



The Keswick Hall Trust

Statement of Funding Criteria

The Keswick Hall Trust was formed in 1981 to administer funds available following the incorporation of the former Keswick Hall College of Education within the University of East Anglia, Norwich. The Trust makes personal grants to support the education and training of Religious Education teachers and corporate grants to support the teaching of Religious Education and to support research and development in Religious Education.

The Trust will consider each application on its individual merits. However, if there is a heavy demand on available grant budgets then priority may be given to applications and projects from the local dioceses of Ely, Norwich and St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. Retrospective applications **will not be considered**.

The formal objective of the Charity is the advancement of higher and further education and the Trustees are required to have regard to:

- the advancement of education in accordance with the doctrines of the Church of England, and
- the needs of students undergoing training as teachers.

It will be helpful to those considering applying for grants to know that the Trustees' policy is to use their funds in the following ways:

- activities in which the Trustees themselves take the initiative - these have highest priority;
- support for the activities of institutions or organisations concerned with Religious Education (excluding costs of pupils' books and other teaching resources normally met by Local Authorities and Governing Bodies);
- provision of books and other materials, for Resources Centres, for use by teachers and other adults engaged in Religious Education;
- support for individuals taking courses in Religious Education (e.g. the supplementation of student awards in cases of need; grants to those for whom mandatory or discretionary grants are not available);
- general theological study will not be considered for grant support;
- research projects in Religious Education,
- support for the cost of the distance learning programme 'About Religions' [but not for the books]

The Trust does **not** make grants for buildings, courses in pastoral work or courses which are purely for personal interest.

Budgets are set by the Trust annually for grants and these cannot be exceeded.

Grant applications will only be considered annually at a series of meetings of the Grants Committee that take place in the latter part of June each year. Applications must be received by 31st May for the academic year starting in the September.

For example:

May 31st 2011 Final date for receipt of applications for the academic year commencing 1st September 2011

June 2011 Grant applications considered by the Grants Committee, a decision made and applicants advised accordingly.

Applications are only acceptable by ONLINE application at the Trust website (www.keswickhalltrust.org.uk). Paper applications will no longer be acceptable. References where applicable will be requested following receipt of the application but the committee will not consider applications where references have not been received by the date of the June meetings.

Candidates wishing to apply for a grant towards the cost of the Keswick Hall Trust Distance Learning Programme 'About Religions' should apply in advance of registering for the course and do not need to wait for the May 31st deadline date to submit their ONLINE applications.

Preliminary approaches for advice about applications are welcomed – email admin@keswickhalltrust.org.uk.

Teachers should seek at least some financial support from their school Governing Bodies and include the response when completing Section 15 of the personal grant application form.

Applicants for Corporate grants should be aware that the Trust has set a maximum level of grant at £10,000 and would anticipate as a general rule making awards for amounts significantly less than the maximum

Simon Pettitt Memorial Scholarship

Bids are invited for a scholarship grant or bursary for the Keswick Hall Trust Simon Pettitt Memorial Scholarship.

This award has been established in memory of the late Revd Canon Simon Pettitt, a former long-serving trustee (including, for many years, Chairman of the Trust). It seeks to incorporate the spirit and practice of Simon's particular passions and interests: of the Church, Christian faith and RE, and of sport, theatre and cooking.

- **Eligibility:** nationally – RE under- or post-graduates; RE teacher-trainers or tutors; clergy or chaplains directly involved in RE; serving teachers and support staff in all schools and phases [or associated educational establishments].
- **Duration:** one year maximum (40 weeks pro rata – see below).
- **Amount:** up to an equivalent of one day's teaching supply cover per week, term-time only (or, for support staff, approx £200 per day) – though total maximum available = £10,000.
- **Timing:** Days may be taken either on basis of one day a week release across academic year or in full weeks for one full term (within financial limit above). Individual days may be clustered together at certain times in year if that proves more convenient and workable. Please make clear in your application which basis you think you are likely to need and prefer. Applicants will of course need the approval of their establishment's or organisation's management.
- **The bid** should be submitted by ONLINE application at the Trust website (www.keswickhalltrust.org.uk) using the Personal Application Process [purpose of award is 'other'] – paper bids will **NOT** be considered. It will be

considered and decided by the KHT grants' committee. That committee's decision is final. There is only one such award available per year. In the event of there being more than one bid, KHT regrets the disappointment which may result for those whose bid is unsuccessful. But the bid may still be held over by KHT and considered for the following year. Applicants will be contacted to ask if they wish their bid to be still considered.

- **Content: Bids should be centred on incorporating proposals for linking creativity with Religious Education in innovative and exciting ways. Proposals should include those particular aspects referred to above which link to the late Canon Pettitt.**
- Those whose bids are successful will produce a report for the trustees at the end of their project or scholarship, which may be published in KHT's name. They will be encouraged to include an event linked to their proposal during their period of scholarship.
- Supervision and support will be provided by an RE Adviser from one of the three KHT Dioceses on a basis and at intervals negotiated between the Pettitt Memorial Scholar and the adviser.

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