

The Edith M Ellis 1985 Charitable Trust

Peace Partners

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1.1 Please summarise what you are seeking from us

Peace Partners is seeking funding to make Peace Education Programmes more widely available in the latter half of 2021 and 2022. This is an innovative non-religious, non-sectarian series of ten interactive workshops that enable participants to explore and discover their own innate tools for living and develop their ability to experience personal peace. Peace Partners' role is to support its partner organisations, community groups and individuals who want to run these workshops.

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

Peace Partners is a UK charity which supports humanitarian work and our foremost ambition is to make the Peace Education Programme more widely available. Prior to 2020 we worked with likeminded organisations and individuals to promote personal peace and well-being but for the duration of the pandemic we have been forced to reduce our fundraising efforts and take our activities and workshops on-line.

In previous years we have run or helped to organise a range of peace initiatives including:

- Waves of Change forum "Finding Peace through Conflict Resolution", Croydon Feb 2019, where knife crime has become a major concern.
- "Get Creative with Peace" workshops, Brixton in April 2019
- Screening of award winning film "Peace is Inevitable" at Croydon cinema in June 2019 which explores the impact of Peace Education programmes in the culture of youth gang rivalry and violence in Ecuador. This was preceded by a presentation on the Ubuntu Roundtable (a Tutu Foundation project) and followed by a live Skype link with a member of the "Bloods" gang from Ecuador featured in the film.
- On the International Day of Peace, Sept 2019, in association with Tutu Foundation and Youth Futures, participated in the Waves of Change "Practice Peace" forum. Our partners PeaceCast.tv filmed the event for their annual Peace Day global webcast.

The Peace Education Programme, based on excerpts from international talks given by peace ambassador Prem Rawat, is currently offered in 39 countries and has been taken up by a wide range of organisations including prisons, rehabilitation centres, half way homes, community centres, cultural centres, hospitals, mental health facilities, retirement homes and veterans organisations. For more information on its impact worldwide go to <https://www.peacepartners.co.uk/peace-education.html>

In the UK, pre-Covid, the Peace Education Programme was running in 14 prisons and independently Peace Partners supported a number of courses run by community groups, educational establishments and non-profit organisations including Falmouth University, Croydon Sixth Form College and St Mungo's London Recovery College (homeless charity).

The workshops can be run by previous participants or staff/volunteers of an interested organization and Peace Partners aims to support and train them to become facilitators, providing other assistance as required.

Peace Partners is run entirely by volunteers, we have no paid staff, and while in "lockdown" we recruited over 20 new young volunteers with IT skills to help us develop and offer an on-line version of the Peace Education Programme.

As Covid restrictions in UK relax, we aim to continue on-line, while returning to actual events to make the Peace Education Programme more accessible to all. We are seeking funding for the following new initiatives:

- We are planning a new workshop “Lifeskills” to introduce the Peace Education Programme to both existing and new partners, including Families Against Violence (Manchester), Mayors for Peace (UK and Ireland), Centrepont, St Mungo’s.
- We are involved in development of a Peace Education Programme aimed specifically at young people. This is an international initiative, originating from NZ, with guidance from TPRF in USA but using learning from the workshops held in Croydon Sixth Form College.
- 21st Sept UN International Day of Peace presents an opportunity to recruit more volunteers and support individuals to run Peace Education workshops. We plan to hold an actual celebratory event with partners and supporters and details are currently under discussion.
- We have been approached by a pan-European organisation, based in Sweden – Investors In Peace – to provide Peace Education on-line workshops for their members where English is a shared language. This would form part of their suite of on-line learning courses promoted through Peace Cafes and by the Swedish Sustainable Economy Foundation.

1.3 Which grant-giving categories does your project fulfil?

B - Peace-building and conflict resolution

1.3b Peace-building and conflict resolution

Peace Partners recognises that to change society we have to start with ourselves. The Peace Education Programme provides a structured environment where individuals can access their own inner resources. Irrespective of an individual's situation - homelessness, unemployment, imprisonment, poor mental health, loneliness - these interactive workshops offer tools for living, time for self-reflection and the possibility of personal peace.

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

Peace Partners aims to enable individuals, community groups, other charities, educational establishments or other organisations to run their own Peace Education Programmes. To this end we run training events for staff, volunteers and previous participants who wish to become facilitators so they may gain the skills and confidence to run their own Peace Education Programmes for their audiences, clients, students or beneficiaries.

1.6 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

All participants complete feedback forms which are used to improve future workshops.

An evaluation was undertaken by Damooei Global Research, in 2014, based on a survey of 365 participants. Prior to starting less than 41% expressed their belief that peace was possible. After going through the programme almost 100% had changed to a positive view: 74.3% expressed a strong belief that peace was possible in their life. For more information go to <https://tprf.org/peace-education-program/>

2.1 Expenditure

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EXPENDITURE ITEM	AMOUNT	NOTES
Volunteer training and DBS checks	£380	
Volunteer travel expenses	£350	
Venue hire, refreshments etc for workshops	£500	
Online services for Zoom online workshops and webinars	£300	
Promotion	£200	
Learning materials	£400	
World Peace Day event	£1	
TOTALS	£3,630	

2.2 Income

INCOME SOURCE	TARGET AMOUNT	AMOUNT RAISED	NOTES
Donations on door at World Peace Day Event	£500	£0	Larger space plus reduced number of participants (Covid-19 restrictions) mean anticipated income is reduced
	£0	£0	
	£0	£0	
TOTALS	£500	£0	

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

£3

2.4 Has your organisation made an application to The Edith M Ellis Trust before?

Yes

2.4b Please provide the date of the previous application

April 2020

2.4c Was this previous application successful?

No

2.5 Please state your organisation's annual turnover (in £ sterling)

£21

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

Yes

2.6b Upload File

<https://theedithmellischaritabletrust.org/assets/uploads/2021/06/2020-accounts-template-final.pdf>

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

Peace Partners

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3.1 Your name

Juli Hammersley

3.2 Your contact telephone number

07714 769790

3.3 Your position within the organisation

Founder Trustee

3.4 Your email address

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3.5 Organisation name

Peace Partners

3.6 Please state the status of your organisation

UK charity

3.7 Please summarise what your organisation does

Peace Partners is a UK charity which aims to bring together, to work with and support individual volunteers, groups and organisations who share our vision of a world where all people have access to sufficient clean water, nutritious food and personal peace.

3.8 UK correspondence address for organisation

23 Hilltop Road, Whyteleafe, Surrey CR3 0DE

3.9 UK telephone number

07714 769790

3.10 UK charity number (if applicable)

1166456

3.11 Year established

2016

3.12 Website (if applicable)

<http://www.peacepartners.co.uk>

3.13 Social media accounts (if applicable)

<http://www.facebook.com/peacepartners.co.uk>

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

Internet

Directory of Social Change/Funds Online

Previous application to The Edith M Ellis Trust