##### INTERLINK SMALL GRANT APPLICATION FORM

##### SPRING AND SUMMER GRANTS 2023

Grants of up to £1,000 are available for community groups to fund projects that show strong community involvement and help bring people and communities together. These projects are supported by funds generated from the Graig Fatha Wind Farm located near Coedely and operated by Ripple Energy. Please contact the Interlink RCT Community Advice Team before you apply on communityadvice@interlinkrct.org.uk or call 01443 846200.

**Your application should show how your project will support one or more of the following:**

* It is Volunteers Week 1-7th June, so we can support you to support your Volunteers including expenses, rewards and recognition activities and events.
* Provide ongoing support to people of all ages and abilities to keep safe, warm, fed and connected and the cost of living generally.
* Provide cost of living and other information and advice to your community, for example, how to manage money, how to maximise their income, how to cook on a budget.
* Help with fuel poverty or help to carry out an energy efficiency audit (we will arrange this) or improve energy efficiency in your community building.
* Show how you work together with others in your community, for example, to provide and promote a wider range of information and advice to the community.
* Help people access to low cost food.
* Support people with access to information technology, such as SIM cards, putting in phone chargers, setting up wi-fi, etc,.
* Transport costs to get people to and from activities and venues.
* Improve accessibility to activities and facilities including those with mobility issues and people with disabilities.
* Groups involving children and young people, building their confidence and skills to have a voice and to develop their ideas.
* Supporting coproduction and community involvement, involving people and those with lived experience to be involved and have a voice.
* Support not for profit community level trading and enterprise.
* Projects or activities supporting children, young people and families.
* Projects which encourage communities to tackle climate change and make use of outdoor spaces.

\*We do not define what community means – please tell us what it means to you!

**Criteria**

* Projects should not stigmatise people and people should not have to provide evidence of need (unless required by an external funder).
* Gifts, welcome packs, and events can only be applied for if part of ongoing support. One off activities or events are unlikely to be supported.
* You agree to adopt relevant policies if required (we can help with this!)
* You agree to promote your activities on Connect RCT (we can help with this!)

**ABOUT YOUR ORGANISATION AND YOUR PROPOSED PROJECT**

**Please complete the form below with details of your project**

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| Name of your organisation: |  |
| Name of your project: |  |
| Contact name: |  |
| Organisation address: |  |
| Postcode: |  |
| Contact telephone number: |  |
| Contact email address: |  |

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| Please tell us what your organisation does: |
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| Please provide details of the project that you are requesting funding for: |
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| How much would you like to apply for from the Small Grants scheme? |  |
| What will the funding be spent on? |
| Are you a member of Interlink RCT? | Yes/No |
| Do you have a bank account in the name of the group? | Yes/No |
| Do you have the following policies: |  |
| Finance Policy | Yes/No |
| Equal Opportunities Policy | Yes/No |
| Health & Safety Policy | Yes/No |
| Environmental or Sustainability Policy | Yes/No |
| Safeguarding Policy | Yes/No |
| *All groups are encouraged to have the above policies in place. Some projects involving vulnerable groups may need specific policies such as Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults. Further help and advice is available from our Community Advice Team at* *communityadvice@interlinkrct.org.uk.* |

**AUTHORISATION**

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| * I confirm that I am authorised to make this application on behalf of the organisation.
* I declare that the information in this form is correct.
* I agree to provide any information as requested to help Interlink RCT evaluate and promote the grant scheme.
* I understand and agree that any grant awarded may be withdrawn or reclaimed, if any of the information provided by our organisation proves to be false or incorrect.
* I agree to follow any conditions included in the grant offer letter.

**Name:****Position in Organisation:****Signed:****Date:** |

**Please return this application form to:** grants@interlinkrct.org.uk.

If you need any help or information regarding completing application, please email us grants@interlinkrct.org.uk. or call 01443 846200