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MARGARET HARRISON TRAVEL BURSARY

GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

The Margaret Harrison Travel Bursary is an exciting opportunity for national and local Home-Starts across the world to travel and see first-hand some of the amazing and creative family support and early years initiatives that are taking place both in Home-Starts around the world and also in the wider public, private or third sectors. The bursary could be used to visit another Home-Start somewhere in the world or to undertake a study visit to see a family support initiative run by another organisation in action. It is available to all national and local Home-Starts. Bursaries can be awarded to members of staff, trustees and volunteers until the total collection of £4,500 is fully allocated. The maximum allocation for each bursary is £2,000 on a one-off basis. There is no minimum limit for funding.

It was Margaret's wish that, at a memorial event to celebrate her life, a collection should be taken in aid of a travel bursary enabling a national or local Home-Start, either in the UK or elsewhere, to learn new ideas taking place in one or more other communities.

The bursary will enable you to learn and get a first-hand experience of one or more initiatives of interest and relevance to your organisation. This opportunity is intended to inspire you to take back what you have learnt and implement it in your organisation and beyond. It may also extend your links with the country/person/organisation you visit.

Margaret was a strong believer in sharing best practice and it helped her spread Home-Start from Leicester to other locations. Whether you are planning to share your learning through short films, photo stories, blogs, Tweets or Facebook posts or a mix of these is up to you. We would like to hear how *you* would share your learning with other Home-Starts, so that they can benefit from your findings. This will inspire new developments in the network. We will also ask you to submit a report and complete an evaluation survey at the end of your visit.

If you are interested in visiting a local or national Home-Start, or any other charity or public/private body, and you wish your visit to be funded either in full or in part, please fill in the application form and email it to travelbursary@home-start.org.uk, with a recommendation letter signed by your scheme manager (or by a Trustee if the applicant is the scheme manager) and a confirmation letter of willingness to host signed by the proposed hosting organisation, by 30 June 2017.

Applications will be shortlisted in July 2017. We expect to be able to inform applicants whether they have been successful or not in August 2017. Visits should be completed by 30 September 2018.

If you have any queries, please email: travelbursary@home-start.org.uk.