



Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

Community grant application form - part A

Please ensure you complete all of this form and Part B and send the following information to enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk:

- forms A and B, completed in full
- your organisation's last set of accounts
- the most recent bank statement for your organisation, which should match the payment information on form B

1. About your organisation

Name of the organisation requesting the grant

Racial Equality Group (part of the Justice & Inclusion Group)
Christ Church Abingdon

Please state briefly what the purpose of your organisation is

The J & I Group was initially formed as a response to Black Lives Matter and the Windrush legacy, but now has a wider remit of commitment to justice and inclusivity for all. The Racial Equality Group works specifically on racial matters.

The aim of the current project organised by the Racial Equality Group is to increase knowledge, awareness & appreciation of Black History.

2. Your grant request

Please describe the project for which the grant is needed.

The grant is needed to fund an evening performance of the play **Still Breathing**, which portrays aspects of the lived experience of Black Britons. The play is written and directed by Euton Daley of Unlock the Chains Collective
(Please see attached flier for more details)

What is the total cost of the project	£800.00
How much grant are you seeking	£500.00
What percentage of the total cost of your project are you seeking via this grant	62.5 percent
How do you plan to raise the rest of the money for your project	Subsidised Ticket Sales
Please show roughly how the costs of the project are broken down	Play - £700.00 Refreshments- £100.00
What fund-raising have you undertaken for this project or others in the past 2 years	We applied for a grant in 2022 for “Belonging” a three-day exhibition with activities as part of Black History Month. (Please see attached Report)

3. Local benefit

How many people take part in your organisation’s activities? Give local branch numbers if you are a national organisation.	As members	
	As recipients	Numbers given below attended the Exhibition in 2022

Please fill in the table below relating to numbers of members and/or recipients falling into each category. Estimates are acceptable provided an “e” is put after the figure.

Age profile	0-16	16-65	over 65
- Members			
- Recipients	170	110	40

Gender profile	Male	Female
- Members		
- Recipients	45% e	55% e

Local connection	Town resident	Attend education in town	Neither resident nor attending education in town
- Members			
- Recipients	70 % e	15% e	15% e

4. Vision and objectives

Please explain how your project will meet the town council’s vision and objectives, which are set out below. **You do not need to respond to each point** but it is important that your project addresses the town council’s vision and at least one objective.

4a. Vision

To develop an inclusive community so that Abingdon is the place where everyone wants to live and where the wellbeing of residents is prioritised. In developing this community, the town will be one which is environmentally sustainable, vibrant, resilient and safe.

Abingdon is a beautiful market town which has a predominantly white population, with a smaller number of residents who may be people of colour, or representative of international refugees, asylum seekers, or vulnerable migrants. The population estimate in 2020 was approximately 40,000 people, of whom 93% were white and 7% from ethnic minority groups. There are reports of racism and disadvantage within community life in this town, which are both personal experiences and evidence based. It is important that the voices of these minority communities, who may be less visible, are heard more.

We hope that the outcomes of the BHM projects in 2022 & 2024 lead to increased awareness of the rich history and culture of African Caribbean people, Black Britons who have overcome adversity through strength, community, and justice. Their experience and example speak to all those who are displaced and disadvantaged and who are part of Abingdon’s inclusive community.

4b. Objectives

1. **To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency**
2. **To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future**
3. **To manage the Council’s assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future**
4. **To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity**

<p>The aim of this project is to offer a performance of a play which depicts the lives of those who are often marginalised.</p>

To show the resilience of people of African and Caribbean heritage.

We are very involved in our local community through social initiatives and programmes such as Foodbank, the Barns Café, International Welcome Café (for refugees, asylum seekers & vulnerable migrants)

Our children’s and youth programmes at Christ Church support the work of local schools in Abingdon.

5. Other/previous grant awards

Please provide details of any grant awards you have received from the town council, other councils or large organisations that you have received in the past three years

Funding received for a three-day exhibition in 2022 from the Council. - £1500.00

Please list any grant applications to other councils or bodies which are currently pending

None at present

6. About your organisation

Please explain what structure your organisation has, i.e. is it a charity, a society, or another type of model

We meet regularly to organise an annual event each year in support of Black History Month, plus other meetings and activities to support the aims of the Justice & inclusion Group.

What is the balance of your main account according to the most recent bank statement?

We do not have a bank account. Funds are obtained on a needs basis, for specific projects and are paid through the Christ Church Abingdon accounts.

Additional financial information

Does your organisation have any other finances held in other accounts?

N/A

If so, please provide full details of all your additional finances, including recent figures.

N/A

If these funds are earmarked for any specific projects, please provide further information about this.

N/A

7. Reporting back on your grant

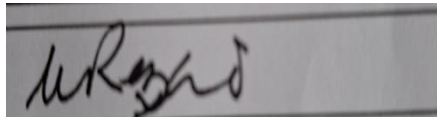
Organisations receiving a grant from the town council are required to provide a written report on their event or project within twelve months of the award date. The report should detail how the funds were spent and how residents of Abingdon are benefitting. The report may be included in any town council publicity, including the website or the Town Crier magazine.

Declaration

I declare that the information given in this grant application, both parts A and B, is complete and accurate and that no relevant information has been omitted.

I agree that the organisation receiving the grant will report back to the town council within 12 months of the award of this grant on how it has been used.

Signature



Name

Methlyn Regisford

Position with organisation

Coordinator

Date

13.05.24