

The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

ConnectionHub

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1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

We are seeking 1,500 GBP to support the delivery of our employment and educational inclusion programme for young refugees in Athens, Greece. The grant will be used to cover the cost of translating and notarising Third Country diplomas and obtaining equivalence certificates for access to public vocational schools for at least 10-15 refugee students.

1.2 Tell us more about your project, the impact it will have on those it aims to help, and why you consider the proposed approach to be innovative

Thousands of refugees from the infamous Moria Camp and other Hotspots on the Greek islands find themselves in mainland Greece in continuous hopeless living conditions that push them out of the country and prolong their displacement within the EU. Those deciding to stay in Greece need an integration pathway towards social, cultural and economic participation for a decent life and personal well-being. However, without a social network, qualifications, job references, or any proof of skills, finding secure work seems insurmountable, and as such young refugees are at greater exposure to exploitation and high levels of financial insecurity. The obstacles to qualified and formal employment include refugees' limited knowledge about their labour and education rights, lack of validation of previous achievements and limited support in locating and accessing opportunities.

Target group

Refugees from Afghanistan, Syria, DRC, Cameroon, Somalia and other countries.

Age groups: 18-23 years old and 24-29 years old.

Location: Athens and the surrounding area, Greece.

The objective of this project is to provide support to young refugees to find their path into Greek society and self-reliance to build dignified lives.

We aim to reach 2000 young adult refugees in the urban region of Attica through information sessions on their employment and educational rights.

We aim to support 100 refugees with the administration for the recognition of their Third Country vocational and school leaving qualifications so that they can access public schools, vocational training, subsidised apprenticeships and improve their employment prospects in Greece. The project also aims to foster the integration and sensitisation of the refugee and host community by increasing the participation of young adult refugees in public schools and apprenticeship programmes.

Expected outcomes:

Young adult refugees feel informed about education and career opportunities available to them.

They feel empowered that they can create a future for themselves in Greece.

They are more likely to enrol in school and training to pursue recognised qualifications instead of relying on a future of ad hoc work or unskilled labour.

Their employment prospects have improved.

Young adult refugees feel more confident in accessing information online and feel confident that they have the digital skills needed to succeed at school and their apprenticeship.

Project participants' impressions of the host community are improved and they envision a future of cultural, social and political participation.

Long-term impact:

This project aims to empower young refugees with information to improve their integration prospects, and equip them with essential knowledge about their rights and available pathways to participating in society for decent work and life. By supporting refugees to gain the soft skills, language and digital know-how and nationally recognised qualifications for skilled employment, this project has a long-term vision of being an incubator for increasing economic participation and social cohesion. Bridging the gap between refugees and private companies through initial skill training, the validation of Third Country diplomas, awareness about refugees rights to work, and subsidising apprenticeships will help sensitise the host and refugee community, increase understanding and appreciation of refugees skills and potential, and create room for a peaceful co-existence and dialogue.

1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?

E - Work with forced migrants, including internally displaced people
 F - Sustainable development

1.3e Work with forced migrants, including internally displaced people

ConnectionHub has been operational in Greece since 2020 supporting pre-integration activities on Lesbos, Greece.

For this project, target group/project beneficiaries:

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1.4 Which country is the project based in?

Greece (GR)

1.5 Will the project continue after initial funding has ended?

Yes

1.5b Please give details of how you plan to continue after initial funding has ended

We are raising funds from several partners to run the full programme. As this is a pilot project, we hope to raise more funding for a bigger social impact.

1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

Attendance trackers

Feedback form

Learning/competency tests

Completion level

Student feedback

Employer feedback

Teachers/instructor feedback

Mentor feedback

Report on outputs/if deliverables have been met

2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
1 Full-time project coordinator (Greek and English)	£12,000	12 months
Part-time Farsi, Arabic and French support staff	£7,800	9 months

Rent contribution	£2,400	
Student support (bus tickets, refreshments, phone data)	£9,000	48 education programme participants. 9 months. □21 GBP per student per month.
Education awareness and orientation outreach information sessions	£1,800	
Secondary qualification recognition fund. EOPPEP fee, translation and notarisisation fees.	£2,900	
Volunteer expenses	£3,200	Lunch allowance, stipends for long-term teachers. Volunteer recognition and rewards for online teachers.
TOTALS	£39,100	

2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
Memberships	£3,850	£20	Started end of December
Private foundations	£40,000	£3,789	And a further GBP 10000 unconfirmed.
TOTALS	£43,850	£3,809	

2.3 What is the total amount (in £ sterling) your organisation is requesting from The Edith M Ellis Trust?

£1,500

2.4 Has your organisation made an application to The Edith M Ellis Trust before?

No

2.5 Please state your organisation's annual turnover (in £ sterling)

£16,749

2.6 Do you wish to upload your audited accounts or financial statement?

Yes

2.6b Upload File

<https://theedithmellischaritabletrust.org/assets/uploads/2021/12/Financial-statement-CH.docx.pdf>

2.7 Please tell us where payment should be made if your application is successful

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3.1 Your name

Monica Wagner

3.2 Your contact telephone number

07466473103

3.3 Your position within the organisation

Director

3.4 Your email address

monica@connectionhub.org.uk

3.5 Organisation name

ConnectionHub

3.6 Please state the status of your organisation

UK Charity, CIO

3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does

ConnectionHub exists to advance the education and training of those granted refugee status and those seeking asylum and their dependents in the UK and Greece in need thereof so as to advance them in life and assist them to adapt within a new community.

3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation

Gemma House
39 Lilestone Street
NW88SS
London
UK

3.9 UK telephone number

07466473103

3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)

1190348

3.11 Year established

2020

3.12 Website (if applicable)

<http://www.connectionhub.org.uk>

3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)

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4.1 How did you hear about The Edith M Ellis Trust?

Directory of Social Change/Funds Online