

**AREA COMMITTEE FUNDING APPLICATION 2014/15
DETAILS OF APPLICATION**

Area Committee:	Finchley & Golders Green (made as a joint application to the Hendon Area Committee but to be considered by Finchley & Golders Green)	
Applicant/organisation:	Migdal Emunah	
Member sponsor:	Cllr Melvin Cohen	
Amount applied for:	£8,680	
Total cost of project:	£8,680	
What is the project?		
<p>According to National Statistics, 1 in 3 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually molested before the age of 17 (2012). These figures are harsh and suggest that 34% of the UK population were victimised at some point in their lives. This demonstrates the desperate need for greater awareness and education to aid prevention and end child abuse.</p> <p>The long term strategy of better education and increased awareness to reduce the number of cases arising is also a focus being worked on by the charity. We are working closely with the NSPCC to create a bespoke educational programme for Jewish community schools that suggests the use of shared appropriate language and personal safety to empower children and their families with the knowledge to keep safe. With the creation of this child safety program that will be introduced to all school staff, parents and children, with age appropriate information, this provides the ability for families to have correct discussions of personal safety as well as a preventative measure.</p> <p>This program will be tailored to fit the need of the school including religious beliefs as well as age appropriate information. It will take place across all Jewish schools in Barnet.</p>		
How will it benefit the local area?		
<p>Barnet is the second most religiously diverse borough in the country and home to the largest Jewish community in the country. In the last census 15 per cent of people described their faith as Jewish. We aim to encourage meaningful and sustainable relationships between the Jewish community and their local area. It is imperative that there are open dialogues amongst all services, both for the prevention of further child abuse but also to ensure a safe, effective, and appropriate system is in place when abuse is disclosed.</p>		
Which corporate priority does it meet?		
To maintain a well-designed, attractive and accessible place, with sustainable infrastructure across the borough.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To maintain the right environment for a strong and diverse local economy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To create better life chances for children and young people across the borough.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS, so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
To promote a healthy, active, independent and informed over 55 population in the borough to encourage and support our residents to age well.	<input type="checkbox"/>	
To promote family and community well-being and encourage engaged, cohesive and safe communities.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

How does it meet that priority?	
<p>The educational strategy and programme to be developed and implemented by Migdal Emunah will serve to enhance and encourage a number of priorities of the Council's Corporate Plan, through the undertaking of our projects.</p> <p>Most notably the enhanced education in the specific area of sexual abuse will create an enhanced chance for a better life for children and young people in the borough from the target communities, where education in the subject is currently limited and under-provided. By affording them the opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding, it is anticipated that greater knowledge and understanding of both the subject and how to act when faced with situations, there will be a generation of children equipped with the skills to combat sexual abuse far greater than present.</p> <p>In conjunction with the educational benefits derived, our educational project aims to promote family and community wellbeing for those participating through a more engaged cohesive and safer community who are; aware of sexual abuse; educated in how to combat and deal with it, as well as facing the subject as a family and moving forwards together. This is especially important in the target communities where it is encouraged to face these situations and deal with them together as a community. At present education is limited in how to tackle this problem together positively as a community for the benefit of victims, families and those affected by both the acts themselves and moving forwards.</p> <p>Our project intends to equip the community with the knowledge to deal with sexual abuse, but to also create and sustain a strong partnership with the local NHS. This is so that families and individuals can maintain and improve their physical and mental health through utilising services available to them in dealing with abuse, whether a victim, connected person, or affected by it, and ensuring they can lead a full and healthy life in light of sexual abuse.</p>	
Other relevant comments or information from the application:	
N/A	
SAFEGUARDING	
Are there any safeguarding issues? Have they been addressed satisfactorily?	
Yes – working with children and young people.	
A comprehensive safeguarding policy and procedure has been provided.	
EQUALITIES	
Are there any equality issues associated with the project?	
This project addresses an identified need for culturally specific education about safeguarding for Jewish children and young people.	
DUE DILIGENCE	
Does the application pass due diligence tests and fulfil all the criteria for funding?	
Passed – project can be considered by Committee:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Not yet confirmed – some issues with application/additional information needed:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not passed – project should not be considered by Committee:	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:	
Members should note that this project appears to be borough-wide and that the Area Committees may not be the most appropriate funding route for this application.	

Date: 19 December 2014