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Resolve Mediation - Community Mediation Skills Training

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To: Parishcouncil <parishcouncil@southhinksey.org>

Dear Mr G Ferres

I am writing to you in your capacity as a representative of South Hinksey Parish Council. If you are not the right person to approach with this request I apologise and if you are aware of who would be appropriate please could you let us know or pass this request on directly.

I am one of the Trustees of Resolve, or to use our full name, Berkshire and Oxfordshire Mediation Service. We are a community mediation Charity, working for over 20 years to make our communities better and less stressful places in which to live, through helping to alleviate conflict and unreasonable and anti-social behaviour. Our core work comprises mediating in disputes between neighbours and between young people and their families, and we work at the coal face of some of the trickiest social problems in our area, often involving the disadvantaged and mentally ill.

The reason for approaching you is that we are planning to run a course in October to train selected people from our community to join our team of community mediators. When we have run these courses in the past we have charged participants so that we can cover the cost of the training. We are conscious though that this will naturally restrict who can participate. For the next course we would like to provide the opportunity to people who have the desire and aptitude to be a community mediator but who may not have the funding to pay for the training.

We are therefore approaching parishes across our region to see if they would consider funding a training place for someone from their area who would benefit from the training and the opportunities it would provide to use their new skills to benefit their local community.

For all those who successfully complete the training they have the opportunity to mediate cases with us. This is initially on a voluntary basis but once they have gained skills and experience they can progress to receiving payment for mediating cases.

The training comprises the initial 5 day Community Mediation Skills training and a follow on 2 day Advanced Mediation Skills course for those who wish to join the mediators team. The combined charge for the two courses is normally £940. As we are keen to promote wider community involvement we are proposing to reduce this to £800 for places funded by local parishes to train someone from their own parish. We are conscious that this could be a significant sum for many parishes so we are proposing an alternative which would require only £200 of funding, but would not guarantee that it is someone from your own parish that is trained. The funding proposal is described in more detail in appendix one.

In summary therefore we would be grateful if South Hinksey Parish Council would consider providing funding of either Option 1 £800 or Option 2 £200 for the mediation training taking place in October 2019.

I'd be grateful if you could confirm by 19th July 2019 to us at info@resolvemediation.com whether you would be able to provide this funding. If you require further information please don't hesitate to contact the Resolve office at the above email or on 0118 9597420.

Best regards

Marc Reid

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