

The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

Refugee Roots

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1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

Our idea is to facilitate milestone celebration events for participants in order to bring about change through increasing community spirit and togetherness. Edith M Ellis funding will allow us to provide a Day Trip in Summer 2022 and an innovative Refugee Week event in June 2022 that will share the joy of peace and celebrate connections, community and culture.

1.2 Tell us more about your project and the impact it will have

Often refugees and asylum seekers arrive in the community alone, unable to speak the language and without any social networks. With no recourse to public funds many experience loneliness, isolation and hopelessness. These events will bring together people of different faiths and ethnicities in order to build positive experiences for refugees and asylum seekers', whilst at the same time raising awareness of their difficulties. New connections will allow friendships and relationships of trust to develop. The events will involve enjoying food and music together and will provide participants with a calm space and a sense of connection that has been difficult to find over the last year. We will invite all to join and together think about peace, reimagining it in a way that is meaningful.

Hyson Green and Arboretum ward is amongst the 10% most deprived neighbourhoods in the country. It is one of the most ethnically diverse communities in Nottingham, our participants are refugees and asylum seekers that originate from countries such as Eritrea, Sudan, Iran, Iraq, Pakistan and Afghanistan and now reside in Nottingham. They face barriers to accessing services due to language skills. Challenges they face can include hate incidents, racism, prejudice, barriers because of their status, financial difficulty, accessing free legal advice and much more. These challenges result in isolation, deprivation and lack of confidence and agency over their lives. Asylum seekers and refugees are often destitute or in a moment of crisis and are amongst the most vulnerable in our society. Many asylum seekers go through life-changing or traumatic experiences, often having lost their loved ones or contact with them and forced to put their aspirations on hold. Some have no recourse to public funds or face moments of financial crisis and poverty which can prevent access to services and support. Such obstacles can be detrimental to their wellbeing and integration into the local community.

1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?

B - Peace-building and conflict resolution

C - Interfaith and ecumenical understanding

E - Work with forced migrants, including internally displaced people

1.3b Peace-building and conflict resolution

Small things can make a huge difference, and by providing a non-judgmental, inclusive space we will bring different cultures together peacefully. Conversational English will support participants' communication skills, this in turn will begin to create a more tolerant and peaceful local community

1.3c Interfaith and ecumenical understanding

Participants will come together from different faiths including Muslim, Christian, Hindu and Sikh, facilitating interfaith understanding. The events planned will offer an opportunity to learn about the different faiths and for participants to share their culture.

1.3e Work with forced migrants, including internally displaced people

Funding will enable migrants, refugees and asylum seekers to integrate into their communities as well as form positive and healthy relationships with people from different backgrounds and cultures. By supporting them to find a place to not only live but feel they belong will address and reduce isolation. Opportunities for socialising and make new connections.

1.4 Which country is the project based in?

United Kingdom (GB)

1.5 Will the project continue after initial funding has ended?

No

1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

We use a bespoke database (CRM) to record all our work, through this we will track and monitor the project. We have appropriate feedback forms using simple English and we have developed an interactive card sorting game to engage with participants whose language abilities are lower, which has proven successful. We appreciate cultural differences and make every effort to build up trust with participants so they are free and able to give honest feedback.

2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Day trip hospitality	£200	
Refugee week hospitality	£300	
Day trip transport	£350	
refugee week room hire	£200	
Marketing including materials, messaging service (reminders)	£200	
Volunteer expenses	£100	
Performance (music, refugee week)	£150	
	£0	
TOTALS	£1,500	

2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
	£0	£0	
	£0	£0	
TOTALS	£0	£0	

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)

£109,000

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

No

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

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3.1 Your name

Adam Baker

3.2 Your contact telephone number

07421749793

3.3 Your position within the organisation

Director

3.4 Your email address

adam@refugeeroots.org.uk

3.5 Organisation name

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3.6 Please state the status of your organisation

CIO

3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does

A Place to Belong

Refugee Roots welcomes all, helping those in need find friendship and a place to call home

Refugee Roots is a Christian charity that helps asylum seekers and refugees build relationships and navigate the complexities of building a new life in the UK.

Refugee Roots welcomes everyone, valuing each person and their culture, embracing equality and diversity while empowering and supporting those that need it most.

3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation

THE VINE COMMUNITY CENTRE

BOBBERS MILL ROAD NOTTINGHAM The Vine Community Ce

3.9 UK telephone number

07462092732

3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)

1184098

3.11 Year established

2019

3.12 Website (if applicable)

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

3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)

@refugeeroots

<http://www.facebook.com/refugeeroots>

<http://www.instagram.com/refugeeroots>

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

Internet