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Dear [Redacted]  
 Thank you for our meeting today and for producing so much clarity, I am very grateful.

I promised to summarise the ideas that are emerging about further work with this emerging community.

There are two that we are starting work on:

1. When asked about future needs, almost unanimously they talk about media training. A number of Common Purpose graduates who work in the media have volunteered to run some media training sometime in the spring. There is no need for funding of this as the venue and contributors are happy to do this pro bono.

2. We are looking into the idea of running a day at the Islamic Cultural Heritage Centre in Kensington [Redacted]. We would offer to the wider Common Purpose community across the country that they come to learn from this community about Islam and Islam in the UK but also work together to look for ideas of how to do practical local things to build bridges. Again, there is no need for funding, we would expect that a decent proportion of the Common Purpose graduates will pay towards the cost of the day.

I have no doubt that other ideas will emerge as this community grows. We can do them quite independently of CLG or in partnership, either is fine.

I look forward to hearing from you on the plans for the next two months, if there is an opportunity to support further applicants to the programmes that would be great.

In the meantime Sue will keep you carefully posted on further applications. Thank you also for releasing the cash.

Once you are clear on whether this work will continue into 2007/8 it would be good to talk about making the advisory group more formal. If so it would be good to have you or a colleague on it.

I am feeling very guilty, I actually did meet [Redacted] after our meeting at the East London Mosque, I was quite wrong and at it we agreed the basic shape of the proposal.

Yours Julia

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