

One World Centre (Isle of Man) 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/Coordinator) to take appropriate decisions, balancing materiality and risk with the vital additional work new funding enables.

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 /Coordinator 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.

Exceptions to the above will only be made when the funding has come directly from the staff of such sources eg through dress down days, team charity collections etc.

Offers of non-financial support from these sources, perhaps by the One World Centre being invited to participate in an event or project where such support aligns with One World Centre aims and values, should be assessed as and when they occur, with reference to the One World Centre Management Committee where there is potential concern. We recognise it is important that, while we do not compromise our principles, we work positively wherever possible with local businesses and organisations to help make the world a fairer and more sustainable place for all.

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 Management Committee.