

The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

Council of Christians and Jews

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1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

CCJ has a Rabbi-Clergy network, the largest in Europe, which connects Rabbis and Christian Clergy. We hold an annual conference which we hope will reinvigorate the network's work supporting refugees, people impacted by the cost-of-living crisis and other social justice issues. Faith leaders can be key drivers in supporting the most vulnerable in society and our conference theme for 2023 is Prophetic Voices in the Public Sphere.

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

Spaces for interfaith dialogue in ecumenical Christian contexts – and cross-communal Jewish contexts – are rare in the UK. This conference provides such a space in which shared understandings and controversial topics can be explored in a safe and supportive environment.

The particular focus of this conference is around Social Justice issues with a keynote focussed on Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, a leading thinker in this area. There are also workshops planned on themes around support for refugees, community meals and night shelters within places of worship, the census, and working with young people to combat prejudice. We have engaged a number of partner organisations for the workshops and will be working closely with them to shape these, alongside an engaging keynote and a session of scriptural reasoning (shared scriptural study to enable listening to multiple perspectives).

Whilst the initiative itself is not unique (this is the third conference we have held), we have worked hard to bring new energy and a renewed focus to this particular event. We are planning carefully how to support participants to start projects locally in their own communities. We hope the day will inspire participants to find ecumenical and interfaith partners for this work. We have Jewish-Christian balance in all of our workshops modelling the partnership that already exists and how this can be brought to other communities.

We believe that this gathering will not only benefit the attendees in developing and deepening their thinking and learning but will hopefully lead to direct impact within their communities and in supporting vulnerable individuals in their communities. Because of the range of Christian and Jewish participants, the day will also foster dialogue and understanding within Christian and Jewish traditions as well as between them.

1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?

C - Interfaith and ecumenical understanding

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CCJ was founded in 1942 by then Chief Rabbi and Archbishop of Canterbury, and is the UK's first interfaith charity, with ten Presidents, representing the breadth of Christianity and Judaism. We are committed to promoting understanding, valuing difference, demonstrating empathy and respect and challenging prejudice. We create crucial space for connection, appreciation of different perspectives both between faiths, and ecumenically.

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

This is an annual conference, as we believe that relationship building, ongoing learning and trust building between people of different faiths needs to be nurtured in order for success in the long run. We are also exploring separate grants and projects to give support to this network at other points in the year, apart from the conference.

1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

Following the conference we will send a feedback form out to all attendees. We are always striving to improve and ensure our offerings are of a high standard. We are open to exploring how to deepen our monitoring and evaluation processes.

2.1 Expenditure

EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Venue	£1,000	
Food for lunch, tea and coffee and snacks	£600	Kosher catering required
Honorarium for keynote speaker	£500	
Workshop leader travel reimbursement	£250	
Eco-friendly paper plates, cups and cutlery	£100	
New roller banners x 2	£250	current banners are tired and torn
Branded pens/merchandise	£100	
Printing materials and resources	£100	
Ticket administration costs	£40	Using Ticket Tailor, 0.50p per ticket x 80
TOTALS	£2,940	

2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
Participant contribution	£560	£0	£7 x 80
	£0	£0	
TOTALS	£560	£0	

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

£2,430

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)

£428,497

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

Co-Director

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 registered Charity

3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does

CCJ is the leading nationwide forum for Christian-Jewish engagement. Our aim is for Jews and Christians to meet, understand each other better and to create meaningful engagement between the communities. We are a nationwide network of 20 active branches around the UK, complemented by a professional team that run national programmes in education, dialogue and social action - for Rabbis and clergy, community leaders, students, policy makers, members and those of all faiths and none

3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation

Faith House, 7 Tufton Street, London, SW1P 3QB

3.9 UK telephone number

020 3515 3003

3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)

238005

3.11 Year established

1942

3.12 Website (if applicable)

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

3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)

<https://www.facebook.com/TheCCJUK>

<https://twitter.com/CCJUK>

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

Other

4.1b Other

Charity Excellence Framework