

EXC-017 MOTION FOR SI GA 2015

Subject Working Group: Travel and hosts/ Regional Development

Title of motion

Promoting cultural programmes within Servas including meetings with a theme

National secretary and national member group proposing motion

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Summary of the motion

The GA supports the development of guidance for anyone interested in hosting international Servas meetings including those focused on a particular theme. This to be in the form of a 'toolkit' of practical ideas and advice on all aspects of planning such an event.

A working group is to be created to put together this guidance and to gather and collate information and feedback about meetings in the future.

These resources to be made available via the SI website.

Background information and reasons for proposing the motion.

During the SI meeting at Dalesbridge, UK in 2014 ideas were shared by those who had previously run international meetings. This included events focused on the environment and Christmas in Israel and cross border meetings in Europe.

It was felt that bringing together experience and knowledge as guidance would encourage new initiatives from national groups to run meetings and programmes on cultural themes or other topics.

Likely benefits for Servas International and national groups if the motion is passed.

Those considering running an international event will benefit from valuable experience and expertise being available.

Resource implications if the motion is passed in terms of time, human resources and specialist expertise.

A small working group will be needed to compile the guidance and make it available to those interested in running an event. Then to collate any information and evaluation about future meetings.

Also to be available to offer support and advice as needed.

What are the budget implications, if any, of the motion for Servas International and for national groups in the short and longer term?

None

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Who should be responsible for the actions arising from the motion in terms of planning, development and management, for example which officer within SI Exco or SI Committee.

Lead person to be confirmed who will convene the working group to create guidance and provide follow up advice as needed. Development committee and the vice president from SI Exco would offer support as needed.

Would there be implications for the Servas International statutes if the motion is passed?

No

What is the likely impact if the motion is not passed?

Valuable information and experience of running international events will not be so easily available to those planning to run an event.