

Minutes of the LDRRAC Awards and Recognition Sub-Committee Meeting of October 7, 2016

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2016 Awards Nominations Meeting:

The Sub-Committee received five nominations:

- 1) Bread Not Stones , a United Church of Canada Project
- 2) Kings University College: Interfaith Peace Camp
- 3) London Pride Festival
- 4) North East Community Conversations Group
- 5) Muslim Association of Canada – London Chapter

Key Notes:

- 1) Three of five nominations represent the Social/Community Services categories; two in the large category (>49 members) and 1 in the small category(< 49 members)
- 2) Nominations were not received for the Corporations Category
- 3) Broad range of citizens participating these initiatives ranging in age from 8 to seniors
- 4) All are good examples of the DIAAC principles

Recommendations:

It is the Awards and Recognition Sub-Committee’s recommendation to award three organizations identified sequentially in the table below. The Sub-Committee did not feel two initiatives warranted awards at this time, despite all nominations being good examples of DIAAC’s principles. It is acknowledged the number of submissions is low and it is not the Sub-Committee’s intent to discourage future participation by limiting the number of awards in the 2016 evaluation process.

Organization:	Award Nomination	Comments
1. North East Community Conversations Group	Social Community Services: Small	Support: This is a distinct, grass roots entity that sets an excellent example for other communities within the city of London to come together. Conversations are initiated on a broad range of topics and a safe forum is fostered for this important dialogue. These conversations also create awareness and encompass sensitive topics such as political correctness, accessibility, poverty and racism.
2. London Pride Festival	Social Community Services: Large	Support: This organization continues to build a strong brand for the city of London, using unique approaches to similar activities taking place across the country. They engage various community partners, demonstrate community growth and offer children’s programs as well.
3. Kings University College: Interfaith Peace Camp	Youth	Support: This program originated in a Mennonite community in the United States and was replicated in London. The camp started small and continues to grow. Excellent momentum breaks barriers through a wide reach of multi-faith groups. Children starting from the age of eight participate and counselors include teens.
4. Bread Not Stones , a United Church of Canada Project	Social Community Services: Large	This is a newer initiative that is led by two London residents. They focus on creating awareness of child poverty and participated on the City’s Poverty Panel. It is a good concept and voice for London. Would like to see evidence of outcomes from this good work. Recommend re-submission in 2017.
5. Muslim Association of Canada – London Chapter	Small Business/Labour	This is another good example of multi-faith initiatives. Would like to see reference to the various activities they are engaged in, repetition and sustainability. Recommend resubmission in 2017.

Action: The Sub-Committee will revisit the eligibility criteria and determine if further clarity is needed to references of membership vs. volunteer vs. employee in the not-for-profit categories.

Meeting adjourned at 11:38 am.