**Evaluation Specification – Silvery Light Sailing - Maritime Heritage Project**

Silvery Light Sailing (SLS), a registered charity and company limited by guarantee, were the successful recipients of a bid to the National Heritage Lottery Fund (NHLF). The grant awarded was £244,975 with a contribution of £6,500 from SLS. The total cost of the project is budgeted at £251,475. The overall aim of the project is to introduce a wider range of people to heritage with the focus on maritime heritage on the sea and on shore. It could best be described as learning about (maritime) heritage through action. In order to achieve this SLS undertook to:-

* Purchase the Sail Training Vessel LEADER. LEADER is a converted Brixham Trawler built in 1892. It is recorded on the National Register of Historic Vessels (No 604). It is a relevant and significant part of our shared maritime heritage, particularly fishing.
* Ensure it was coded to enable it to operate commercially after it being subject to survey.
* Deliver LEADER from the south west coast of England to Newry.
* Recruit a part time Project Manager, Sessional Tutor and Evaluator.
* Deliver 10 initial engagement meetings with a range of organisations that would not normally have a connection with maritime heritage. The purpose of these meetings is to explore and explain the project allowing for questions and answers.
* Deliver 10 interaction and familiarisation days on board LEADER. The purpose of this is to deepen the engagement and accelerate learning of participants on the voyage as described below. It will also give individuals an opportunity to withdraw from the project if they decide it is not for them and identify replacements if required.
* Deliver 10 residential voyages of 4 nights and 5 days involving 12 participants who will crew LEADER, under professional supervision in the Irish Sea and north coast of Ireland areas. They will take an active part in crewing LEADER and undertake marine environmental exercises such as recording sightings of marine mammals, beach cleans and water testing to measure levels of pollution. They will also be exposed to associated maritime skills necessary to sail a 19th century sailing vessel such as steering, setting sails, ropework and navigation.
* Expose participants to the practicalities of traditional (wooden) boat restoration with the focus on craft at the SLS Community Boat Works workshop based in Newry’s Greenbank Industrial Estate.
* Have a Project Feedback and Presentation of certificates evening of participants.
* Record 6000 visitors attending a range of maritime/cultural festivals and open days.
* Record the total volunteer contributions.

The budget for this evaluation is £3400 inclusive of VAT.

The successful applicant will produce a report that will be forwarded to NHLF upon completion of the project. As well as measuring the above outputs, key outcome to be addressed are as follows:-

* Growth in engagement of participants with maritime heritage i.e. a wider range of people will be involved.
* Maritime heritage will be identified and better explained.
* People will have greater wellbeing.
* The organisation (SLS) will be more resilient

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The closing date for applications is Friday 8th July 2022 at 4.00pm. Applications received after this will not be considered.