**Yorkshire North and East District**

**Seed Funding Grant Form: Warm Spaces**

**District Advance Fund (DAF) Warm Space grants of up to £500 are available.**

**‘Warm Spaces’ are about simple non-stigmatising, neighbourly hospitality: providing a warm welcome, a hot drink or bite to eat, a listening ear, and being ready to help people access further specialist support.**

Please email the contents of this application form to: **grants@yorkshirenemethodist.org**

Circuit ............................................................ Number: 29/................

Church (if applicable) ...........................................................................

Church membership (if applicable) ...................

Name of contact: ..........................................................................

Address: .....................................................................................................................................

Post code: ........................ Telephone number: ........................................

E-mail address: .....................................................

Position held: ………………………………………………..

Date idea approved by church council/circuit or leadership team (as appropriate): ..................................

Please tell us about your plan for a Warm Space

1. How will you ensure people will get a warm welcome at your Warm Space.
2. How will you ensure everyone is treated equally, with dignity and respect
3. How will you ensure your Warm Space will be a safe space
4. How much money will you need?
5. What you will spend the grant on? Please give estimated expenditure for each category.

6. Please complete a Warm Space risk assessment

7. Provide information about how you have listened to the community and collaborated with others. For instance, what other Warm Spaces are being made available in the community and are you liaising with them?

8. If this is NOT the first Warm Space grant you are applying for please give details of how previous events were received. Also you will need to envision what new missional opportunities a further grant will provide. If you need help with looking at new missional activities then please contact our Assistant Chair for Church Development Rev RUTH GILSON-WEBB, or Assistant Chair for New Streams, Rev ANDY LINDLEY.

**Additional information**

We know that responding to the need to provide warm spaces in such a time of national crisis as this may put strain on church finances, and that some churches and people within our congregations will be facing rising bills or lower incomes themselves.

To help you get started, we are offering grants of £500 to churches offering a Warm Space this winter. Qualifying Warm Space sessions will be:

* New activities, or existing activities adapted to respond to new circumstances/facing increased costs. These must be shaped around real needs you have identified in your neighbourhood through listening to people with lived experience of poverty, councillors or other locally active organisation
* Freely available (without cost) to those participating
* Advertised in ways that make them easy for people who need them to hear of and access them
* Frequent (at least weekly) and sustainable through this winter
* Inclusive – non-judgmental, safe, creating a hospitable environment and positive reasons to attend, open to people of all faiths and none
* Equipped to signpost people to specialist support if needed
* Prepared to listen to people's concerns
* Prayed for by your congregation
* You will have a written risk assessment (see attached example form.)

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If you think you may qualify, please complete the simple claim form above. If you have any queries contact Rev Nic Bentley (District Grants Officer) grants@yorkshirenemethodist.org