

MEMO : TO COUNCIL
 FROM : BR. G.T. FAULKNER
 DATE : AUGUST 3, 1992
 Re : ASSISTANCE FOR CHILD MIGRANTS

MEMO 367
 REVISED

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Christian Brothers do not accept total responsibility for past and/or present difficulties or sufferings of former child migrants.
2. We know that some former child migrants have recently discovered relatives in the U.K., and lack the necessary funds to travel to the U.K. to make personal contact with family.
3. The following proposal offers assistance to such people.

PROPOSAL:

1. That the Trustees of HSP establish an internal, private and limited cash-fund to subsidise child migrants requiring travel assistance to meet families, subsidy to be provided in accord with clearly stated criteria.
2. That the Fund be limited to Travel Subsidy for the purpose stated, and that "counselling services" be specifically excluded.
3. That the Fund be independently managed by a chosen group of 3 Trustees - one Christian Brother, one nominee from Child Migrant Friendship Society (agreed to by Christian Brother Trustees), and one independent person appointed by Christian Brother Trustees.
4. That the Fund be established from
 - i) Sale of Gloster Street property
 - ii) Gloster Street Estate
 - iii) Tardun Farm (if necessary).
 - iv) Donations received for purpose of Fund.
5. That the Fund ceases immediately all cash is used, or no later than December 31st 1995.
6. That clear criteria be established to control access to the Fund, such criteria to include the following ideas:

- open to former child migrants from Christian Brothers' Institutions in W.A. and from St. Joseph's Home, Wembley.
- means-test.
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PROCEDURE:

- i) Fund established and Trustees appointed.
- ii) Application Form (including criteria) finalised by lawyer.
- iii) Publicity via CMFS.
- iv) Applications to Fund Trustees.
- v) Allocation by Fund Trustees.

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CONCLUSION:

1. Gus Irdi says it's "possible". Stresses need for clear controls.
2. Sheilagh Pearce knows 5-6 people who would be eligible; says absolute maximum would be c.25.
Ros Norman knows 4-5; says maybe 10-15 more in next few years.

MOTION:

That we decide "in principle";
if "Yes", then take further legal advice to finalise documentation.

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