



ESRS Local Events Grant.

These grants have been created to further local and national events that actively seek to stimulate, encourage and promote European rural social sciences.

The ESRS will make 2 grants available per year up to a maximum of €500 each to help cover the costs of seminars or small conferences organized by ESRS members in the field of European rural social science studies. Meetings must involve at least two ESRS members and include members from at least two different countries.

The following rules apply to these grants:

- ESRS Local Events Grants are available to ESRS members wishing to organize and run a seminar, workshop or conference in the field of European rural social science studies and, in doing so promote the work and role of the European Society for Rural Sociology and its membership
- Particular emphasis will be given to events that encourage young researchers and doctoral students
- Event organizers can apply for the grant to cover transport costs of participants, room booking and other event costs
- Grants must be paid to an identified ESRS member at an academic or scientific institution
- There will be one round of applications per year. The closing date for applications is the 1st of April
- Applicants will be notified of the outcome within 4 weeks of the final submission date
- Grants will be made by the Executive Committee of the Society. The Committee's decision is final. Awards will only be made where the proposal is deemed to be of appropriate quality
- Grants will be made directly to the applicant
- Grant holders will be required to write a short report (1000 words max) in English describing the event for the Society's Newsletter.

Applications

Applications (in English) should be sent to the ESRS President (Prof Jo Little) by the 1st March 2012. They should be sent electronically (j.k.little@exeter.ac.uk) and be no more than 3 pages long. Applications for funding should include a rationale for the event, reasons for which funding is sought and an itemized budget for expenditure of the grant. They should also identify any other sources of funding that have been acquired or sought for the event.

Applications will be evaluated according to the following:

- Original and innovative contribution to rural sociology
- Inclusion of postgraduate and junior researchers
- Clarity of purpose and intended outcomes
- Links with other events (past and present)
- Value for money