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Strengthening Faith Institutions: Workshop

Note: the scope included in this presentation is an early draft: refer to the Specification for the correct details

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Aims for today

- Help you understand the programme and what we want
- Discuss and improve programme scope
- Identify risks and opportunities
- Meet each other and network



Programme Objective

- Increase resilience, leadership and governance of faith institutions
- Promote social integration between faith institutions, their communities and more widely.
- Measurable positive impact on faith institutions, communities and the links between them
- Sustain this impact after funding ends.



Eligibility and funding

- £400,000 over 2015/16 and 2016/17
- An organisation or consortium
- A demonstrable record in delivering projects and working with faith institutions or community groups.
- Be a registered charity or have a charitable purpose.



Three strands:

- 1. Training for faith institutions and support for those facing challenges**
- 2. Share best practice**
- 3. Connecting faith with the community**



1. Training for faith institutions and support for those facing challenges

- Training delivered by Community Empowerment Champions: trained faith representatives
- Champions will deliver training to faith institutions on key topics
- Champions will support institutions facing challenges
- Small grants to help institutions make changes



2. Share best practice

- A website to act as the ‘face’ of the programme
First point of call for support, templates etc.
- Forum for Champions
- Signpost to resources available elsewhere
- Social media campaign to highlight best practice
- Promote availability of pro-bono legal advice



3. Connecting faith with the community :

- Strengthen links between different faith institutions
- Small grants of a total of around £200,000 to support projects to better engage young people and women in a sustainable way
- Grants to projects which are open to all and/or are interfaith projects
- Projects must produce practical benefits and either be self-financing at the end of the project) or have a clear plan for follow up activities



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Location:



A good geographical
spread of areas
across England.



What success would look like

- An ambitious, realistic and sustainable programme
- A diverse cohort of Community Empowerment Champions, trained and delivering
- A website which is the first port of call for faith institutions
- Grants funding great projects which are making a real difference.
- A strong evaluation of outcomes and impact



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Questions?