

8 July 2013**Agenda Item: 7****REPORT OF THE TEMPORARY GROUP MANAGER SAFER AND ENGAGED
COMMUNITIES****THE ROOSEVELT TRAVELLING SCHOLARSHIP****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to make a grant of £5,000 in 2013/14 and 2014/15 towards the cost of the Roosevelt Travelling Scholarship.

Information and Advice

2. The Nottinghamshire Roosevelt Travelling Scholarship was founded in 1949 by the Lord Mayor of Nottingham, Cllr Francis Carney as a tribute to the memory of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
3. Given that President Roosevelt served 4 terms and 12 years as President of the United States and there are many famous quotes attributed to him. The one which helped to inspire the establishment of the Nottinghamshire Travelling Scholarship is, ***"The more you circulate on your own travels, the better citizen you become, not only of your own country but the world as a whole"***.
4. The Roosevelt Travelling Scholarship is a registered charity with the former Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire Sir Andrew Buchanan the current Chair of Trustees.
5. Each year the scholarship aims to send at least 2 young people between the ages of 21-30 to the United States for a period of up to 4 months. Since 1949 over 150 young people have benefited from this experience.
6. The scholarship aims to enhance and develop the career of the successful applicants. A written and interview selection process is held where they must describe how both they and their employers will benefit from the experience and how those benefits might be measured.
7. The key elements of the Travelling Scholarship are:-
 - successful applicants must live and work in Nottingham or Nottinghamshire
 - they will investigate similar organisations to their area of work, which will be of value to them upon return to Nottinghamshire.
 - to seek opportunities to promote the scholarship through personal contact and meetings at schools, clubs, newspapers and radio and television appearances in

the United States – this should also be used to promote Nottingham & Nottinghamshire.

- They will meet members of the Roosevelt family as part of the trip
- they will be a **travelling scholar** and not expected to spend more than 3 weeks in any fixed location.
- The usual tourist 'haunts' will only form part of the visit.
- Scholars are encouraged to stay with American families for at least 50% of the visit the rest of the time in reasonably priced accommodation.
- They will be expected to send a short written report to the trustees throughout the trip. This should demonstrate the experiences and impressions they have encountered.
- Upon their return a series of speaking engagements are arranged to share their experience.
- A written report is produced to document the experience.

8. The County Council have for many years sponsored the scholarship, as have the City Council. The latest County Council arrangement which was a five year agreement funded through the Leaders Policy Initiatives budget commenced in 2008 and has just ended in 2013.

9. The Management Committee have expressed an interest in the County Council as one of the key supporters to be more involved in the promotion of the scholarship and to be actively engaged in the selection process.

10. Recent scholars Include:

Arts & Tourism Officer – City Council – Promotion of Cities
Civil Servant - Driving Standards Agency – Regulation of Driving Standards
Nurse – NHS – Nutrition for Patients
Occupational Therapist – NHS – Major Trauma Response
Environment Officer – Environment Agency – Radioactive Substance responses
Molecular Biologist – Terence Higgins Trust – Chlamydia Screening/Sexual Health
Economic Development Officer – EMDA – Social Inclusion & Welfare programmes
Fundraiser Homelessness – Framework – Fundraising approaches

Financial Implications

11. The costs can be met from the Grant Aid Budget

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

12. The scholarship has now been in place for 64 years with the County Council being a key supporter for many of those years. This scholarship offers a great opportunity for a young professional to gain valuable experience of working life in the United States. Past Scholars have come from the Public, Private and Voluntary Sector. They have been able to draw comparisons, learn different and new ways of working and share that experience on return to Nottinghamshire. There is a great opportunity to promote the scholarship to NCC employees and the Community and Voluntary Sector.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

14. Members are asked to :-

- a) approve a contribution of £5,000 in 2013/14 and £5,000 in 2014/15.
- b) consider the most appropriate way to promote the scholarship and decide how the County Council can engage in the selection process.

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Constitutional Comments (NAB 18.06.13)

The Grant Aid Sub-committee has authority to approve the recommendation set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (SEM 25.06.13)

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All