**Grants for Projects**

1. The primary Objects for which the Society is established are:

4.1 to promote and enable training for the conducting of retreats and the ministry of spiritual direction within the tradition of the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius Loyola;

4.2 to conduct retreats, provide spiritual direction and occasional conferences, and to assist those engaged in these ministries;

and, insofar as the same may properly be done by a Society established for charitable purposes, to do all such things as are incidental to the attainments of the primary Objects, including the following secondary Objects:

4.3 to promote the study of the Ignatian and other methods of retreat and all that relates to the retreat movement;

4.4 to print and publish or assist in printing and publishing literature, books, journals, magazines and other literary matter connected with the Objects of the Society;

**Section 1 – SRC Objects**

In this section you are asked to show how your project fits within the Objects of the Society of Retreat Conductors. The SRC cannot fund projects that don’t fit with the objects.

The SRC envisages that projects that would fit within its objects might include

* Conferences promoting spirituality, spiritual direction, Christian ministry involving prayer and spiritual practice… (Ignatian and more)
* Creative ways of enabling access to retreats and spiritual accompaniment (online retreats, community projects involving spiritual practices …)
* Research projects studying creative ways of engaging people seeking spiritual growth
* Publishing of resources supporting those involved in the ministry of retreats, spiritual direction and spiritual practices (this may be in printed or electronic form)
* Other things we haven’t thought of!

**Section 2 – Project organiser details**

This section requires you to input details relating to the project organiser. We welcome applications from group projects, but require one organisation to take the lead role as the applicant, main point of contact, payee for funds, and responsible body who agrees to ensure the terms and conditions of the grant offer are upheld by all involved. Please ensure that the contact details given are for the day-to-day contact for all enquiries relating to the project application.

**Section 3 - Project overview**

This section asks you to provide an overview of your project. You are required to:
a) identify the project by name
b) list all partners involved in the project – you should complete this section if you are the lead organisation in a formal partnership
c) what are the key issues that the project will help to overcome
d) evidence the need, and outline your plans
e) state the overall aim of the project and describe what the project will actually do
f) explain how the project fits into any wider projects or programmes being run by your organisation.

**Section 4 - Project delivery**

This section asks you to provide details about:
a) When (in terms of start and finish dates) the project will be delivered.
b)Where the project will be delivered (in terms of country, region, locality)
c)Who the intended beneficiaries are
d)Who will deliver the project, i.e. what staff or volunteers you have in place or need to recruit to deliver project activities
e)How the project will be delivered (e.g. in person, over one weekend, over several weeks, by Zoom….etc). It is important that you offer as much detail (in bullet point format is acceptable) to help us understand what you hope will be achieved.

**We also ask you to set out details of your Safeguarding arrangements.

Section 5 - Project finances**

This section asks you to set out
a) the total cost of your project
b) the amount of grant you are requesting.

You should show a proposed budget breakdown which clearly shows expenditure. Could you please let us know if you have secured any other funding from another source towards this project.

**How we decide**

Applications will be assessed on their individual merits according to the following:

* evidence of need for the project
* overall clarity of application – how easy it is for us to understand what you are proposing.
* fit with SRC criteria for the relevant category or categories of funding.
* scale and reach of project outputs and outcomes
* deliverability – including suitability of timescales, demonstrable capacity and capability, relevant previous experience.

The decision about which applications receive funding will also take into account the need to ensure a geographical and thematic spread of activities across the United Kingdom.

You will not be contacted for clarification or further information. It is your responsibility to ensure your application is concise, fully completed and that you supply all necessary supporting documentation.