

# The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

## Trefnu Cymunedol Cymru / Together Creating Community (TCC)

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### **1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us**

We want to support the set up of a refugee and asylum seeker-led group for Wrexham, Flintshire and Denbighshire. This group would educate service providers and decision makers on their experiences and support needs. There is a growing number of Refugee and Asylum seekers in the area and of all the organisations currently supporting them, none are led by those communities. TCC will support refugee leaders with guidance and resources.

### **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**

The project:

TCC have coordinated the Wrexham Town of Sanctuary partnership group since 2019. The group have been successful in delivering training, getting organisations to sign a sanctuary pledge and working on other campaigns (Please visit our website for more details) Through this work we have identified that there are no organisations or groups in the area who are refugee and asylum seeker led. We want to support a group of refugees and asylum seekers to set up their own group so that they can join the partnership and make decisions in their own name. We are currently working with one particular refugee leader who is keen to get this going, bringing in different refugee and asylum seeker communities. In order to do this she has asked for support from us to bring others on board, constitute the group and get things going. She wants to bring together a group of at least 10 refugees and asylum seekers based in Wrexham, Flintshire and Denbighshire to create a group who will work in the best interests of all forced migrant communities in the area. TCC staff will provide intensive training, support, meeting space and funding support for the initial one-year period and then can provide support through the sanctuary group.

Impact:

This work will impact the refugees and asylum seekers involved in setting up the organisation, those they support, services and local communities. The impact will be felt in different ways by different people.

Skills and confidence of those refugees and asylum seekers involved:

Those involved will gain employability skills and confidence. They will be able to practice working using English language, doing activities such as chairing meetings, planning, fundraising and marketing. As well as a better understanding of how systems work in the UK they will be able to network with those in their host community and gain confidence.

Wellbeing of those involved:

The group will give people structure and a role in their host community, enabling people to use their skills and knowledge to support others. The group will create a safe multicultural space where forced migration/resettlement experiences can be shared and friendships made. The group will provide a space for people to raise issues that they are facing and understand where they can go for support.

Funding:

Once a group is established, they can fundraise to do projects and activities under their own name. This will give the group more power and ownership. The group will open up funding opportunities in the area that other non-refugee and asylum seeker led organisations can't access.

Service providers and decision makers will have a better understanding of what the refugee and asylum seeker community need:

The group will be able to organise themselves and advocate for their communities. They will deliver training to service delivery organisations and decision makers who will better understand them and their experiences. This better understanding will hopefully shape services to better support refugees and asylum seekers. Systems will be more inclusive and efficient. When refugees and asylum seekers are better supported and welcomed with the right information, they will be more self sufficient and will not rely as much on services.

Wider community:

The wider community will benefit as they will be better able to understand the experiences of refugees and asylum seekers. They will have less fear about migration and be able to learn about different cultures and experiences. Better community cohesion will make for a more pleasant place to live and work.

### **1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?**

E - Work with forced migrants, including internally displaced people

#### **1.3e Work with forced migrants, including internally displaced people**

As a follow on from our town of sanctuary work detailed above we would like to support the refugees and asylum seekers in the existing group to set up and run their own group. We have also strong links to other organisations that support refugees and asylum seekers, these links can be used to group the group.

### **1.4 Which country is the project based in?**

United Kingdom (GB)

### **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**

The constituted group will continue after the project funded has ended as it will be able to apply for funding on its own. The group will continue to exist and work with service providers and decision makers.

### **1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?**

We will monitor the impact of the project by monitoring the skills and confidence of the group who set up the organisation. We will evaluate their skills and knowledge before they start and then after we have supported them for a year with set up. We will write a case study on the individuals involved and a report on what the group have achieved after a year.

## **2.1 Expenditure**

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Project staff support - Lived experience	£4,000	To employ someone with lived experience to support the group to set up - working with other groups to gain relevant information and contacts
Meeting costs	£300	To hire rooms for meetings
Travel, communication and subsistence costs for refugees and asylum seekers	£700	To support them to come to meetings.
TOTALS	£5,000	

## 2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
Tudor Trust	£0	£128,158	Core and management costs will be covered by an existing grant through Tudor trust over 3 years.
	£0	£0	
TOTALS	£0	£128,158	

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

£5,000

## 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)

£151,606

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

Yes

### 2.6b Upload File

<https://theedithmellischaritabletrust.org/assets/uploads/2023/07/TCC-Annual-Report-2023-FINAL.pdf>

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

TCC Treasurers Account

00623988

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## 3.1 Your name

Amy Jones

## 3.2 Your contact telephone number

01978262588

## 3.3 Your position within the organisation

Business Development officer

## 3.4 Your email address

[office@tcc-wales.org.uk](mailto:office@tcc-wales.org.uk)

## 3.5 Organisation name

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## 3.6 Please state the status of your organisation

Charity

## 3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does

TCC tackle social injustice by supporting diverse communities to gain the power they need to enact change. We do this through Community Organising - bringing together local groups, supporting them to set their own agenda, take action, and improve their communities. We train and support community members to become confident community leaders and support them to talk to decision makers to make

systemic change that will benefit themselves and others.

**3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation**

37 Kingsmills Road, Wrexham LL13 8NH

**3.9 UK telephone number**

01978262588

**3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)**

1086434

**3.11 Year established**

1997

**3.12 Website (if applicable)**

<https://www.tcc-wales.org.uk/>

**3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)**

Facebook, Instagram, Twitter @TCCWales

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

Word of mouth