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## Your Project

*Please try to keep the project description brief (ideally up to 2 pages). At this stage we require outline project information only. We will contact you if we need more information.*

*Please contact Rebecca Watts (LW LPS manager) if you would like to discuss and develop your project idea: [rwatts@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:rwatts@wandsworth.gov.uk), 07500 073073.*

<b>Contact Person and Details:</b>	<b>Louis Blair</b>
<b>Name of Project:</b>	<b>Wandle Working Heritage</b>
<b>Aim of Project:</b>	Connecting Social Housing Residents in Wandsworth with Working Heritage of Wandle Valley
<b>Delivery Organisation(s):</b>	Communities First Charitable Foundation
<b>Timeframe of Project:</b>	Six Months

**Please provide a brief description of the project** (including why you want to do this project, who you think the main beneficiaries will be, location where the project will be based, any partners you are looking to involve etc.)

Our project would involve social housing residents from Henry Prince and Arndale Estates in Wandsworth in the working heritage of their stretch of the Wandle.

We have successfully been managing the Merton Working Heritage project funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund which has involved activities with residents on social housing residents at the historic industrial heart of the borough. Working with local primary schools and residents on Glebe Court, High Path, Sadlers Close, Watermeads, Phipps Bridge and Cherry Trees estates, we are developing a heritage walk, record oral histories, offer volunteering opportunities, run exhibitions and stage elders and youth workshops.

The heritage covered includes the history of working lives in the area, historic working buildings and the contribution of local people. Walk literature, signage and a permanent local exhibition will also be provided. We have partnered with Merton Priory Homes (MPH), the main social housing landlord in Merton. In addition to working with MPH, Living Wandle Landscape Partnership, Wandle Industrial Museum and the Merton Heritage and Local Studies Centre.

Key activities that are completed or underway are (Programmed Completion Date: April 2016)

- Organising Exhibitions on Housing Estates
- Recording Oral History Interviews
- Heritage Activities, Printing, Workshops and Heritage Walks with Local Primary Schools
- Elders Reminiscence Events
- Heritage Talks
- Youth Film Workshop
- Developing Heritage Walk, Route and Signage
- Volunteer Recruitment and Engagement

We believe there would be value in taking this successful model on a smaller scale on to established social housing estates adjacent to the Wandle in central Wandsworth and Earlsfield, in order to engage residents and community groups on the Arndale and Henry Prince Estates in the industrial heritage of their part of the Wandle.

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The northern stretch of the Wandle has significant industrial history through iron working, copper working, gunpowder making, leather working and oil pressing. The Wandle water was also used by the dyeing, bleaching and calico printing industries, and other industries were brewing, malting, distilling, chemicals and hatmaking. The Ram Brewery is also a significant heritage presence in Wandsworth having existed from 1576 until it was closed by Youngs in 2006.

Communities First are an established charitable foundation bringing our extensive experience of working with residents and community groups on social housing projects, in addition to our more recent engagement with the Wandle and its history. We believe that this experience will enable us to deliver a successful project which engages residents and the local community in an ongoing relationship with their river and its heritage. We are aware that social housing residents are frequently not directly engaged in local heritage activities, in part due to language, cultural, educational or financial barriers.

A key partner in the project would be the Resident Involvement Team in the Housing Department at the London Borough of Wandsworth. Communities First have worked with this team over a number of years on resident involvement projects, and would be able to secure their support for and engagement in a successful funding bid including “in kind” support to reduce the project budget. We would also work with Wandsworth Heritage Service and the Wandsworth Historical Society on accessing records and any legacy materials.

The project would be managed from our office in Tooting but activities would take place in Community Rooms on or near the estates, on the Wandle or in the identified local primary schools adjacent to the two estates. Key activities would be:

- Working Heritage Exhibitions on Henry Prince and Arndale Estates
- Recording of Oral History Interviews with Interested Residents
- Heritage Talks and Reminiscence Events on or near the estates
- Heritage Activities and Walks with St Anne’s and Earlsfield Primary Schools

Activities would be promoted by fliers and posters on Twitter and through a new project website [www.wandleworkingheritage.co.uk](http://www.wandleworkingheritage.co.uk) or adaptation to the existing [www.mertonworkingheritage.co.uk](http://www.mertonworkingheritage.co.uk) if considered appropriate by the funder. We would also actively engage with any residents groups on the two estates. A key project theme would also be the contribution of local people to the working heritage of the area including that of BAME residents. We would also promote activities in local libraries and through publications produced by Wandsworth’s Housing Department.

Through working with a broad range of the estate communities including elders, primary school children and BAME residents, we would aim to create an inter generational and cross cultural project that would enhance understanding, develop community links and enhance connections with the local area and its heritage.

Working with local residents we would offer to undertake Oral History interviews and collect heritage artefacts and photos, through this we would also aim to create a sense of ownership and shared experience at exhibitions and other events. Copies of completed oral history interviews and any relevant artefacts and photos would also be lodged with the Wandsworth Heritage Service at the end of the project.

Volunteering opportunities would be at the centre of the project, through assisting at events and local exhibitions, primary school walks, website and social media updates or at oral history interviews. At the end of the project, we will also signpost volunteers and residents towards ongoing volunteering opportunities with heritage activities and groups in the area, including Living Wandle and the Wandle Industrial Museum.

This is an outline proposal which we would be happy to amend as required to suit the specific aims of the fund and the legacy of the Living Wandle project.

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### Main Outputs

- Exhibitions on Henry Prince and Arndale Estates (4 in total)
- Heritage Talks and Reminiscence Events (2 no)
- Heritage Activities and Walks with St Anne’s Primary School(Wandsworth) and Earlsfield Primary School
- Recording of Oral History Interviews (estimate 8-10no)
- Copy interviews and heritage artefacts lodged with Wandsworth Heritage Service
- Development of permanent website with interview extracts, local heritage information, project information, heritage information and photographs
- End of Project Event and Report

### Expected Outcomes

- Increased knowledge of local heritage - Through promotion of events and outreach work on the estates and in local primary schools
- Improved community cohesion – Through opportunity to share memories and activities across different age groups and cultures.
- Greater Community Engagement - Increased volunteers and resident engagement with local heritage projects due to increased knowledge and signposting.

Main Costs	Amount	Notes
Staff Time	£ 3500	Project management, overheads and project delivery
Volunteer	£ 1500	Volunteer training, travel and expenses
VAT	Nil	
Contingency	£ 1000	Publicity , Refreshments, Printing & Website Development
<b>Total Cash Value:</b>		
Income/Budget	Amount	Notes
Match Funding anticipated (cash)	£ 1000	Not incl in kind match funding of free meeting rooms & publicity from Wandsworth BC
Living Wandle contribution (HLF cash)	£ 5000	
<b>Total Income:</b>	£ 6000	

  

Any Volunteer Value to be achieved?	Amount	Notes
Volunteer Value (please see p9 of the <a href="#">HLF guidance</a> )	£ 6000	Estimate 40 Days in Total

Thank you for your interest in the HLF Living Wandle Landscape Partnership Scheme.

More information about the programme can be found at:

[www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/the-living-wandle-partnership](http://www.wandlevalleypark.co.uk/the-living-wandle-partnership)

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