

Dances of Universal Peace International

Initiatives Fund

The DUP International Initiatives Fund is established to support initiatives to further the Dances of Universal Peace in ways which fall outside of the regular core services and programs supported by Leaders Guild member fees through the annual operating budget.

The Initiatives Fund was created in 2017 from a bequest. The Fund is intended to be sustained through further bequests and other extraordinary gifts which may be made to DUP International, as well as interest that may be earned by and added to the Fund balance. The Board of DUP International may disburse any amount of the Fund it deems appropriate. The Board will encourage further gifts to the Fund.

Initiatives

Initiatives supported by the Fund will emphasize spiritual transmission in the highest sense of the term, though not necessarily undertaken to serve members of the Leaders Guild directly. Initiatives are likely to be experimental in nature, exploring new approaches to extend the Dances into the world and taking advantage of unique opportunities, situations and personnel that become available.

The approach to formulating and seed-funding Initiatives will be informal and intuitive, and may not include a formal call for applications as such. This recognizes that, in undertaking an Initiative, we may be looking for a 'step change' in fostering the Dances, which might happen in several dimensions. For example:

- geographic - flowing from ecovillage contacts in Africa, Japan or China, i.e. helping to set up and maintain DUP in new geographic areas
- deepening - within current dance communities or within completely new populations
- demographic - supporting those who may be holding the transmission in 20 years' time

Criteria

Strong Initiative proposals will contain one or more the following:

- Personnel whose capacity and attunement are exemplary of the ideals set forth in the Elements of Mastery
- A unique opportunity to further the work of the Dances with new populations or geographic regions
- A unique initiative model exploring the transformative spiritual power of the Dances

D R A F T approved by BoD (May 2, 2017)

Process

Initiatives must be recommended by the Initiatives Committee, appointed by the Board and consisting of two members of the Guidance Council, one member or nominee of the Board, and the DUP IN Executive Director. The Initiatives Committee is empowered to generate Initiatives, as well as to consider Initiatives generated by others, and may hold such consultations as it may determine appropriate. Recommendations from the Initiatives Committee are to be submitted in writing to the DUP IN Board for approval and funding.

Reporting

The activities supported by the Initiatives Fund, together with related learnings and achievements, will be reported to the Guidance Council and Board of Directors, and appropriately publicized within the Leaders Guild.