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2017 Stephen Lloyd Awards now open for applications

(14 February) The Stephen Lloyd Awards Committee has today announced that the 3rd annual Awards are open to receive applications. Entrants have an eight week application window which closes on Friday 7 April 2017.

Now entering its 3rd year, the awards were established to support ideas with the potential to achieve practical and sustainable social change. For the past two years, the awards have successfully encouraged projects which reflect both this aim and the values supported by the late Stephen Lloyd, former Senior Partner of Bates Wells Braithwaite.

As with previous years, the Awards Committee is eager to receive submissions which detail an early stage project that will help to address a social problem in an innovative manner, with a vision for systemic change¹. The winning applicant will receive significant pro bono advice for their idea from the Committee's extensive network of contacts, as well as funding of up to £20,000. Shortlisted applicants will also be awarded up to £2,000 to further develop their idea, and will also benefit from similar pro bono expertise.

For those planning to submit entries, please note that applications should be emailed to info@stephenlloydawards.org

Phillip Kirkpatrick, Deputy Managing Partner at Bates Wells Braithwaite and one of the founding members of the Stephen Lloyd Awards Committee, said:

"These awards are about recognising and supporting social innovators; the individuals and organisations who use their skills and technical knowledge to address social problems, often in novel ways.

"Over the last two years we have supported some excellent projects and are looking forward to repeating that this year".

For more information visit: www.stephenlloydawards.org

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Notes for Editors

About Stephen Lloyd Awards

Stephen Lloyd Awards was established in memory of renowned charity and social enterprise lawyer, Stephen Lloyd, who died in August 2014. They reflect his commitment to finding and supporting innovative ways of achieving social change. Winners are democratically selected by the entire community of charity and social enterprise experts who support the awards. That community includes philanthropists, social investors, lawyers, accountants, governance and management specialists and many others. Winners will also receive valuable pro bono support from that community.

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¹Systemic change – fostering a fundamental change in policies, processes, relationships, and power structures, as well as deeply held values and norms (for further information, please see https://ssir.org/articles/entry/fostering_systems_change, or www.ccitoolsforfeds.org/systems_change.asp).