



## Triratna Growth Fund 2016

*Encouraging the growth of the  
Triratna Buddhist Community*

The purpose of the Growth Fund is to encourage the growth of the Triratna Community, where 'growth' is defined as ***an increase in the numbers of people coming to Triratna to learn basic meditation and Dharma.***

In 2016 we have a total of around £6418 available and we envisage this being given in relatively small amounts of up to £1000 each to Triratna projects around the world, excluding India (Karuna have a separate fund for new Dhamma projects in India). Recommendations for which projects to fund will be made by the Growth Fund Committee (Amalavajra, Nandavajra, Prajnaketu and Munisha) with the final decisions made by the European Chairs' Executive by the summer. The money should be available for distribution soon after that.

The criteria for the Fund and more guidance on submitting applications can be found below or by contacting Mokshini.

**The closing date is 9 May 2016**

We look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to contact me on [mokshini@triratnadevelopment.org](mailto:mokshini@triratnadevelopment.org) or phone (07919848146) if you have any questions.

Yours in the Dharma,

Mokshini, for the Growth Fund Committee  
(Amalavajra, Mokshini, Nandavajra, Prajnaketu and Munisha)

### **Criteria for application to the Growth Fund**

1. Grants are to encourage growth (*defined as an increase in the numbers of people coming to us to learn basic meditation and Dharma*)
2. For the purpose of the Growth Fund, the following categories of projects will be consider:
  - a. *existing centres 'giving birth' to new groups and centres in their area*
  - b. *small centres and groups developing existing activities*
  - c. *'outlying' people starting activities where they live*
  - d. *pioneers going to brand new places*
  - e. *growth via the internet*
3. Projects worldwide will be considered with the exception of in India – this is left to the Karuna Dharma Seed Fund
4. Grants are not made to buy or rent property

5. Where an application is from an individual in relation to a Centre, the application should be submitted by the Centre
6. Applications for mindfulness-based 'therapies', prison visiting, education etc. will not be considered – the fund will prioritise 'direct' methods

### **Further Guidelines for applications**

- We want to prioritise those activities that are most effective in bringing new people into contact with the movement through Dharma and meditation teaching.
- We want to avoid supporting projects that have existing or alternative sources of funding.
- We don't envisage making grants for land purchase or construction work.
- We are particularly keen to support proposals that show good planning, local fundraising, a proven track-record and good links with other parts of the movement. We want projects to be sustainable and to have a long-term future.

### **How to Apply**

Applications should be made by email to Mokshini ([mokshini@triratnadevelopment.org](mailto:mokshini@triratnadevelopment.org)). There is no 'application form' to complete, but applicants are asked to review and follow the guidelines below.

### **Application Guidelines**

The guidelines specify what we need to know about the project itself and how you see it fitting the fund's aims.

Please make sure your application covers all the following areas - please also feel free to send additional information if you think it would be helpful to us. However please do remember that often "less is more" – pages and pages of minute detail about last year's accounts are not especially helpful!

### **Areas to cover in your application.**

#### **People**

- 1 Your name and contact details
- 2 Name of your project
- 3 Who is involved?
- 4 If there are several of you, what are your links with one another?
- 5 What are your links with outside sources of support e.g. mentors, supporters, KMs?
- 6 Details of you discussions with your nearest Centre about your group and application – do you have their support. Please include a supporting statement from the Centre Chair, Mitra Convenor or senior Order Member.

#### **Project**

- 6 What do you want to do? Please give a thorough description.
- 7 What are your aims? How will you measure success? How will this project help 'grow' the Movement?
- 8 How sustainable is your project, after any funding we may be able to offer has been spent?
- 9 What are your plans for your project if the Growth Fund says no?

#### **Money**

- 10 How much are you asking for? (in UK £ sterling)
- 11 Have you approached anyone else for funding? If so who, and what was the outcome?
- 12 Are you open to part-funding? If so, which part of your proposal would you prioritize?
- 13 Can you summarise the financial details of your project?
- 14 Do you expect to be asking for more next year?
- 15 Is your project registered in any formal way e.g. as a charity or branch of a charity? If so, who are your Trustees?
- 16 Will there be any difficulty passing the money to you?

### **Timetable for Decisions**

The deadline for applications is **9 May 2016** The Growth Fund Committee will make a recommendation to the ECA Executive hopefully in June. Grants should be available shortly after that.

### **Project reports**

Projects receiving grants will be asked for a project report in the following year.