

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL LOCAL INNOVATION FUND "Doing things differently in neighbourhoods to make better places to live" WARD PROPOSAL FORM													
WARD: Soho	INNOVATION TITLE: Bringing People Together												
<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> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left; width: 50%;"><u>City Core Priorities</u></th> <th style="text-align: left; width: 50%;"><u>LIF Priorities</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>• Children - a Great City to Grow Up In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>• Citizens' Independence & Well Being <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Jobs & Skills a great City to succeed in <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>• New approaches to investment <input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Housing a great City to live in <input type="checkbox"/></td> <td>• Active citizens & communities stepping up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Health a great City to lead a healthy & active life <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>• Clean streets <input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Improving local centres <input type="checkbox"/></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<u>City Core Priorities</u>	<u>LIF Priorities</u>	• Children - a Great City to Grow Up In <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• Citizens' Independence & Well Being <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• Jobs & Skills a great City to succeed in <input type="checkbox"/>	• New approaches to investment <input type="checkbox"/>	• Housing a great City to live in <input type="checkbox"/>	• Active citizens & communities stepping up <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• Health a great City to lead a healthy & active life <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	• Clean streets <input type="checkbox"/>		Improving local centres <input type="checkbox"/>
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<p>What is your innovative idea and how does it show collaborative, partnership working and active citizenship?</p> <p>Soho First is developing as a Community Development Trust and to that end seeks to work in partnership with other organisations, institutions, schools etc in the Soho Ward and to invite these bodies to have group membership of the CDT. Soho First is also actively inviting local residents to become members of the CDT and thereby increasing the number of residents actively making decisions about issues for their Ward. Besides the development of the CDT itself, the current Interim Steering Committee has produced an action plan for bringing people together which aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce individual isolation within the community • Break down barriers to cohesion • Connect neighbours and encourage good relationships between neighbours • Producing a Directory of local organisations/opportunities for local community involvement e.g. training/events/volunteering opportunities <p>As part of this process Soho First has held a Community Leaders Networking Lunch which it would like to replicate across the Ward to bring together residents who can act as community builders and connectors. We would also like to initiate an annual Soho Inspiration Award which would include categories such as a Good neighbours award; Cross-cultural activity award; Cross-generational activity award. Soho First has built up a wide database of organisations and</p>													

residents to whom an invitation can be given.

In the planning of all the Bringing People Together activity, Soho First will ensure all publicity is available in the different community languages and that interpreters are available at the main events.

Time Frame – is it:-

One off event/programme

Implement and complete within 6 months (2016)

Implement and complete within 12 months (2017)

X

How will the innovation be implemented?

- Organising a series of community building and connecting events for residents
- Organising a Soho Inspiration Award to celebrate contributions to bringing generations and cultures together

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?

The CDT becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation, will produce a ward wide organisation that will be collaborative in its working, will build partnerships and encourage active citizenship. Its success will be measured by the number of groups etc and residents that join the CDT.

The action plan for bringing people together will result in increased number of Soho Ward residents volunteering, individual isolation being reduced as residents take part in the planned events and barriers to cohesion broken down as all the events will be promoted in the community languages and interpreters will be at all the events.

Bringing people together will naturally occur through the other proposals of work with the environment and the local economy.

To ensure continuation of the aim of bringing people together – all events will seek feedback and will be evaluated by the Soho First CDT to ensure the views of participants at the different events are heard.

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

Soho First will be seeking other sources of funding through grants and sponsorship and any support from LIF would provide an opportunity for seeking match funding.

Expenditure will include:

- Meeting venue hire
- Awards Ceremony Venue hire
- Printing costs
- Catering and refreshments
- Volunteer expenses
- Interpreting

What resources will be required?

	£
- Capital	
- Running costs	5,500
- People power volunteers	500

Amount required from LIF £ 6,000

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

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)?

These ideas were initially discussed at a Ward meeting on 29th November at Summerfield Centre attended by Councillor Sybil Spence and Councillor Chaman Lal and at a follow-up meeting convened by Soho First on 29th January, also at Summerfield Centre, which was attended by Councillor Lal.

The minutes of the meetings include a list of those individuals and organisations present.

Soho First represents a wide range of organisations in the Soho Ward including:

Bishop Latimer United Church

Brookfields School

Deers Leap Residents Association

North Edgbaston Residents Association

Winson Green Neighbourhood Forum

Soho Children's Centre

Knightstone Neighbourhood Watch

Kajans Women's Enterprises

Handsworth Baptist Church Centre

Birmingham Central Baptist Church

Christian Union for Community Development

Octavius Learning and Development

Carol Henry (CASE)

Other partners include:

Nash Dom

Suited for Success

Companions of Hope

Discussed at

Ward meeting

Date

Signatures of all 3 Ward Councillors

Name SYBIL SPENCE..... Signature [Signature]..... Date 15.05.17

Name SHARON THORSON..... Signature [Signature]..... Date 15.05.17

Name CHAMAN LAL..... Signature [Signature]..... Date 15/5/17

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Received: Date

Go to Cabinet Committee – Local Leadership for decision: Date

Approved

Yes	
No	

