

The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

Bridge2(Liverpool)

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1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

Bridge2 seeks funding for a Partnerships and Communications Manager to enhance collaborations and support asylum seekers and refugees in Liverpool. This role will build partnerships, coordinate communications, and manage advocacy initiatives to foster integration and social cohesion. By expanding awareness and engagement, we aim to increase our impact, extend our reach and promote peace-building through awareness raising programs in schools and community groups, ultimately supporting more individuals on their journey toward a purposeful life.

Tell us more about your project and the impact it will have on those it aims to help, and how it will bring about significant change

Bridge2 supports asylum seekers, refugees, and the local Liverpool community by providing practical assistance, skills development, and social integration opportunities. Many asylum seekers arrive in the UK with little support, facing isolation, language barriers, and uncertainty while awaiting refugee status. Without access to employment or government-funded English classes, they often struggle to integrate into society. This project addresses these challenges by creating opportunities for connection, learning, and empowerment.

The project will focus on peace-building and social cohesion by expanding our conversation sessions, informational workshops, cultural celebrations, and community events. These activities will create safe spaces for asylum seekers, refugees, and local residents to engage, learn from each other, and build mutual understanding. By fostering communication and creating opportunities for interaction, we aim to break down misconceptions and reduce tensions between displaced individuals and the local community.

Key activities include regular conversation sessions where asylum seekers, refugees, and locals can share experiences, build connections, and learn from each other. Informational workshops led by experts will provide essential knowledge on housing, healthcare, employment, and legal rights, empowering refugees to navigate life in the UK. Cross-cultural celebrations, such as festivals and events, will celebrate diverse traditions, fostering respect and interfaith understanding. Additionally, we will host a variety of community events and workshops, including art and storytelling sessions, women's exercise programs, mixed-group walks, and family fun days to encourage social bonds across cultural and language barriers.

This project will have a significant impact by combating isolation and promoting integration. Participants will gain confidence in English and social interactions, receive practical knowledge to navigate life in the UK and build meaningful cross-cultural connections. These activities will contribute to reducing prejudice, improving mental well-being, and providing participants with support networks. Ultimately, Bridge2 will empower asylum seekers and refugees to transition into purposeful lives while strengthening social cohesion and understanding in the Liverpool community.

1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?

B - Peace-building and conflict resolution

C - Interfaith and ecumenical understanding

1.3b Peace-building and conflict resolution

Bridge2's project fosters peace-building by creating safe spaces for asylum seekers, refugees, and local residents to engage in open conversations, share experiences, and build mutual understanding. Through cultural events, workshops, and social activities, we aim to reduce misconceptions, break down barriers, and promote integration, ultimately contributing to social cohesion and conflict resolution within the local community.

1.3c Interfaith and ecumenical understanding

Bridge2 promotes interfaith and ecumenical understanding by hosting cross-cultural celebrations and events that bring together people of different faiths and backgrounds. These activities encourage respectful dialogue, shared learning, and collaboration, fostering mutual respect and a deeper understanding of diverse religious and cultural perspectives, ultimately strengthening community bonds.

1.3d Peace work connected with climate breakdown

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1.4 Which country is the project based in?

United Kingdom (GB)

1.5 Will the project continue after initial funding has ended?

No

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

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1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

The project will be monitored through regular feedback surveys from participants, tracking attendance, and assessing the effectiveness of each activity. We will hold quarterly review meetings to evaluate progress against objectives, gather input from partners, and adjust the program as needed. Success will be measured by increased participant engagement, improved integration, and the development of lasting cross-cultural relationships.

2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Staff Salary	£12,768	Partnerships and Communications Manage Wages-19hrs/week @ £14/hour x 12 months
Printing and Publishing	£1,200	£100/per month x 12 moths
Refreshments	£960	£80/per month x 12 moths
TOTALS	£14,928	

2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
LCVS	£3,000	£3,000	
Fundraising Event	£4,600	£4,600	
Individual Donations	£1,500	£1,500	

Torus Foundation	£900	£900	
TOTALS	£10,000	£10,000	

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

£4,928

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)

£109,646

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

Rebecca Da Mota

3.2 Your contact telephone number

07734333394

3.3 Your position within the organisation

CEO

3.4 Your email address

admin@bridge2.co.uk

3.5 Organisation name

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3.6 Please state the status of your organisation

UK Registered Charty

3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does

Bridge2 is a charity supporting asylum seekers, refugees, and the local community in central Liverpool. Since 2018, we have helped individuals escaping persecution and war transition into a purposeful life in the UK. We focus on mental and physical well-being through ESOL classes, women-only sessions, coffee mornings, exercise groups, skills and art workshops, and cross-cultural events. We also provide essential support like clothes, toiletries, and food, fostering an inclusive and supportive community.

3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation

Bridge2 (Liverpool)

36 Windsor Street

Toxteth

Liverpool

Merseyside

L8 1XF

3.9 UK telephone number

07734333394

3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)

1195634

3.11 Year established

14 May 2018

3.12 Website (if applicable)

<https://bridge2.co.uk/>

3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bridge2lpool>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/bridge2lpool/>

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

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