

## ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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<b>COMMITTEE</b>	Finance, Policy and Resources
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<b>DIRECTOR</b>	Angela Scott
<b>TITLE OF REPORT</b>	Small Financial Assistance Grants – 2013/14
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### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to present applications for financial assistance which have recently been received and to allow Elected Members to make a decision on providing funding from the financial assistance budget.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- i) agree to award the following grant:
  - Friends of Anchor - £1,000
- ii) agree that no further funding be awarded to:-
  - Anglo-Japan Collaboration – All Together Better Health ConferenceHowever, to approve that the balance of £425 unspent from the previous grant be retained for use towards this years conference.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There is a sum of £55,770 included in the 2013/14 Council Revenue Budget.

The amount committed from this budget prior to this committee is £28,475, leaving £27,295 remaining. If the above recommendations were to be approved the amount committed would be £29,475, leaving £26,295 remaining.

### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

The award of grants and financial assistance provide benefits to the City of Aberdeen and its citizens.

### 5. BACKGROUND

At the meeting of 25 April 2013 the Committee approved a revised set of assessment criteria for the awarding of small financial assistance grants.

These were as follows:

Small Financial Assistance Grants – Assessment Criteria	
a)	An application will only be considered where there is no established Council funding budget alternative;
b)	An application can be submitted by an individual, group or organisation for a clear and specific purpose and must include relevant background information and financial circumstances;
c)	If funding is being provided to the applicant from another Council budget the application will not be considered;
d)	Funding, where awarded, will not be available in the subsequent year from this budget;
e)	Funding, where awarded, will not exceed £2,500;
f)	Applications from individuals seeking sponsorship, for taking part in fundraising events abroad or for placements with charitable organisations or trusts in developing countries, will be declined;
g)	Applications from individuals, groups or organisations seeking assistance towards costs of excursions outwith the City will not be supported;
h)	Applications from national organisations will not be supported unless there is some clear and measurable local benefit;
i)	Applications in relation to health related matters, which are seen as the clear responsibility of the health authorities, will not be supported;
j)	Costs associated with hiring the Beach Ballroom either in whole or in part, can be considered, for fund-raising events and gatherings;
k)	An award of financial assistance will only be considered where budget remains available.

**In the past the Committee has, where it's deemed it appropriate, approved funding that has not been in line with the assessment criteria however the applications received have been assessed on the basis of the criteria.**

**Applications:**

5.1 Friends of ANCHOR – (Further information at Appendix A)

An application has been received from the Friends of ANCHOR requesting that consideration be given to permitting the Beach Ballroom to waive their room hire fee for the Courage on the Catwalk 2014 event on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

Rather than the fee being waived this application has been considered under the assessment criteria above for small financial assistance grants.

It is recommended that funding of £1,000 be awarded.

5.2 Anglo-Japan inter-professional education collaboration in medical research and public health practice – (Further information at Appendix B)

A request has been received from Dr Morag McFadyen, Lecturer in Biomedical Sciences at Robert Gordon University for further funding to allow her and three colleagues to present their findings on the above project to the All Together Better Health VII (ABTH VII) conference in Pittsburgh, USA on 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

Funding of £2,000 was approved by this Committee in October 2012 towards the costs of attendance at the All Together Better Health VI conference in Kobe, Japan in October 2012. It should be noted from the letter at Appendix B that £425 of this funding remains unspent.

In terms of assessment criteria d) and g) above, this application would not be supported and therefore it is recommended that no further funding is awarded. However, it is further recommended that the £425 remaining from the previous funding can be retained and used towards the costs of this latest conference.

**6. IMPACT**

The City Council will, within financial constraints, seek to support external organisations and partnerships within the City. All applicants will be given equal consideration within the general criteria for the disbursement of grants and donations from the budgets.

**7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

**8. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS**

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17 January 2014

Dear *George* -

**COURAGE ON THE CATWALK 2014**

Following the success of last year, Friends of ANCHOR will once again be hosting 'Courage on the Catwalk' at the Beach Ballroom. This year, the event is being held on Mothering Sunday, 30th March. The two shows will feature a new group of women from the North-east whose lives have been directly affected by cancer. The event will celebrate the beauty and bravery of these inspirational ladies as well as raising much-needed funds for our local cancer care facility, the ANCHOR Unit at ARI.

Since 1997, Friends of ANCHOR has helped to transform the North-east cancer and haematology service making the ANCHOR Unit the reputable and impressive NHS facility that it is today. As a result of the support and generosity shown by individuals and businesses, the charity has invested millions into our local cancer service making a significant impact on improved treatments, earlier diagnosis detection, speedier recovery times and more specialised support.

Every penny raised from Courage on the Catwalk will go directly to helping cancer and haematology patients in our region as all of the charity's running and administration costs are fully covered by Balmoral Group. In order to ultimately maximise the funds raised from our event, we write to ask if you would consider giving the Beach Ballroom permission to waive the room hire fee for the 30<sup>th</sup> March?

In return, we'd be happy to acknowledge your generous contribution to this incredibly special event on the Courage on the Catwalk website as well as in the event programme which will be distributed among both audiences totalling over 1,200 people. We would also be delighted if you could personally attend the event again as a guest of myself and the committee at Friends of ANCHOR?

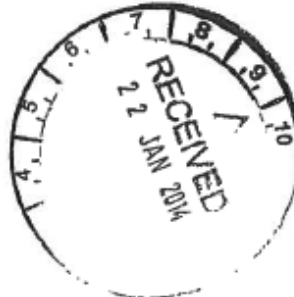
If indeed this is something you could help facilitate it would be greatly appreciated.

Warmest regards

*James S. Milne*  
James S. Milne DL CBE DBA (Hon) Chairman, Friends of ANCHOR  
cc. The Friends of ANCHOR fundraising team

Friends of ANCHOR supports the ANCHOR unit (Aberdeen & North Centre for Haematology, Oncology & Radiotherapy) at Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and cancer research at the University of Aberdeen.

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**Re: Anglo-Japan inter-professional education collaboration in medical research and public health practice.**

Dear Mr Young,

I am writing to request further funding from Aberdeen Council for myself (Dr Morag McFadyen) and my colleagues Dr Sundari Joseph, Dr Lesley Diack and Mrs Jenni Haxton to allow us to present the findings of our Anglo-Japan project on inter-professional education collaboration in medical research and public health practice at the All Together Better Health VII (ABTH VII) conference in Pittsburgh USA 6-8th June 2014.

Funding will provide the opportunity to assist in the further development of our existing collaborative exchanges between the two universities in Aberdeen, namely Robert Gordon University and University of Aberdeen and in Japan the Universities of Nagoya and Sendai.

The further development of these collaborations in interprofessional education will integrate with existing IPE initiatives collaborating with the Centre for the Advancement of Interprofessional Education (CAIPE) and the Japanese Association for Interprofessional Education (JAIPE). Together we aim to foster shared educational goals; standards for undergraduate health and social care courses and influence policy and innovative strategies for change.

Following, our extremely successful attendance at the All Together Better Health conference VI (ABTH VI) in Kobe Japan October 2012 funded in part by Aberdeen council. We successfully presented the following five papers on interprofessional education themes.

1. Diversity in Interprofessional Education: Disciplines and Topics, Round Table presentation, lead Dr. Sundari Joseph
2. Interprofessional Basic Life Support, Oral Poster, lead Dr. Morag McFadyen
3. The Arts and Humanities in Interprofessional Education, Round Table presentation, lead Dr. Sundari Joseph
4. Using online communities to developing IPE in practice, Oral Poster, lead Dr. Lesley Diack
5. Interprofessional Education in Practice, Oral Presentation, lead Mrs. Jenni Haxton, practice Education Facilitator NHS Grampian.

This funding assisted three of our group Dr McFadyen, Dr Diack and Mrs Haxton to attend the conference in Japan. It was clear from the outset that our presentations complemented the conference theme of diversity and quality. As we had so many presentations we became well known

amongst the delegates and there were many opportunities for ad hoc informal networking outwith the main presentations. We received much praise for the range and quality of projects, demonstrating that Aberdeen has contributed to the wealth of international expertise in IPE.

After discussions with our Japanese colleagues we were successful in obtaining funding (£5,000) from the Sasakawa foundation of Great Britain <http://www.gbsf.org.uk/> to promote Anglo-Japanese educational exchange. The initial phase of the project involved Dr Joseph and Mrs Haxton travelling to Nagoya University in December 2013.

Through this project working partnerships have been established between the Aberdeen Universities (RGU and UoA) and Nagoya and Sendai universities in relation to interprofessional education. The first phase of the project was titled 'Playing games in IPE: A Japanese and Scottish experience.'

While there Dr Joseph and Mrs Haxton evaluated a Japanese version of a board game, iPEG that was originally designed in Aberdeen by Dr Joseph and Dr Heather Kirk (formerly at UoA). iPEG is based on the premise of Monopoly and aims to educate students from different health and social care disciplines about professional roles and responsibilities. They also presented to students and staff as well as members of the IPE network from universities across Japan.

We now have sufficient data from the Aberdeen students' experiences of iPEG and the non-participant observations and focus groups in Nagoya to proceed with a further funding application to the Sasakawa Foundation. The emphasis for the next phase will take cognisance of the World Health Organisation's Diabetes focus for 2014.

Please find details of the project team members below.

Dr. Sundari Joseph (project lead), Lecturer in Interprofessional Education, Robert Gordon University and University of Aberdeen UK.  
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Dr. Keiko Abe, Assistant Professor, Department of Education for Community-Oriented Medicine Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine, Japan.  
E mail:

Dr. Hyun-Jeong Park, Associate Professor, Faculty of Sport Science, Health and Welfare Science, Sendai University, Miyagi-ken 989-1693 Japan.  
E mail:

Dr. Lesley Diack, Senior Lecturer E learning, School of Pharmacy and Life Sciences, Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen, UK. E mail:

Mrs. Jenni Haxton, Practice Education Facilitator (Ambulatory Care), Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen, UK. E mail:

Dr. Morag McFadyen MPharm admissions tutor Lecturer in Biomedical Sciences, School of Pharmacy and Life Sciences, Robert Gordon University, UK E Mail:

Dr Mina Suematsu, Assistant Professor, Specialist of Japanese Diabetes Society Department of Education of Community-Oriented Medicine, 65 Tsurumai-cho, Showa-ku, Nagoya, 466-8560, Japan

Dr.Hiroki Yasui, Associate Professor Dept of Education for Community-Oriented medicine, Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine 65 Tsurumai-cho, Showa-ku, Nagoya, 466-8560, Japan

Dr Suematsu and Yasui were hosts on our recent trip to Japan and we feel their inclusion on the team will more accurately reflect the collaborative nature of the project.

Currently, we have received combined assistance of £1500 from Robert Gordon University and the University of Aberdeen towards costs. In addition we have £425 remaining from the initial funding of £2,000 from Aberdeen Council in July 2012.

We anticipate the flight and accommodation costs to be £1200 per team member with a further £400 per member for registration costs. Therefore, approximate costs of £6,400 for the project team.

A contribution towards conference and travel costs from the Aberdeen council would be most welcome.

The conference website is here for further information  
<http://www.atbh7.pitt.edu/>

The Aberdeen Interprofessional Health & Social Care Education website is here for further information <http://www2.rgu.ac.uk/ipe/>

With best wishes,  
Your sincerely,

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