# **GREEN SPACES FUND**

# VOLUNTEER PANELLIST APPLICATION FORM

Greater Manchester Environment Fund (GMEF) have been managing the Green Spaces Fund since its launch in June 2022. Round 1 applications proved that the Green Spaces Fund is in demand, and we selected 21 excellent projects out of 71 applications received. Our work promoting Round 2 is already indicating that we are likely to receive 200 applications and we have doubled the funding available. However, we are very aware that as there will be more applications than funding available, we will need to make some tough decisions and ensure that those selected have been chosen fairly.

GMEF are looking to recruit volunteers to participate in an assessment and scoring process of applications to the Greater Manchester Green Spaces Fund. GMEF are now seeking potential panellists from the community to work and learn alongside professional panellists in the assessment and scoring of applications from grassroots and charitable organisations from all 10 boroughs of Greater Manchester.

We are seeking people from groups or organisations with experience of delivering environmental projects and supporting community activity and have a basic awareness of the Green Spaces Fund objectives. In order to assess all of the applications we are seeking a further 10 panellists who will be paired with our existing panellists. We have set up this simple application process to find out if you might be interested in this opportunity. If there are more people interested than needed, we will select those that have the most experience of environmental and community projects. Those selected will be asked to sign a Conflict-of-Interest Declaration to ensure applications are scored fairly.

GMEF will meet with all current and successful volunteer panellists on Teams/Zoom w/c 09.01.23 – between Monday and Friday at a time to suit the majority to welcome you to GMEF and discuss the process. We will provide training and support to help you with the process. The next round of applications is due 27.01.23 and we are therefore looking for volunteer panellists to participate in the exercise between 13.02.23 to 03.03.23 (3 weeks). This can be undertaken in your own time and from our experience, it has taken 15 minutes to assess each application.

Your scoring will be received by 03.03.2023 and reviewed from which those scoring the highest will be presented at a panellist meeting around 17.03.23 on Teams/Zoom with a discussion to agree the application we all support for GMET (Trust) Board Approval.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please complete the simple application form below and return it to [rlindsay@lancswt.org.uk](mailto:rlindsay@lancswt.org.uk) before 15.12.22. I aim to respond to you on 16.12.22

Many thanks

**Rachel Lindsay**

**GMEF Grants Officer**

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ORGANISATION – IF APPLICABLE: ………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..

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Please can you tell us why you would like to become a volunteer panellist? ……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………..