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SUPPORT PLAN FOR WORK OF VOLUNTEERS WITH SAINT LUCIA NATIONAL TRUST (SLNT) 2018-2019

This plan describes ways in which volunteers can help this project to develop their aims and goals.

Comments are based on the work of volunteers in the period up to December 2017, and are derived from questionnaires completed by the projects and reports written by the volunteers. New aims and actions, if any, are shown in green and these have either been identified from requests made by the projects (where questionnaires have been received) or have arisen from the work done by volunteers.

AIMS	ACTIONS
1. To help SLNT with business and organisational development	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteers with appropriate skills will help to identify sources for grants and help with the process of grant applications.• Volunteers with appropriate expertise will help to develop new areas of cultural and heritage preservation identified by the SLNT. For example, one volunteer has successfully developed a project fiche for the listing of buildings of architectural and/or historical significance.• A volunteer could help draft a Bill to protect Saint Lucia's cultural heritage, thereby helping to strengthen the legal framework for heritage protection. Heritage in this case refers to all aspects of cultural heritage except buildings and landscapes, which are covered by another Bill.
2. To help SLNT to develop the sites for which they are responsible and make them more attractive to visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Volunteers could help SLNT staff to review the sites for which they are responsible and identify ways in which they could be developed. A volunteer with expertise in civil engineering has prepared drawings and a budget estimate for the development of one site to allow disabled access, prepared a report with recommendations for measures to preserve a second site and carried out structural work on a third site to create a new tourist attraction.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers could help to develop site materials such as tourist trails (e.g. 'Gateway to St Lucia's military history'). • Volunteers could help to identify ways of marketing their sites more vigorously to the tourist market and ways of making the sites more attractive to visitors (both local people and foreign tourists). One volunteer identified the need to help owners and occupiers of buildings of historical significance to understand the need to preserve these buildings in good repair and how to utilise them to generate funds from tourists, and this could be an area a future volunteer could work on.
3. To assist SLNT on various projects to conserve, preserve and monitor the landscapes, buildings and wildlife for which they are responsible	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers could use their practical skills to assist SLNT in their efforts to preserve the beaches and coastline from the effects of climate change. • Volunteers could work on projects to monitor local wildlife such as turtles and birds, helping to create conditions to preserve these species for future generations.
4. To help SLNT develop their ideas to make young people more aware of heritage and conservation issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers could help to organise special events at the sites for young people. • Volunteers could help to design materials to be used in schools/clubs on issues linked to heritage and conservation.
5. To help with specific research projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers with appropriate skills and interests could help SLNT with specific research projects, in particular helping them to build up access to the military archives of their country (frequently inaccessible as they are likely to be held in Britain or France).

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