



National Long Term Survivors Group

Financial Support for Members Policy

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A: Purpose of the Policy

1. To define how NLTSG offers financial support to those who attend 'Living Proof' weekends.

B: Principles

1. NLTSG, in line with its aims and its mission statement, strives to make each 'Living Proof' weekend as accessible as possible to as many eligible people as it can within the financial limitations of the organisation and the funds available.
2. NLTSG will endeavour to raise funds to support those who wish to attend and sees this as crucial to the organisation's ongoing success and development.
3. NLTSG is fully aware that it needs to be clear and fair in the support that it can offer.

C: Definitions

D: The type of support that NLTSG can offer

1. NLTSG may from time to time be able to offer support with the cost of the weekend through a number of mechanisms.
2. NLTSG may be able to secure funds which meet the cost of the weekend in full. It may also be able to secure funds which allow it to offer places at reduced cost.
3. In addition to this, NLTSG may be able to help with the cost of travel to the weekend. Again, this may take the form of meeting travel costs in full or in part.
4. Support may also include help with other expenses such as child-care and carers.

E: Factors which can influence who is eligible for each type of support

1. NLTSG recognises that in order to develop the work that it does and taking into account the gradual reduction in the availability of statutory support, it will need to seek funds from charitable trusts and organisations. Any application for funding will need to meet the criteria of the trust or organisation, and this may restrict to whom NLTSG can offer support.
2. NLTSG acknowledges that some funding will cover travel costs, while other funding applications will not.



3. NLSTG may be able to offer support from its unrestricted funds. This includes assistance with the cost of the weekend as well as with help towards the cost of travel.

F. The role of the Board of Trustees

1. The Board of Trustees are responsible for securing funds and ensuring that these funds further the objectives of the organisation.
2. The Board of Trustees is also responsible for ensuring that it publicises the funds available, who is eligible and what form the support takes.
3. The Board of Trustees will ensure that all funds are used appropriately, that funds are available to meet all advertised levels of support and that the financial security of NLSTG is not compromised by any support offered from the organisation's unrestricted funds.

G. The role of those receiving financial support from NLSTG

1. Those applying for assistance will need to ensure that they meet the criteria for the support and, if the need arises, evidence how they meet this.
2. Those applying should be mindful that no funding source is endless and while they meet the criteria for support on one occasion, they may not necessarily meet the criteria for further support.
3. Anyone who applies for support should only apply for the costs that they actually incur to attend the weekend. However, any amount may not cover the costs in full.

H. Disputes

1. NLSTG is aware that as it applies for funding from different sources, there will be a variety of criteria used to offer funding. This raises the possibility that some may feel that they are being denied financial support which others are receiving. In these situations, NLSTG will try to address any concerns on an informal basis in the shortest possible time frame.
2. If the matter cannot be resolved informally, the aggrieved person will need to pursue the matter through the complaints procedure.