

PROJECT INFORMATION FORM (PIF)

Scheme Title	Hillfields Objective 2 Action Plan
Departmental Responsibility	City Development Directorate
Project Title	Interpreters Development Project
Project Applicant	Coventry Refugee Centre

Project Description

The project will set up a new company, as a "trading arm" of the Coventry Refugee Centre. The new company will recruit a full time Co-ordinator and part-time Administrative Assistant to identify, train and employ interpreters to support a range of languages used by refugee communities. The company will provide a sustainable vehicle for employment of interpreters of a variety of languages, providing an interpretation service on a flexible basis to voluntary and statutory agencies where the existing services cannot currently provide translation, or where demand outstrips supply.

This project will complement the other two Objective 2 projects which both require interpreting and translation services which CRC will require to make the projects a success.

The funding will provide the start-up costs for a new non-profit company, 2 new jobs, training and a number of sessional work positions for refugees. It will also provide a local pool of qualified interpreters covering the languages that are at present among the most difficult to access for organisations dealing with refugee communities.

The new company will provide a mechanism by which new demands for interpretation for future refugee communities arriving in the city can be supported, through the ongoing identification, recruitment and training of interpreters in newly demanded languages.

Project Delivery – Management and Partners

Partnership with Foleshill Women's Training, to ensure complementary services are developed. The Board of Directors of the new company will also include representatives from the refugee community, staff and client representatives (e.g. housing associations, voluntary agencies).

The Coventry Refugee Centre's role as ESOL co-ordinator for refugees entails partnership working with the colleges and community education. The Centre has worked with the police on various safety initiatives such as Car Sense and with the Health Service around both physical and mental health for refugees. The Centre has worked in schools with Minority Group Support Service and with Area Co-ordination on a range of issues particularly through the Asylum Seekers Forum.

Coventry Refugee Centre has a substantial track record in managing external funding effectively.

Funding Details	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	Lifetime Total
Action Plan Grant		£30,000	£30,000	£30,000				£87,500
Public Sector								
Private Sector								
Voluntary Sector			£25,480	£101,920	£101,920	£112,112	£112,112	£453,544
Total		£30,000	£55,480	£131,920	£101,920	£112,112	£112,112	£541,044

Match is coming from Coventry Refugee Centre's own unrestricted funds

Outputs

Forecast Outputs

Achievement Date

New Business Start-up	1	31/12/03
New Jobs	4.5	31/12/04