City to live in <input type="checkbox"/> • Health a great City to lead a healthy & active life <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div> <div style="width: 48%;"> <p><u>LIF Priorities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Citizens' Independence & Well Being <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • New approaches to investment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Active citizens & communities stepping up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> • Clean streets <input type="checkbox"/> • Improving local centres <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> </div> </div>	
<p>What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?</p> <p>Hestia House is based in Hamstead, our aim for "Together We Can Make a Difference" to is engage people in social action, community engagement and collaboration through providing a resource for local people and organisations to create their own projects and to be able gain and share skills including social media and fundraising , and provide the opportunity to network together. The project will be called – "Together We Can make a Difference"</p> <p>We propose to do this via the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1 year programme to identify and bring local people and groups together who are looking to engage in social action and improve the area through collaboration. 2. 2 short programmes to support local people and groups to become project and delivery funding ready. (governance support) 3. 4 funding workshops to support groups to apply for small grants. Aim for 10 groups to make small grant applications of total £50,000 to £100,000. 4. 4 specialist workshops – safeguarding, social media, finances and 2 to be identified by working with local groups to meet development needs. <p>Spring Housing Association provides accommodation and support for people in housing need. We currently support over 100 people including families and children in the area, the people we accommodate include refugees, older people and families and have become part of the community. We have moved our offices to Hestia House and we aim for the building to become a community hub focused on community skills development and digital inclusion.</p>	

We have consulted with local groups, the local authority and people from the local community and funders regards the type of support which would benefit the Handsworth Wood Ward. We note that the Big Lottery consider Perry Barr district a priority area due to in part the levels of need/deprivation and that this is not matched by applications which are of sufficient quality to fund projects to meet need by local community groups to improve health, well being, skills and employment which support social cohesion and meet the district agenda.

We would like to utilize Springs skills to bring local people together to share ideas and collaborate on issues which address the priorities in the ward and work together with the community to create projects that meet those needs, and provide advice on project development, management and funding.

We will be hosting the Funders Day that is being organised by the Perry Barr District Lead, on the 5th July 2017.

Collaboration and Partnership

Groups we have engaged with include—the Handsworth Schools Association, Handsworth Community Choir, HEAT, Handsworth in Bloom, Code Club, Crisis, Talent Match, Youth Promise Trident and Core Assets, Aquarius, and funders UnLtd and the Big Lottery.

We propose to engage with Handsworth Wood community foundation, Laurel Road, the Perry Barr Arts Forum and CSPAN to promote the proposed work.

Our staff and board have are active citizens in the local area and with funders – this includes our MD who is a governor at Holyhead School, staff who are committee members and founders of the Boathouse runners and the British Heart foundation 10k in Handsworth Park and the Friends of Handsworth Park. Our staff sit on national funders WM committees including BBC Children in Need, and the Heritage Lottery Fund, they are have over 20 years experience of community development work and supporting individuals and groups to become funding ready.

The proposed work will create partnerships with the above groups and new partnerships between local people and groups who have not met.

Active Citizens

Handsworth Wood is a diverse and dynamic area, our proposal works with local people through a co-production model to bring together local people, community groups and the local authority to share and develop skills in the community. It takes a village to raise a child and children model behaviour from adults – good community cohesion needs modelling we will aim to provide opportunities for children, young people and adults.

During our conversations with people and groups we know there are a lot of active citizens locally, however they recognised that they need support to build up skills or want to meet other people and groups to develop their work and networks.

Currently meetings are happening separately and are time consuming, the opportunity to regularly meet with people who wish to share ideas and make them happen and find collaborators in a local venue will benefit local cohesion. Often there the same issues regarding employment, health or wellbeing that are common to all. A venue and a programme to facilitate this is needed locally.

Time Frame – is it:-

One off event/programme

Implement and complete within 6 months (2016)

Implement and complete within 12 months (2017)

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• How will the innovation be implemented?

Implementation will involve:

Spring will provide project management, outreach and develop the programme, we will do this through implementing a 1 year project plan with milestones around the proposed activities:

1. The development of a small steering group to include the District Lead.
2. Development of a marketing strategy to recruit active citizens and groups.
3. Outreach work to identify groups who need support capacity building.
4. Quarterly networking events to bring local people and groups to come together, who are looking to engage in social action and improve the area.
5. 2 short programmes of 3 workshops supporting local people and groups to become funding ready. – (governance support)
6. 4 funding workshops to support groups to apply for small grants. Aim for 10 groups to make small grant applications of total £50,000 to £100,000.
7. 4 specialist workshops – safeguarding, social media and 2 to be identified by working with local groups to meet development needs.
8. Hosting an annual funders fair with the Perry Barr District.

Implementation will include allocation of addition staffing time and bringing in specific specialist skills including and trainers to facilitate workshops and materials.

What outcomes will the proposal achieve? What will success look like and how will its impact be measured? How will you ensure legacy/ continuation and what learning will the project provide?

Outcomes

- Building capacity amongst local people and groups to realise ideas which improve and make a difference to the lives of people in the Handsworth Wood Ward.
- Increasing opportunities for engagement.
- Increasing resilience of local groups within current economic climate.
- Developing sustainable peer networks.
- Increasing external funding investment into the ward.
- Empowering local people to be active citizens
- Increased health and wellbeing activities

Outputs:

- 15 people and 15 groups will network together who have not engaged previously to consider social action projects
- 10 people will volunteer and join committees of groups
- 10 grant applications will be made for 10 social action projects focused on ward priorities
- £50-£100K of external funding will be secured through support of the project
- 2 funding ready programmes, 4 skills workshops, and 4 networking events will be organised.

Success Will Look like:

During the year people in the ward will feel inspired to become engaged in a social action project or join a local group, and we will see at the end of a year see a connected voluntary sector with inspired to work together to create activity to improve the well being and opportunities for people in the area.

Impact

We will use qualitative and quantitative methods of measuring impact and outcomes.

Quantitative will include interviews and questionnaires to capture the following:

numbers of people attending governance training/workshops, repeat engagement, Number of projects created, Number of grant applications made, and amount funding secured, number of groups gaining volunteers and committee members.

Qualitative: will include case studies and interviews mapping change.

Long term sustainability:

We are looking to create a robust model around community capacity building which will be accessible beyond the project.

The Skills share networking group will become organising.

A partnership steering group will be formed of orgs and people to facilitate the work going forward with the Handsworth wood District.

Have you considered other sources of funding and whether the project can be used to leverage further funding from elsewhere (please specify funding sources)?

We are in discussions with UnLtd who have £20,000 for supporting resilient communities work and we are exploring options for how a partnership with them will leverage some of these funds and from other sources to add to this bid.

What resources will be required

£

- Project: outreach work, development for training programme, activity co-ordination and monitoring
- Workshop facilitators for the programmes
- Marketing and publication of info packs to support Training and workshops

10,500
3500
2000
16,000

Total: £16000

Amount required from LIF £16,000

Have you got any match funding – in cash or in kind?

- We will be working with UnLtd to draw leverage addition income into the ward amount yet to be agreed.
- We will be offering the venue at no charge for the year.

** £8K Allocated by ward Councillors !*

Contact person for proposal

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Which residents or community groups was the proposal discussed with and when (please give details of any meetings and which councillors attended)?

We attended the ward meeting on the 17th January to present our proposal to councillors and local people.

This project is supported by Friends of Handsworth Park who are all local residents and partners including Handsworth community choir, Boat house runners, Handsworth creative etc, and we have discussed with local police.

Also at FHP held meetings last October and will be having a meeting on the 10th Jan 2017 to. The project meets local priority regarding activities for children and brings capacity to the local community to develop skill and become active citizens, maintaining the environment.

Discussed at

Ward meeting

Date

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name GURBIR SINGH ATTWAL Signature [Signature] Date 30/8/2017

Name NARINDER KOONER Signature [Signature] Date 30/8/2017

Name Pauline Hamilton Signature P. A. Hamilton Date 29/8/2017

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