



Joint Western Arun Area Committee Community Initiative Fund application



CLC Reference: 349/JWAAC

Local Councillor: Ashvin Patel

Status: Fundraising Stage - overfunding enabled (refer to 'what we'll deliver' section)

Project Cost: £13,804.00 (as found under crowdfunding goal total)

Project Title: Radio Respect CIC on FM

About:

Radio Respect would like to update our studio equipment and apply for a community FM licence. Radio Respect only broadcasts online currently, this means only people with the internet and internet devices can listen to us. We would like to update our studio equipment and apply for a community FM broadcast licence. This will enable us to broadcast to people on a lower income, and even the homeless as we can provide small battery powered FM radios to them! We want to reach everyone in our community that suffers with mental health problems regardless of status.

Project Delivery Manager: Radio Respect CIC

About me:

Radio Respect is a radio station based in Bognor Regis dedicated to mental health matters. We also have a vinyl record shop which sells donated vinyl, cassette tapes, CD's, DVD's and audio/visual equipment, the shop helps support the costs of running the radio station. Both the station and the shop are run by volunteers, and we all suffer from mental and support each other. It really is a unique place and safe place! We have various shows that talk about mental health, give advice and promote other

community organisations. We also have phone-ins and interviews. We take referrals from The Bedale Centre, Chichester Care Centre and just recently Radio Respect has partnered up with the job centre in Bognor Regis. Their clients can volunteer in our shop and studio and can even have their own show. This reduces isolation and we can give support with their mental health problems. We can also provide work experience and references.

Website: <http://radiorespect.org.uk>

Why we're pitching for a pledge:

We can do so much for the community and mental health beyond what we are currently doing, the project will only continue to grow with funds.

What we'll deliver:

- To provide a radio station on FM dedicated to Mental Health Matters
- To include the community in running the radio station
- To work with other agencies dedicated to mental health and wellbeing

How any extra funds raised from overfunding will be spent:

- Moving our shop to the town centre making it more accessible to people who need advice

Why it's a great idea:

Mental health isn't 9-5. A lot of organisations are closed over night and on bank holidays. Often there are long waiting lists for people accessing help from the NHS. We can provide much needed support when those doors are closed. We have no waiting lists if people need someone to talk to. All of our volunteers suffer with mental health issues and are in the perfect position to provide peer support. People in need of help and advice would easily be able to access the radio shows at any time of day.

Steps to get it done:

- To obtain an FM licence and start broadcasting on FM
- To update studio equipment
- To offer advertising packages to local businesses

Other charities and CIC's in the area can use our radio station as a platform to advertise their cause. They can have 'shout outs' on our shows, be interviewed live on air or even have their own show.