BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND							
"Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live" WARD PROPOSAL FORM							
WARD: Soho INNOVATION TITLE: Handsworth Celebration and Legacy Project							
Innovations have to meet the LIF priorities and add value to the City-wide core priorities listed below. (Tick all those that apply) City Core Priorities Children - a Great City to Grow Up In Jobs & Skills a great City to succeed in Housing a great Active citizens & communities Active citizens & communities							
City to live in Health a great City to lead a healthy & active life The Active citizens & communities of the stepping up Clean streets Improving local centres							
Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to apply for Local Innovation Fund. We recognise this is the only area based funding grant that Birmingham City Council (BCC) is currently offering to community groups given the current economic climate. Therefore our project may seem ambitious but we want to achieve as much as we can with this funding opportunity given that there will not be any funding of this kind available for some time to come.							
 Our Innovative project has three elements: Celebrate key leaders and contributors from diverse communities in Handsworth and recognise the contributions that they have made to the area over the past 40 years or so. This project will also serve as a pilot for the development of a larger Heritage Lottery Fund project. The second element of the project will be to carry out community consultation on the need for a community hub. The third element of the project will be to explore the feasibility of developing the Hockley Port site which we are currently leasing from Birmingham City Council. 							
We will work collaboratively with local residents and our voluntary and statutory partners to deliver all of the project's elements.							
t is innovative because of the 3 elements being part of one project and it has the building blocks of sustainability built in.							
The project meets the current council leadership's priorities of Every Place Matters and Better Deal for Neighbourhoods							

It will add value to the Council's overarching priorities:

- Children A great city to grow up in
- Health A great city to lead a healthy and active life.

It also meets the following LIF priorities:

- Supporting citizens' independence and well-being
- New approaches to investment different ways of managing public assets
- Supporting Active Citizenship and communities stepping up to the challenge and encourage and stimulate innovative asset based approaches in neighbourhoods.

And finally it will support active citizenship, health and local community collaboration.

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?

The project will be designed and implemented by a project team that will be coordinated by a project planning and coordination partner that will be brought in to ensure we can deliver all elements of the project on budget. Residents, partners and members will be involved in the design and delivery of the elements of the project.

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?

Outputs/outcomes:

- 1. A community Awards event and a diversity celebratory event
- 2. Consultation exercise and findings to be presented at a future ward meeting
- 3. Project participant numbers 100 plus expected
- 4. Number of volunteers involved
- 5. Heritage Lottery Fund application for a larger project
- 6. Feasibility study for the development of Hockley Adventure Playground Site
- 7. Community engagement and involvement with the three elements of the project.

Impact will be measured by:

- 1. Feedback from the events
- 2. Results from the consultation exercises
- 3. Number of participants involved
- 4. Number of volunteers involved
- 5. Results of the feasibility study.

Once we have developed the pilot for the Handsworth Awards event, we will use the model to seek external funding from other providers and private business so we can make it an annual or bi-annual

event.

The demographics of Handsworth has changed considerably especially in the past two decades. We believe it is important to start tracking the first wave of economic migration and the positive impact that it has had on the area and also highlight the contributions on some of the past and current members of the local community. We would then like to extend this into a wider Heritage Lottery project.

The consultation exercise that we undertake will ensure we have a good understanding of the needs of the local community in terms of a local 'hub' and the type of opportunities the community would like to have available at a hub.

In summary success will look like successfully delivered events, clear findings/learning from the consultation exercise, a feasibility study and a basis upon which to apply for a Heritage Lottery Fund grant for a larger scale local history celebration project.

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

Yes we have – Awards for All and Heritage Lottery funding. We will apply for Heritage Lottery Funding as part of our sustainability plan. We believe our project is well suited to LIF, our project expenditure will include:

- Recruitment of a dedicated project planner/coordinator
- Awards Ceremony and celebration venue hire
- Printing and publicity costs
- Catering and refreshments
- Equipment
- Awards and certificates
- Volunteer expenses
- Consultancy fees
- Feasibility study

What resources will be required?

E6,000

- Capital
- Set up and Running costs
- People power volunteers

1,000

Amount required from LIF \pm 5,000 Have you got any match funding – in cash or in kind? We have a £250 donation towards our project.

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)?

Over the past 10 years plus Soho Councillors have been very supportive with the work that the Dojo Community Project has undertaken in Soho Ward. They have also supported us with the current provision that we have at the Hockley adventure playground. For this we are gratefull

We have discussed our plans with local residents and BCC officers who are supportive.

Our application is late in the day as we didn't think that we would be able to put together a proposal form in time but fortunately we have managed to do so.

We recognise that there isn't another ward meeting planned prior to the deadline however we would be happy to come to a meeting with councillors and residents to talk about our project in more details should the opportunity arise.

We would be happy to provide emails or letters of support from residents and officers of BCC should they be required.

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