

## **One World Centre Ethical Fundraising Policy**

As a small charitable organisation, the One World Centre is dependent on members' subscriptions, donations, grants and sponsorships to fund its work. Given a key principle of the One World Centre is to promote equality and address global injustice, we are keen to ensure that our sources of funding do not conflict with our fundamental aims.

The purpose of the Ethical Fundraising Policy is to guide us (especially the Director) to take appropriate decisions, balancing materiality and risk with the vital additional work new funding enables. As well as offering criteria for whom we should accept funds from, the policy applies to companies we may be invited to associate with in other ways – for example, our involvement in a festival sponsored by a company – although we would be pleased to engage in dialogue with such companies.

In the area of ethics, no single statement can cover all possibilities – but a policy should nevertheless give confidence to staff in handling sensitive relationships with the private sector. It is recognised that some subjectivity will be involved in applying any policy, and that difficult and/or sensitive decisions should be referred by the Director to the management committee.

We recognise that some companies positively share our ideals, and we would be most keen to actively seek funds and association from these.

### **What we accept funding for:**

- To further the work and aims of One World Centre and benefit any objectives, projects etc therein

Donations that are made with specific requirements are acceptable provided those requirements are reasonable, can be easily implemented and would not be onerous, detrimental or place One World Centre under any obligation, imply One World Centre recommendation or compromise One World Centre principles.

### **Unacceptable sources of funding**

We will not accept funding from a source directly conflicting with the aims and objectives of the One World Centre. Specifically these include where support is:

- known or suspected to be from the proceeds of crime
- from organisations that do not uphold basic human rights, or who are linked to the support of oppressive regimes or the arms industry
- from organisations whose core activity has a harmful impact on the environment and promotes the unsustainable use of natural resources
- from e-gaming companies or gained as a result of e-gaming or gambling.
- from organisations facilitating tax avoidance, for example:
  - corporate service providers
  - the 'Big Four' accountancy firms

### Donations from individuals

Where a donation from an individual exceeds £5,000, the One World Centre will seek assurances from the donor as to the source of funds to ensure it complies with the Ethical Fundraising Policy.

### Manx Lottery Trust

It is accepted that the One World Centre has benefited from funding for projects from the Manx Lottery Trust which is itself funded by the proceeds of lottery gambling. Future potential applications to the Trust should in the first instance be discussed with the One World Centre committee.

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