**RSVP Fund:**

***Rewarding & Supporting Volunteer Participation***

**Last Chance to Apply!**

Lesley O’Connell was Mayor of Sutton in 1991 and again in 2005-2006 and she served as a councillor for 20 years after first being elected in 1986. During her second term as Mayor she used the money she raised through fundraising events to set up the RSVP Fund which has been awarding grants of up to £200 to voluntary and community sector organisations to support good practice in volunteer management and to support, reward or celebrate individuals or groups of volunteers.

Sadly, Lesley died recently after a period of ill health. Those who knew her will remember her optimism, sense of humour and her generous support for others. With this in mind, the remaining RSVP Panel members are seeking applications to the Fund which will be wound down in the coming months.

**The Fund’s objectives**

* To encourage and support voluntary and community sector groups.
* To promote volunteering as the key factor in community well-being.

**Who can apply?**

The fund is available to voluntary and community sector organisations in Sutton.

Previous grants have included funding for training, equipment or for celebrating and saying thank you to an organisations volunteers.

**Under the Fund’s Terms of Reference, the following applications will not be supported:**

* Where a statutory agency would normally cover the cost.
* Political parties lobbying and campaigning.
* Promotion of religion.
* Salary costs.
* Where, in the view of the panel, there is already adequate provision.

**How to apply**

Complete the application form on page 2 of this document and either:

* email to YvonneMcPhee@vcsutton.org.uk, or
* post it to [Volunteer Centre Sutton, 31 West Street, Sutton, SM1 1SJ](https://goo.gl/maps/ulZiy)

**RSVP Fund Application Form (Max. £200)**

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1) Name of organisation:

2) Address:

3) Telephone number:

4) E-mail address:

6) Charity number:

7) Date when organisation was established:

8) Total number of volunteers: Total number of Sutton volunteers:

9) Total number of service users: Total number of Sutton service users:

10) Type of service users:

11) Borough/s in which service is delivered:

12) How did you hear about the Fund?

13) Please indicate the payee to whom the cheque should be made or bank details for BACS payment if you are successful in your application:

14) Date of application:

15) **Please give brief details about your organisation and indicate what the grant is for and how much is required:**