**st.stephen’s green trust**

is a charitable foundation which respects human dignity

and is committed to identifying and responding to

issues of social injustice in Ireland**.**

**SUPPORTING INTER-COMMUNITY PRACTICE AND ACTIVISM**

 **– pilot grants programme Expression of Interest Form**

**may 2017**

St Stephen’s Green Trust (SSGT) has supported organisations working on issues of social justice in Ireland, North and South, over the past 25yrs. It believes that the strengthening of collaborative and supportive relationships within and between communities is essential for peace-building. As part of its commitment to peace-building in Northern Ireland, it wishes to implement a 2-year pilot grant programme supporting work that will have the following outcomes:

* People working collaboratively on an inclusive and inter-community basis to address common issues and
* Identifying barriers to inclusive work, and relationship-building, within and between communities and learning how these can be overcome.

In this pilot phase we are looking for applications that focus on:-

1. **Supporting work that helps build confidence, relationships and effective activism amongst women and women’s groups; and/or young people and youth groups; and/or people involved in place-based activism**.
2. **Groups that can demonstrate openness to working in an inclusive manner, within and between their communities, based on their activities and experience to date**.
3. **How work undertaken by a cluster of groups working with women, young people and place-based might be further developed with grant support.**

SSGT aims to be flexible in the type of **inter-community work** which might be supported but groups will need to clearly state why they believe their proposed programme of work **will result in the outcomes** sought by the grant programme.

The overall grants available will be a maximum of **£26,000 paid over a two year period** (with Year 2 payments being subject to a report on Year 1 outcomes). Applications for smaller grant amounts are also welcome. We will prioritise work which **cannot be funded from other sources**.

As part of the programme, grantees will be required to participate in a **learning network** of the funded groups in order to share learning and reflection, both with each other and with the St. Stephen’s Green Trust. This will involve **two half-day** meetings a year.

**How to apply:**

There is a two-step process to apply for funding.

**Step 1:** An Expression of Interest form should be filled out and **sent to SSGT by email or post** by **Friday 26th May 2017**. Short-listing will be carried out on the basis of the Expressions of Interest by Friday, 23rd June 2017 and you will be notified of the outcome.

**Step 2**: If the Expression of Interest is shortlisted you will be required to submit a more detailed application which may involve meeting with us. A decision will be made by Friday 28th July 2017 on the final selection of funded applications.

Enquiries and applications to: Orla O’Neill, St Stephen’s Green Trust. Tel: +353 (0) 45 480 666 or **email orla@ssgt.ie**. Further information about the Trust is available at www.ssgt.ie.

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**supporting inter-community practice and activism**

**expressions of interest 2017**

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|  | **ORGANISATION DETAILS & BACKGROUND** |
|  | Organisation name |  |
|  | Postal address  |  |
|  | Main contact person |  |
|  | Role of contact person |  |
|  | Email  |  |
|  | Tel no: |  |
|  | Website (if any) |  |
|  | Which category best describes your group and why | ***Delete or tick as appropriate***Women’s GroupYoung People’s groupPlace-based activist/community group(If appropriate tick more than one of the above) |
|  | What are your group’s priorities and activities and why have these been selected? |  |
|  | If you have been engaged in peacebuilding/intercommunity work before please tell us about it. |  |
|  | **PROJECT DETAILS** |
| 2.1 | What do you want to do with the funding applied for? As this is a two year project please set out the activities over the two year funding period. |  |
| 2.2 | How will this work contribute to building positive inter-community relationships and inclusion?  |  |
| 2.3 | What specific activities are you planning that will support peacebuilding through enhanced local confidence, leadership and broadening participation?  |  |
| 2.4 | What outcomes do you envisage at the end of the two year funding period and how do these relate to the overall SSGT programme outcomes? |  |
| **3** | **PROJECT BUDGET**  |
| 3.1 | What is the total project cost for the two years |  |
| 3.2 | How much has been raised so far |  |
| 3.3 | How much are you requesting from SSGT? |  |
| **BUDGET DETAILS**: Please provide an estimate of the costs of the project. If your application is accepted for Step 2, a more detailed budget will be required. Please enter the total cost for the two years of the project.  |
| **Type of cost** | **Amount** |
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**Date:**