

**Name of District/Circuit: Sheffield District, Doncaster Circuit****Name of Project: NPNP Rossington** (local outward facing name(s) TBC once pioneer is in place)

Forming new Christian communit(ies) in Rossington - ex mining village with areas of deprivation, but also with good motorway links and new housing. Initial focus will be on youth, mindfulness/mental health and new housing, potentially with some more specifically Church at the Margins aspects to be developed later. A half time Community Pioneer will be recruited to lead the project.

**Amount requested: £20,000**

Funds will be awarded to districts/projects that meet the following criteria.		
Criteria	Criteria met/unmet	Comments
1. Prior experience of <i>planting churches, innovation</i> in existing churches or <i>starting fresh expressions</i> , or of work with <i>marginalised communities</i>	Fully Met	Two team members resident in the community have practical experience of fresh expressions, and have undertaken Cliff College MAs with Fresh Expressions focus
2. Be a <i>new</i> community, not a relaunch of an established church/existing project.	Fully Met	Previous Methodist congregation in the village ceased to meet and building sold in 2019.
3. Be focused on <i>intentional</i> evangelism and discipleship.	Fully Met	Clear commitment from steering group and circuit meeting to making new disciples through this work
4. Substantial <i>contextual discernment</i> about community needs and local church/circuit resources. <i>Church at the Margins</i> – people with ‘lived experience’ from the community involved in design and development	Fully Met	Local needs have been discerned over time, including conversations with key community members. Three members of the steering group are resident in the village.
5. Have plans in place for how the project will <i>inspire</i> other circuits/churches	<i>Mostly Met</i>	District has a strategy for sharing stories from new Christian communities. Opportunities to inspire similar work within the circuit is contingent on impact of new superintendent and circuit administration team.
6. Meet Connexional policies for <i>safeguarding</i> and <i>EDI</i> .	Safeguarding – Fully met EDI – Partly met Overall – Mostly Met	DSO directly involved in drafting policy and will be member of steering group. EDI – bespoke policy not in place, but commitment to develop with district EDI officer in the coming months.
7. Have DPC and senior district leaders’ <i>ownership</i>	<b>TBC</b> , but expected to be Fully Met	<b>Support (incl financial commitment) to be confirmed at District Leading Team meeting on 11 May, but expected to be endorsed.</b> Strong support from March circuit meeting, project voted on and approved, albeit with some nervousness from some CLT members.

8. Have a fully costed <i>budget</i> .	Fully Met	Detailed, district/E&G contributions consistent with district policy.
9. Have clear and realistic <i>outcomes or fruit</i> emphasising missional culture change.	Fully Met	Clear areas of initial focus and indication of how these are expected to develop over the first two years, but with capacity to respond to changing circumstances.
10. Have a <i>biannual review process</i>	<i>Partly Met, tbc</i>	Full reviews planned after two and four years Submission references progress expected at 6 and 12 months, which will be used as the basis for the first interim reviews.

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**Overall: Mostly Met**