

DERBY SACRE'S BID TO NASACRE FOR FUNDING FOR BOSNIAN EXCHANGE

Introduction:

Derby City SACRE is applying for funding to develop a project, which would enable students in identified schools in Derby and Tuzla (Bosnia) to meet each, with a view to learning more about the impact of faith and culture in their respective communities and develop school based partnerships for the future.

Derby's Children and Young People's Service has a strong tradition of involving young people in multi-faith dialogue. For example:

- In 2003 the city heavily funded the Anne Frank exhibition, which was visited by around 3000 school children
- Schools have been involved in the city's observance of Holocaust Memorial Day (a whole week of events in Derby) every year since its inception
- Each year over 75% of our schools have visits to the City's many and diverse faith centres as well as providing multi faith/cultural workshops in schools

Derby itself is very much a multi-faith city. It has a city Forum of Faiths, and is home to two unique provisions, the Multi-Faith Centre (seven faiths involved in creating, and currently using, one building) and also The Open Centre, an independent charity largely funded by the local authority, with a remit to bring young people and faith communities together.

Derby NASACRE is applying to NASACRE for this funding in order to build on the inter-faith dialogue, now well established in the city

The project:

- **Promotion of dialogue between young people of differing faiths:**

If the bid is successful, this funding would allow a number of young people in Derby secondary schools to meet with, and develop over a period of time, relationships already started with their peers in identified schools in Bosnia.

This partnership will focus on the contribution and impact of faith on young people and their communities.

The dialogue would be promoted via exhibitions, social activities, workshops, discussions led by the young people in the host schools, and presentation(s) to SACRE who would promote the other events eg in the Bosnian Community Centre and schools.

Funding from NASACRE would enable SACRE to fund higher profile city centre venues – such as the Cathedral and Multi-Faith Centre.

- **Community benefits in the area:**

Derby has been host to the first dispersal of asylum seekers and will host the second one this year. Young people from around the world will have access to this inclusive project, which will help to break down prejudices within communities.

The aims and values of the project include creating and promoting a greater understanding between young people of differing faith, national and ethnic backgrounds, therefore leading

to an increase in tolerance and willingness to engage in the citizenship agenda both in and out of the school environment. The project would enable more young people to meet the inter faith dialogue aims and objectives in our Agreed Syllabus.

- **Sustaining the project beyond the initial impact:**

The project is thoroughly experiential and will establish long-term relationships and friendships for the future. Schools can sustain this chiefly via email but also via conventional mail, and the possible future exchanges between students when funding allows.

Sana is a Nottingham-based, Muslim-Christian charity, started in 1994 to work with Bosnian people in north-east Bosnia, helping them to rebuild their lives. From its Bosnian base in Tuzla, it concentrates chiefly on helping farmers, the Tuzla orphanage and, of particular relevance to this bid, establishing and supporting links between schools in Bosnia and the UK, of which three are in Derby. **Sana** has a dedicated School Partnership Scheme Manager (Maggie Tennant) in the UK, and a School Partnership Liaison Officer (Admela Beganovic) in Tuzla. Their role is to set up, oversee and supervise/support the schools and staff involved in the partnership in both countries, and to facilitate the long-term development of the partnerships. (Please see enclosed leaflet)

Both Maggie Tennant and Admela Beganovic would be involved in implementing and supporting the exchanges that would be enabled by a successful bid.

- **Derby SACRE's involvement:**

Derby SACRE is committed to supporting the relationships which it is confident will be established through this project.

Furthermore, prior to making this bid, a member of the Derby SACRE has been to Bosnia (at her own expense). She has seen the project in action at both ends and has visited schools - including the Tuzla Medressa - within the project. She also has contact with the Derby schools involved in the project.

The Headteacher of one of the Derby schools involved in the project (including the 6th form partnership with the Medressa) represents the SHA on Derby SACRE.

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- **Allocation of funds:**

If successful the funding will be allocated as follows (costs per person):

Fares – flight, transport to/from airport	£
Minibus transport for the week	£
Contribution to accommodation, where partnership pupil's family is unable to provide Eg if space does not permit	£
Events/visits	£

Match-funding contributions will be achieved through

Local faith communities eg no/low cost visits to Mandir, Gurdwara, Temple, Mosque, Cathedral, Multi-Faith Centre

Schools – funding mini-bus use and petrol

Use of event venues at low/no cost

LEA will fund the cost of dissemination of material and information to schools via Citizenship budget

LEA will match fund any contribution from the NASACRE funding used for social activities, via Citizenship budget

For further Information on Sana and the project, please see accompanying papers (*as seen already - will be included, but not attached here*)

Conclusion:

The project is only viable if the full £5000 is awarded.