

Appendix 6. Hong Kong Connect

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Version	Issue Date	Changes
1.0	NA	First Draft (BE)

Reference	CG-175			
Name of Organisation	Hong Kong Connect			
Organisation Type	Unregistered Charity			
Ward	All Letchworth Wards			
Project Type	Luna New Year Market, Christmas Lunch & Mooncake Classes			
Green option considered?	N/A			
NHC Councillor involvement that may constitute a conflict of interest	None			
Previous financial support within six years	Letchworth Forum December 2022, £1,980 (Tutor fees for English Classes)			
Documentation reviewed and approved*	Safeguarding	Yes	Accounts	Yes
	Demonstrates clear governance	Yes		
Total applied for	£1,390	Total project cost	£2,160	

Officer Summary

Hong Kong Connect are a community group / voluntary organisation (unincorporated association), established in 2022 to support the integration of Hong Kong BNO\*\* migrants.

Their primary focus is on supporting Hong Kong BNO visa holders and their families, especially adults and older community members facing integration challenges. However, many of their activities, particularly cultural events, are open to the wider local community to encourage interaction, mutual understanding, and community cohesion.

This grant is to help towards the costs of several different things over the coming year:

1. To provide a cultural activity, mooncake baking workshop (up to 64 people) The funds would cover the cost of the venue, the insurance, the specialist tutor and all the ingredients that will be used (£730.00)
2. Facilitate the participation in Christmas Shoebox volunteer event. (approx. 20) Approx £30 fuel costs to facilitate the project.
3. Organise a Christmas Lunch so that the Hongkongers could learn and immerse into British traditional culture. (30 to 50 people) The £450.00 would cover the food, drink and decorations.
4. Organise a Lunar New Year Festive Market in January 2027 so that Hongkongers have a chance to share the culture with local residents. (Up to 1,000 people). The £950 would cover the cost of the venue, the insurance, decoration materials, cultural activities materials and promotional materials for the Luna New Year Festive Market.

\*\* A British National (Overseas) (BN(O)) is a form of British nationality created in 1987 for Hong Kong residents, allowing registration before the 1997 handover to China. It is a lifelong, non-transferable status (except to children born before 1997). Since 2021, BN(O) status holders can use a special visa to live, work, and study in the UK, leading to citizenship.

\*Funding will only be released on receipt and approval of all supporting documentation