

The Peter Lang Children's Trust



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Expression of Interest Form 2010-11

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Mission, Core Values and Overall Approach

The mission statement of the Peter Lang Children's Trust is:

TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND SUPPORT FOR ECONOMICALLY AND EDUCATIONALLY DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN

By Children, the Trust is referring to young people aged between 0-21. The charitable work of the Trust is currently focused on the County of Gloucestershire.

Further to its mission the Trust has two particular areas of interest. For the period of 2009-12 the Trust's two targeted outcomes are:

1. Provide support to children, young people and their families faced by complex and overwhelming circumstances in order to improve the children's and young people's life outcomes ¹
2. Improve the life outcomes of children in care, care leavers and adopted children ²

Given the high level of applications received by the Trust, applications will need to specifically address one (or if possible both) of the targeted outcomes in order to be stand a realistic chance of being approved.

The PLCT is outcomes focused. The Trust supports work that has a clear and demonstrable impact. It recognises that it cannot achieve its mission and strategic outcomes operating in isolation, nor by supporting individual projects operating in isolation. The Trust works closely with voluntary and statutory sector partners and networks to identify and meet key needs that fall within its mission. The Trust is not in the business of seeking credit solely for itself. Whilst highly supportive of innovation, the Trust recognises that in order to permanently challenge the negative trends affecting young people it will have to show sustained commitment to its partners. This is reflected in the Trust's commitment to giving grants for up to 3 years, and its 3-year strategic planning, its provision of additional funding and sustainability advice to partners through its Development Officer post and a clear focus on sustaining the development of programmes from their outset.

The Peter Lang Children's Trust is a facilitator and enabler, rather than an organisation that directly provides service delivery. As such, the Trust proactively seeks to identify **practical partners** that are able to provide services and activities that meet the Trust's overall aims as outlined in its mission statement. Furthermore, the Trust works closely with key **strategic partners** in order to promote collaborative approaches to programme delivery and to improve its grant making process. Both sets of partnerships exist to improve the performance of the Trust against its mission and targeted outcomes, and the performance of the services it supports. The Trust's current strategic partners are the Gloucestershire Children and Young People's Directorate and Gloucestershire Churches Together and the Gloucestershire Faith Forum via the Diocesan Department for Social Responsibility. However, this list may grow as other potential strategic partners, key to the Trust's mission and strategic outcomes, are identified.

¹ For further explanation of this targeted outcome (including: definition and measures of improved life outcomes, and why the Trust has chosen to focus on these areas) please see the PLCT Strategic Plan 2009-12.

² As above

The Trust is particularly interested in 'gaps', where the needs of children are not being met, and where there is scope for making lasting change to the lives of children and the services that are provided for them. The Trust works actively in partnership with a number of statutory and voluntary organisations and encourages information sharing and a multi-agency approach to addressing un-met needs. The Trust works with statutory agencies, but will not fund services that are the responsibility of statutory agencies, nor bridge short-falls in statutory funding. The Trust works carefully to avoid supporting the duplication of existing services.

The Trust supports services and activities that make a clear, measurable impact on the lives of children and young people. All applicants are expected to demonstrate how they will help the Trust fulfil its mission. All proposals will need to have clearly described outputs (*i.e. what you will do*). Applicants will need to explain how they will measure the outcomes (*i.e. what difference you will make*) of their proposed activities. Grants are disbursed on a quarterly basis and the release of funds is dependent on the successful completion of quarterly monitoring reports that specifically evaluate performance against the outputs and outcomes specified for that quarter in the original application. Recipients of grants for periods of over a year also undertake a review meeting with the Trust's Development Officer.

The Trust has a strong interest in work that has a preventative focus. It recognises that problems such as school exclusions, low educational attainment, and anxiety/depression are often the result of long-term factors in young people's lives. The Trust welcomes proposals that seek to give young people the best start in life, and empowers them to overcome obstacles that might otherwise prevent them from fully participating in all the positive opportunities that life has to offer.

The Trust's work is not limited to grant giving. Through the Trust's Development Officer, preferred partners have access to accredited funding advice, guidance on sustainability, and linkages to other service delivery organisations in the same area (both geographic and thematic). The Trust's development officer works proactively to develop new partnerships between voluntary, statutory and quasi-autonomous, non-governmental organisations – relationships that will bring improved support to young people.

All potential applicants are advised to read the Trust's Strategic Plan for 2009-12 before completing this form. For further information and the opportunity to discuss potential proposals please contact the Trust's Development Officer:

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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The PLCT grant application process has two principal stages. In the first stage applicants are requested to complete and submit this summary 'Expressions of Interest' form. The PLCT will review this 'Expression of Interest' and will then invite selected applicants to make a full application.

It is intended that this two-stage application process will be of benefit to both the PLCT and applicant organisations. Grant applicants will only be invited to complete a full application if their proposal is appropriate and stands a reasonable chance of being approved.

Unsuccessful applicants (at either stage of the application process) will be given the opportunity to speak to the Trust's Development Officer in order to receive feedback as to why their application was not successful.

SECTION 1 – APPLICANT'S DETAILS

Name of organisation applying for the grant:			
Name of main contact:			
Position in group:			
Address of main contact: <i>(please include postcode)</i>	Tel: (day) Tel: (eve) Email:		
Are you a registered charity?		No: <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>
		Number:	
Please give a brief description of your organisation. <i>What are your main aims? What are the main activities and services that you provide?</i>			

SECTION 2 – DESCRIBE YOUR PROPOSAL

In this section we would like you to describe the specific activities and services that you are asking the Peter Lang Children's Trust to support. Please ensure you have read carefully the Trust's Mission Statement.

Explain as clearly as you can what the grant from the Peter Lang Children's Trust will be used for. In your answer please address the following questions:

- Describe what you are proposing to do?
- Provide evidence that your proposal is needed?
- Explain what difference your proposal will make?
- What evidence is there that your proposals will make a difference?

(Word Limit = 800)

(Section 2 – Cont'd)

SECTION 3 – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In this section please answer the following questions:

- How much are you requesting from the PLCT?
- Is your proposal for 1,2 or 3 years?
- How much will your proposal cost in total?
- Will you need funding in addition to the PLCT grant? Has this funding been secured?

SECTION 4 - DECLARATION

Each applicant must sign the declaration. Applicants must be over 18.

I certify that I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of the Peter Lang Children's Trust and that to the best of my knowledge the information given on this application is correct.

Signature of applicant:	Date:
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All information provided during the application process will only be used for assessment and monitoring procedures and will be treated as confidential.

2010-11 PLCT Applications – Additional Information for Applicants

Timeframe

Friday 2nd October 2010 – PLCT 2010-11 Application documents published online

Late October/Early November 2009 – Practical Partner Network meeting (to include potential applicants) - please see website for confirmation of venue and date

Friday 27th November 2009 - Deadline for submission of Expressions of Interest Form

Monday 21st December 2009 – Shortlisted Applicants invited to complete Full Application Form

Friday 22nd January 2010 – Deadline for submission of full PLCT Application Form

Friday 19th March 2010 – Applicants informed of PLCT Trust Board final funding decisions

June 2010 – Release of PLCT first quarter grant payment in advance to newly approved preferred partners

1st July 2010 – Start of 2010-11 PLCT Gift Year: New practical partners begin delivery

Children and Young People

The PLCT Young Reporters group will be involved in the application process – including direct involvement in the short-listing process and contributing 10% to the overall mark awarded to Full Applications. Please ensure that the Expressions of Interest Form is completed in a clear and understandable fashion.

Budget

Applicants can apply for between £5,000 and £15,000 per year for between 1 and 3 years i.e the maximum grant that can be requested is £45,000 (£15,000 per year for 3 years).

As a general rule the PLCT prefers to fund activities and services rather than pay for large capital items.

The PLCT recommends that between 5-10% of applicants' proposed total budget be allocated towards monitoring and evaluation.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Successful applicants will need to be able to demonstrate that they have plans and procedures in place to monitor and evaluate the work they undertake with the support of the PLCT. This includes identifying what evidence they intend to collect in order to demonstrate that their work is making a difference.