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Guidelines for Teachers' Retreat Bursaries

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The Trustees of the Association for Promoting Retreats (APR) acknowledge the significant challenges and responsibilities faced by teachers and headteachers, and would like to show their appreciation for their work by offering a number of bursaries towards the costs of their going on retreat. These bursaries are available for all teachers in Church of England schools, irrespective of their personal faith; however, retreats (whether guided and led within the Christian faith, or taken individually on a private basis), must be made at an APR Member House within the UK (as listed on promotingretreats.org/where).

There are no hardship criteria for these bursaries, but we will need to ask applicants for the name and address of the schools in which they currently work. Applications can only be made using our specific Teachers' Bursary Application Form.

The way the scheme works is that APR Trustees will consider applications from the APR Member Retreat House, on behalf of their guests (ie, the teachers), who do not themselves have to be APR members. The maximum grant for an individual is 50% of the total cost of a retreat (either private or guided) priced at £300 or less; the cap for any grant is £150. There is no limit to the number of applications that can be made by any one Retreat House (although please note that the APR only has finite funds for applications across the UK, and reserves the right to be selective should the need arise).

If, as an individual teacher, you think this scheme could be beneficial to you, you first need to identify a venue which is both an APR Member *and* able to offer you the type of retreat you are seeking, and then ask that venue to make a bursary application to us on your behalf; we will not consider applications received from individual retreatants. Please bear in mind that not all venues will necessarily be able to offer you the type of experience you are looking for.

To help you in your search, please visit our website, promotingretreats.org/where, for a map of all APR member houses, with brief descriptions of each and links to their individual websites. Most of these will also be listed in the *Retreats* handbook, which is published each December by the *Retreat Association*. If you need further advice, or have any questions, please contact the APR Administrator (details above).

When making your enquiry at your chosen retreat venue, please ask them to make a 'Teachers' bursary application' to the APR on your behalf. Once we have approved your application, the grant (in your name) will be paid directly to the venue as you begin your retreat; they will then invoice you for the balance of the cost.

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