

MALCOLM GREEN MEMORIAL FUND

Aims

The Malcolm Green Memorial Fund supports small scale projects in the field of community based regeneration. The aims of the trust are to make one-off grants to grass roots community or voluntary organizations or individuals working in socially and economically deprived areas and that will benefit the regeneration of the wider community or area.

Each year the fund will invite applications from a specific field, area or organisation. The type of projects that could be supported will include:

- ◆ A practical community project
- ◆ A grant to enable a community project or community enterprise to develop further
- ◆ A grant to enable a person(s) to develop their skills or qualifications further (eg financial/management skills etc) in a relevant area relating to a community project
- ◆ Participatory appraisal and evaluation projects
- ◆ Support to small community organisations to build an evidence base to support funding applications to other bodies eg, community baselining
- ◆ Advice or training for community groups to assist in the development of funding applications
- ◆ Business planning advice and small scale consultancy support
- ◆ A research project or dissertation on area based regeneration.

The project could be local, regional or national but the fund will particularly encourage innovative projects and initiatives that reflect a partnership approach and support local capacity building.

About the Fund

The Fund was established in 2008 in memory of Malcolm Green who died of prostate cancer on 7th October 2008. It was launched on the date of Malcolm's birthday, 28th January 2009 and celebrates his life, work and professional interests. Malcolm worked in the field of regeneration for over 33 years; initially as a researcher and urban policy officer at the Department of the Environment, an Inner Cities Task Force Leader for the Department of Trade and Industry, Director of Enterprise and innovation at Business in The Community, a director and regeneration researcher at M-E-L Research Ltd and as a Communities and Local Government appointed Neighbourhood Renewal Adviser.

Malcolm became a founding director of the re-launched research and consultancy practice M·E·L Research in 1994, and played a key role in the successful development of the business over the following 14 years. In recognition of his decisive contribution, the company's Board of Directors resolved in November 2008 to make a founding donation towards the establishment of a Memorial Foundation Trust which might continue to support the purposes and causes which Malcolm championed throughout his life.

The Funding Process

Each year the Fund will award a grant(s) of up to £1000, towards total project costs not exceeding £5000, to a project, organisation or individual working in the field of community based regeneration. Importantly the project and approach should reflect the ethos and ideals that Malcolm championed during his working life. In this respect bureaucracy will be kept to a minimum through a simplified application and monitoring process whilst ensuring that money is well spent.

Each year the fund will determine the type of project it wishes to support and invite project proposals from a limited field of potential recipients. This might include organisations and bodies that Malcolm worked with or projects and issues that were of particular importance to him.

A simple project proposal setting the following details will be invited.

- ◆ What the applicant will achieve with the fund
- ◆ Why it is needed and how it will work
- ◆ How it will be delivered or achieved
- ◆ Who will benefit and how
- ◆ What will success look like?

The first grant award will be made at a celebratory award event in January 2010.