

# The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

## International Centre for Integration & Cohesion

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

We are seeking support for our five-day student summer school programme at the Vatican on interfaith leadership and civic participation, involving students from educational institutions across the UK and Europe. The programme will be conducted within the framework of UN's "Faith for Rights", which will cover the bulk of the funding. We require additional funding to cover logistical costs.

### **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**

We are proposing to coordinate a five-day in-person student summer school (9-13 July 2023) in the Vatican in partnership with the Angelicum: Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas and the UN's Faith for Rights programme. The five-day summer school will cover the Faith for Rights materials and complementary elements of the Pontifical University's interfaith program, with facilitators from the university and the CFCF (including Rabbi Alex Goldberg with ties to the Faith for Rights program). It will also include presentations and dialogue sessions between participants, along with visits to and from relevant interfaith and civil society organisations based in Rome.

The summer school will build upon the previous work done as part of CFCF's Cities of Faith: Future European Leaders Programme and the three-day conference we convened in Brussels last year. The summer school will be attended by students who have been identified as potential future leaders in the interfaith sector across Europe, from four different educational institutions from across Europe including: The University of Surrey, Ramon Llull University (Barcelona), Trinity College Dublin, the University of Edinburgh and the Zagreb Centre for Cultural Dialogue and other bodies in the CFCF network such as the Amanah: The Muslim Jewish Partnership of Trust (Sweden).

The participants will represent a variety of different nationalities and faiths. The programme will involve a cohort of c.20 students recruited in parity from the four educational institutions. Last year this entailed including Spanish, Croatian, English, Scottish and Irish, as well as American, Syrian and Indian overseas students, representing a variety of different faith traditions including Christian (both Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox) Muslim, Jewish, Hindu and Sikh.

The UN "Faith for Rights" framework provides space for a cross-disciplinary reflection and action on the deep, and mutually enriching, connections between religions and human rights. The objective is to foster the development of peaceful societies, which uphold human dignity and equality for all and where diversity is not just tolerated but fully respected and celebrated. The summer school programme will cover the "Faith for Rights" framework via their core modules around "Faith for Rights: an Introduction", "Faith, Rights and the Planet", "Faith, Rights and Societal Interaction". These modules will be delivered by individuals who were directly involved in the development of the UN programme. The overall programme will combine this material with content from the Pontifical University's courses on "Interreligious Dialogue" and intersections between religion and politics.

We envisage that bringing together students across the UK and Europe to the same physical space in an environment where faith, societal issues and politics will be discussed and explored will open them up to a new experience in regards to interfaith dialogue and activism. Since this programme will be subsidising their participation, for many it will be the first time to have this opportunity to meet others across the continent with similar ideals. This will both bolster the network of like-minded young

individuals in the interfaith space and give them a unique opportunity to engage in transnational dialogue first-hand.

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

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#### 1.3c Interfaith and ecumenical understanding

The primary goal of this project is to bring together young with an interest in interfaith, human rights and social action from a variety of faith backgrounds to develop their understanding of the link between faith and rights and to engage in a dialogue on this issue with their peers from across the UK and Europe.

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

Italy (IT)

### 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

This is our second planned youth programme, following a similar programme we organised last year in Brussels. We plan to make such events a regular occurrence across different locations in the UK and Europe and to across different cohorts of young people to develop their leadership skills in the interfaith sector. We hope to have longstanding relationships with a number of donors who are interested in supporting our work.

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

We will ensure that those who participate in the project are keen on developing their skills and profiles in the interfaith space by running an application process for the programme. As for the impact of the programme on participants, we will run a survey at the end to evaluate how the programme has helped them to grow as leaders in this field and how it has influenced them on a personal level.

## 2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Accommodation and meals	£8,865	4 nights for 25 people
Flights	£5,000	25 return tickets
Public Transport	£528	25 people
Vatican Tour	£876	25 people
Staff costs	£2,000	2 people
TOTALS	£17,269	

## 2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
United Nations	£8,333	£8,333	
ICIC	£1,061	£1,061	
Registration cost	£1,875	£0	£75 per participant
Spalding Trust	£3,000	£0	Application submitted, awaiting response.
Edith M Ellis Charitable Trust	£3,000	£0	
TOTALS	£17,269	£9,394	

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

£3,000

**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)**

£350,114

**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**

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**3.2 Your contact telephone number**

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**3.3 Your position within the organisation**

Head of Programmes

**3.4 Your email address**

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**3.5 Organisation name**

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**3.6 Please state the status of your organisation**

UK charity

**3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does**

The International Centre for Integration and Cohesion (ICIC) undertakes projects related to poverty relief, education, youth work, refugee support, integration and intercommunal/interfaith cohesion. Its activities are mainly undertaken in the UK and the Middle East. Cities Faith and Community Forum (CFCF), which will be running the proposed project, is a sub-branch of ICIC that focuses on interfaith activities across Europe.

**3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation**

560 North Circular Road

LONDON

NW2 7QA

**3.9 UK telephone number**

02077240823

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

1126489

**3.11 Year established**

2008

**3.12 Website (if applicable)**

icic.org.uk

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

[https://twitter.com/icic\\_uk?lang=en](https://twitter.com/icic_uk?lang=en)

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

Quakers