



External Funding Monthly

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Welcome to External Funding Monthly, Dacorum Borough Council's e-newsletter offering information & advice on funding opportunities from outside sources including the European Union, National Lottery, UK Government, Trusts, Foundations & other grant giving bodies.

This newsletter is for all officers & members of Dacorum Borough Council, as well as partnerships, Town & Parish Councils and voluntary & community groups that work within the Borough.

Hi Everyone

Welcome to the January 2010 edition of External Funding Monthly.

Happy New Year!

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LATEST FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Quick guide to eligibility:

Local Authority	LA
Registered Charity	Ch
Social Enterprise	SE
Voluntary or Community Group	VC
Town or Parish Council	TP
Individuals	In

Reducing crime and creating a safer Dacorum

The Mark Leonard Trust (UK) Ch SE VC

Not for profit organisations and organisation with a charitable purpose can apply for funding through the Mark Leonard Trust. The Mark Leonard Trust is one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts and focuses on environmental education in the UK. In particular the Trust seeks to support projects that focus on:

- Finding practical ways of involving children and young adults; sustainable agriculture and bio-diversity
- Sustainable transport, energy efficiency and renewable energy and youth work that supports the rehabilitation of young people involved in anti-social or criminal activities.

Applications to the Trust can be submitted at any time.

http://www.sfct.org.uk/mark_leonard.html

Creating a cleaner and healthier environment

Biffaward Small Grants Programme Now Open (UK) LA Ch SE VC TP

Biffaward, one of the largest landfill communities fund scheme has announced that they are now accepting applications through their small grants programme, for projects that enable communities to improve local amenities and to conserve wildlife. Grants are of between £250 and £5,000, but projects must not cost more than £10,000 in total. To be eligible projects must be site-based within ten miles of a Biffa operation and 10 miles of an active landfill. Biffaward seeks to support access and improvements to amenities such as furnishing community buildings; cycle paths; recreational facilities; playground equipment; park improvements; access improvements to nature reserves. They will not fund equipment or running costs. Some projects that have benefited from Biffawards small grants in the past are: Evigton village green, on the outskirts of Leicester; and Avon Wildlife Trust to make improvements to Willsbridge Valley Local Nature Reserve in Bristol. **Applications can be submitted at any time....**

<http://www.biffaward.org/about/soverview>

Funding to Fight Fuel Poverty (UK) LA Ch SE

The ScottishPower Energy People Trust's is currently accepting applications for projects that help combat fuel poverty. Applications are accepted from not-for-profit organisations and groups such as children's charities, local community groups, support organisations, housing associations, local authorities and others. The maximum grant available per project is £100,000 for projects lasting for up to three years. The type of projects supported include crisis funding for example, women and children needing emergency accommodation and vulnerable young people setting up their first home; benefits health checks or income maximisation For example, helping households that aren't claiming all the benefits to which they're entitled; or are not

eligible for current government grants or funding because they don't receive the appropriate benefit; energy efficiency measures and advice, for example, a scheme that aims to improve the energy efficiency of homes by draught proofing, insulating and offering energy efficiency advice; and research, for example, a research project that aims to understand the link between fuel poverty and health. **There are four application deadlines every year.** For more information on application deadlines and how to apply please click on the "more" link....

The Energy and Communities Collaborative Venture (UK) LA Ch SE VC TP

The Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) and the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC) have announced the launch of a call for proposals via its new 'Energy and Communities Collaborative Venture' programme. This £7.5 million initiative aims to advance understanding of issues surrounding energy use within communities with a view to contribution to the Government's green house gas emissions targets. The call invites applicants to address a broad range of research challenges such as community ownership, energy innovation, policy, governance and social movements. The call encourages active engagement with community organisations and other community stakeholders. As such applicants are encouraged, where appropriate, to demonstrate how they will engage with relevant organisations and groups. There are no constraints on the amount of funding that may be requested although it is unlikely that individual awards will be made for less than £20,000. Projects may last for up to 5 years. **The application deadline is the 11th March 2010...**

<http://www.epsrc.ac.uk/CallsForProposals/EnergyAndCommunitiesCollaborativeVenture.htm>

WREN Announces Next Application Deadline (UK) LA Ch SE VC TP

WREN which provides funding for community, heritage and environmental projects in areas close to landfill sites by awarding grants for environmental, heritage and community projects has announced the first application dates for 2010. Funding is available through three grant programmes. The small grants programme which provides grants between £2,000 and £15,000 with a total project cost of under £50,000; the WREN Main Grant Scheme offers funding of between £15,001 and £50,000 and the Biodiversity Action Fund which provides funding of between £75,000 and £250,000 to deliver biodiversity improvement projects under Object DA. Eligible organisations that can apply for funding include environmental organisations, voluntary groups, charities, not-for-profit organisations and community groups. **The application deadlines are the 17th March 2010 for the main and small grants programme and the 29th January 2010 for the Biodiversity Action Fund...**

<http://www.wren.org.uk/>

ACRE's Final Round of Funding for Communities Affected by Quarrying (England) LA Ch SE VC TP

National rural community development charity Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE), and members of the Rural Community Action Network (RCAN) have announced that the 2010 / 11 COMMA fund to support projects in communities affected by quarrying **will be open for applications from the 1st of March 2010 until the 14th May**, making this the final round in the 2008-11 delivery programme. Community based organisations can apply for grants of between £3,000 and £20,000 to support community projects and amenities. The fund is open to community based organisations, charities and parish councils located within 10 kilometres of a of an aggregates extraction site, (either current or disused). The type of activities that can be funded include the repair, maintenance and improvements to building for community use; improvement to green spaces; improving access to the countryside, bio diversity projects and projects that restore (or provide access to) land adversely affected by aggregates extraction, etc. Applications must be made via by one of the 23 RCAN members in whose areas the fund is applicable...

The Ecosystems Services for Poverty Alleviation Programme's 1st Call For Proposals (UK) LA Ch SE

The Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) has announced the first call for proposals through its Ecosystems Services for Poverty Alleviation (ESPA) programme. This programme is delivered by NERC, the Department for International Development (DFID) and the Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) to deliver a planned seven year interdisciplinary research programme, with a total budget of £40.5 million. ESPA seeks to generate the on how to manage ecosystems better. It is anticipated that ESPA will be delivered through three funding rounds. This first call is split into two funding streams; Funding Stream 1 is a one-off opportunity for shorter-term, innovative, conceptual development type projects submitted as a Programme Framework grant. Funding Stream 2 has two submission opportunities: one to win catalyst funding through a Partnership & Project Development grant, in preparation for a second submission opportunity for a larger Research Consortium grant. **The closing date for the Programme Framework grants and Partnership & Project Development grants is 16:00 on 3 March 2010...**

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/programmes/espa/events/ao4.asp>

Applied Research Funding Programme (UK) LA Ch SE VC TP In

The Carbon Trust has announced that the Applied Research Grants programme is now open for applications. Through the programme, up to £500,000 will be available for eligible projects. Applied Research Grant funding is available to businesses, research institutions and other organisations and aims to support the development and commercialisation of technologies which have the potential to reduce UK carbon emissions. A minimum of 40% match funding is required. There are two stages to the application process: an initial proposal, followed by a full proposal. Previous projects supported include a grant of £181,851 for a project linking Diesel Engine Research with Next-Generation Biofuels; and a grant of £161,550 to for testing new technology to harness ocean waves to generate electricity. Funding for institutions or organisations based in Scotland for the 2009/2010 financial year is now fully committed. **The closing date for applications is the 18th February 2010...**

<http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/technology/appliedresearch/>

Bio-Energy Capital Grants scheme Opens for Applications (England) LA Ch SE VC TP

The Government has announced that round 6 of the Bio-energy Capital Grants scheme is now open for applications. Through this scheme grants of up to £500,000 are available for businesses and community organisations, such as schools and hospitals, to help towards the cost of buying and installing biomass-fuelled heating and combined heat & power equipment in England. Through this funding round a total of £4 million is available and the scheme can pay for up to 40% of the difference in cost between a biomass boiler and its fossil fuel alternative. Previous projects supported include Nottinghamshire County Council which has installed biomass boilers in over 50 schools in the county under the scheme. There was also a grant to support the 2MW biomass installation at Stansted Airport. **The scheme is open to new applications until at least 31 March 2010. Applications will be assessed on a rolling basis, as and when they are received...**

Access to Nature Programme (England) LA Ch SE VC TP

Natural England which is responsible for the sustainable stewardship of the land and sea so that people and nature can thrive, has announced that due to the large number of high quality applications it has decided to bring forward the deadline for applications for the Access to Nature Programme. Natural England have taken this decision in order to avoid a heavily over subscribed programme towards the end of

its life with diminishing funds to give out. Access to Nature is now scheduled to close its:

- **Stage 1 applications by 1st February 2010**
- **Stage 2 applications by 4th May 2010.**

Under the scheme, Voluntary and Community Organisations, Charities, Friendly Societies, Industrial and Provident Societies, Charitable Trusts and the Public Sector are able to apply for grants of between 50,000 and £500,000 to encourage people from all backgrounds to understand access and enjoy the natural environment. The scheme focuses on three broad themes:

- Community awareness of an active participation in the natural environment
- Education, learning and volunteering
- Creating welcoming, well-managed and wildlife-rich places.

<http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/ourwork/enjoying/outdoorsforall/accesstonature/default.aspx>

SITA's Enriching Nature Programme (England) LA Ch SE VC TP

Not-for-profit organisations including community groups, parish councils, charities, local authorities and voluntary organisations are being invited to apply to SITA's Enriching Nature Programme for grants of up to £120,000. Enriching Nature supports projects with a focus on a species or habitat that has been identified as a priority by the UK Biodiversity Action Planning Process. The Enriching Nature Programme will run from 2010 to 2012, with 3 funding rounds each year. To be eligible for funding through the Landfill Communities Fund from SITA Trust the project site must be in England, project sites must be located within 10 miles of a licensed landfill site. This can be any landfill site, not just one owned by SITA UK. Examples of projects that will be funded include; the re-creation of a Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) listed habitat; restoration / improvements to a BAP listed habitat; physical conservation of a BAP listed habitat; projects to expand the range/population of a BAP species; surveying / monitoring / on-site research/ into a BAP species or habitat at a specified site or sites (provided that this leads to on-site physical conservation work).

The next deadline for application is the 15th February 2010.

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/nature-funding>

Parks for People (UK) LA Ch SE VC

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has announced that the next closing date for applications to the Parks for People programme is the 1st March 2010. Launched originally as a joint initiative with the Big Lottery Fund full responsibility for the programme has now passed to the Heritage Lottery Fund Local Authorities as well as not for profit organisations that own public parks and gardens can apply for grants of between £250,000 and £5 million for the regeneration of parks and public gardens (including squares, walks and promenades). Applicants will need to raise at least 30 % of the project costs from their own sources and partnership funding, either as cash or non-cash contributions. The 'Parks for People' programme has a two-stage application process. If a Stage One Pass is awarded, applicants can submit a Stage 2 application. **There are two funding rounds each year and the next closing date for applications is the 1st March 2010.**

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/parksforpeople.aspx>

European Local Energy Assistance Grant (UK) LA

The European Commission and the European Investment Bank (EIB) have launched a new €15 million grant aid initiative to help local and regional authorities accelerate their investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Known as the European Local Energy Assistance (ELENA) facility this grants programme will fund technical assistance such as feasibility and market studies, structuring of programmes, business plans, energy audits, preparation of tendering procedures and contractual arrangements; etc that will help cities and regions in Europe bring forward viable investment projects in the areas of energy efficiency; renewable energy sources and sustainable urban transport. ELENA covers up to 90% of eligible costs

required for technical support related to a clearly identified investment programme. In general projects need to be in excess of €50 million. Small projects can be supported when they are integrated into larger investment programmes. In principle proposals can be submitted and funding agreements signed, until the end of 2011, except if the amount allocated to the ELENA facility has been exhausted before that time. **There will be no calls for proposals and assistance will be granted on a first-come first-served basis...**

New £19 Million Competition to Promote Green Transport (England) LA

The Government has launched a £19 million competition aimed at enhancing green transport development in the UK. This latest competition will reinforce the Automotive Council's focus on both supply chain and technology. The government-backed Technology Strategy Board is putting £10 million into this new Low Carbon Vehicles Innovation Platform competition and will run it in partnership with the cross-government Office for Low Emission Vehicles (OLEV). The Department for Transport (DfT) is putting £9 million into the competition that will be focusing on technology development and expanding the UK supply chain. **The full scope of this competition will be announced by the Technology Strategy Board over the next six weeks, with an expected formal competition launch in February 2010...**

<http://www.innovateuk.org/content/news/lord-mandelson-announces-19m-for-innovative-resear.ashx>

Wren's Biodiversity Action Fund (England, Scotland and Wales) LA Ch SE VC

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Wren's Biodiversity Action Fund is a £10m programme spread over 5 years to provide funding to enhance biodiversity by supporting the expansion, recovery and conservation of habitats that achieve Species Action Plan/Habitat Action Plan targets through specific improvements. Projects must be sited at clearly identified site(s) within 10 miles of any licensed landfill site in WREN operating areas. Environmental organisations, voluntary groups, charities, not-for-profit organisations, community groups, Local Authorities and Governmental bodies can apply for grants of between £75,000 and £250,000 for projects that mainly focus on the conservation or improvement of an identified site to benefit one or several BAP priority habitats, such as; the recreation of a BAP listed habitat; restoration or conservation of a BAP listed habitat; surveying/monitoring/on-site research into a BAP listed priority habitat at a specified site or sites where this is part of on-site conservation work.

The deadline for applications is the 29th January 2010.

<http://www.wren.org.uk/schemes/biodiversity-action-fund>

Delivering lifelong learning

EU Launches Call for Proposals to Promote International University Cooperation (UK) In

The European Commission has launched a new call for proposals under its new Tempus IV Programme (2007 - 13). The aim of Tempus IV is to support projects that facilitate cooperation in the field of higher education among Member States of the European Union (EU) and partner countries in the surrounding area. Tempus support two types of actions. Joint Projects, which are based on multilateral partnerships between higher education institutions in the EU and the partner countries. They can develop, modernise and disseminate new curricula, teaching methods or materials, boost a quality assurance culture, and modernise the management and governance of higher education institutions. Structural Measures, which contribute to the development and reform of higher education institutions and systems in partner countries, to enhance their quality and relevance, and increase their convergence with EU developments. Institutions and organisations which may participate in the

Tempus Programme range from higher education institutions and organisations through to non-academic institutions and organisations such as non-governmental organisations, companies, industries and public authorities. The total amount of funding available for this call for proposals is €53.8million and the financial contribution from the Commission cannot exceed 90% of the total eligible direct costs. **The closing date for applications is the 9th March 2010...**

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/tempus/funding/2009/call_eacea_28_2009_en.php

The Will Charitable Trust (UK) Ch SE VC

The Will Charitable Trust is currently seeking applications from registered or tax exempt charities in the UK for projects that support services for blind people; and people with learning disabilities. Grants awarded tend to fall within the range of £5,000 to £20,000. The total amount awarded varies from year to year according to available funds. As a guide, in the year 2006/07, 45 grants were awarded totalling £539,300. Previous projects supported have included a grant of £10,000 towards the costs of launching a new mobile service which aims to reach blind people in remote area; and a grant of £11,500 to help towards the cost of setting up a work Skills Enterprise Scheme to provide training and work skills to 8 people with learning disabilities with a view to enabling them get employment. **The closing date for applications is the 31st January 2010.** In addition, the Trust also makes grants for projects that provide services for people suffering from cancer, and their families; as well as projects that conserve the countryside in Britain, including its flora and fauna. Applications for these should be submitted between June and the 31st August 2010...

<http://www.willcharitabletrust.org.uk/grantspolicy.htm>

Skills for The Future Programme Opens for Applications (UK) LA Ch SE VC

The Heritage Lottery Fund's (HLF) has announced that the new Skills for the Future programme is now open to applications. This is a new £5million grant programme that will deliver up to 1,000 paid training opportunities for people across the UK seeking a career in heritage. It will not only support traditional conservation training but also a wide variety of skills needed to engage people with heritage and utilise new media and technology. The programme is open to applications from organisations and partnerships - for example of community and voluntary organisations, professional bodies and learning and training providers and will provide grants of between £100,000 and £1 million for projects which provide paid training placements to meet a skills gap in the heritage sector, and fully support trainees to learn practical skills. To support applicants the HLF is running a number of pre-application workshops in December and January. For more information on these please click on the "more" link. The closing date for applications is the 19th March 2010...

British Telecom (BT) Community Connection Awards Round 2 (UK) Ch SE VC

BT has announced that they are now accepting applications through their Connection Awards programme round 2. BT Community Connections is an award scheme which enables community and charitable organisations to get online and make use of information and communications technology (ICT). Organisations, working in any field of community benefit, located throughout the UK or Republic of Ireland can apply for a laptop and a year's free broadband connection. There are more than 1,000 award packages available to groups or clusters of groups who can demonstrate how an award will benefit their work and the local community. Award winners in the past have included: silver-surfers; cultural dance groups; conservation organisations; mountain rescue teams; family support groups; healthy living clubs; arts and music groups; sports teams; youth groups. **The next deadline for applications is the 5th January 2010.**

<http://www.btcommunityconnections.com/>

Funding for Extra Curricular Activities in State Schools (England) LA

The Transformation Trust, a new education trust set up by Partnerships for Schools, is inviting charities and other third sector organisations to bid for funding for the Academic Year starting September 2010. Designed to complement the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme, the Transformation Trust funds extra-curricular activities within state schools which are designed to inspire and enthuse young people in some of the most deprived parts of the country so that they go on to achieve their full potential, no matter what their background. The type of projects already supported by the Trust include; the provision of free breakfasts to primary school children; and the F1 in Schools Challenge which brings the excitement and motivation of F1 into schools by using Cad /Cam software to enable students aged 9 - 18 to design, analyse, manufacture, test and race their miniature F1 cars whilst enabling schools to cover the required curriculum in a real and meaningful way! for students. Organisations wishing to bid for funding will be asked to demonstrate how their work offers young people opportunities that will help them develop new skills, new interests and increase self-esteem and self confidence. **The deadline for submitting bids is Wednesday the 23rd December 2009...**

<http://www.transformationtrust.org.uk>

China Activity Grants (UK) LA

British Council Learning has announced that **the next round for applications to their China Activity Grants programme will open is open from the 1st February 2010 and will close on the 1st March 2010.** Supported by the HSBC Global Education Programme and managed by the British Council, this opportunity is designed to help schools (primary, secondary and SEN), sixth form colleges and FE colleges across the UK to arrange events or activities that will help their students learn more about China or the Mandarin Chinese language. As part of the grant application, they must show how the students will pass on what they have learnt to other members of the community, supporting community cohesion. Schools and colleges can apply for grants of up to £750...

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/china-activity-grants.htm>

School Grants Scheme (UK) LA

The Science and Technology Facilities Council has announced that **the next closing date for applications to its School Grant is the 1st February 2010.** UK schools and colleges catering for pupils in the age range 5-18 are able to apply for funding from the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council for small-scale projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics. Projects linked to astronomy, space and particle physics are particularly encouraged. Grants of up to £500 may contribute to costs such as running a science week activity, organising a visit to or from a working physicist, supply cover, transport, marketing and publicity, and materials/resources.

http://www.iop.org/activity/education/Teacher_Support/Grants/page_4712.html

Higher Education Social Entrepreneurship Awards (UK) In SE

UnLtd, the charity which supports social entrepreneurs has announced the launch of the Higher Education Social Entrepreneurship Awards. The programme which is a partnership with the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE) provides a range of awards to members of staff and students within a Higher Education Institutions (HEI) [supported by HEFCE] who want support to develop entrepreneurial solutions to social problems that demonstrate a connection to the Higher Education sector. For example, applicants could develop or build upon the curriculum or research of their HEI or offer an entrepreneurial solution to an issue within the community served by the HEI. Two types of awards are available: The Catalyst Awards which can provide funding of up to £5,000 to start up and develop a project; and the Development Awards which provides funding of up to £15,000 for existing projects that can be expanded. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Connecting Classrooms (England, Northern Ireland and Wales) LA

Groups of schools, and their local authorities/federations of schools in England, Northern Ireland and Wales are being invited to apply to the British Council's Connecting Classrooms programme to build lasting partnerships with schools in China and Sub-Saharan Africa. Through these partnerships Connecting Classrooms aims to develop trust and understanding between young people in different societies, creating a safer and more connected world for the future. Connecting Classrooms offers grants to support the development of partnerships and to cover project-related costs. All applications must meet the following three requirements. Schools should not already be receiving funding; schools must apply with the right number of combination of schools in the cluster, i.e. nine schools, if applying for China or three schools if applying for Sub-Saharan Africa; and all schools in the cluster must have at least Foundation Level of the DCSF International School Award. **The deadline for applications is the 29th January 2010...**

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-connecting-classrooms.htm>

Britain Sasakawa Foundation Grants Programme (UK) LA

Schools in the UK that wish to develop links with Japan and Japanese schools are able to apply for funding through the Britain Sasakawa Foundation. The Foundation makes small grants of up to £1,500 to support activities that support the study of the Japanese language and culture, School, Education and Youth exchanges. In the past the Foundation has made grants towards visits between the UK and Japan between by teachers and young people and the teaching and development of Japanese language and cultural studies in schools. Schools that have successfully applied to the Foundation include George Mitchell School, who received a grant of £1,000 to support an international week at the school with focus on Japan and County Upper School, Bury St Edmunds, which received a grant of £5,000 to help fund a study tour to Japan by eight Year 11 students and two teachers. **The next closing date for applications is the 31st March 2010....**

<http://www.gbsf.org.uk/>

EU-Canada Programme for Co-operation in Higher Education, Training and Youth (UK)

A new call for proposals has been launched by the European Commission under the - EU-Canada Programme for Co-operation in Higher Education, Training and Youth. The general objectives of the programme and of this call are to promote mutual understanding between the peoples of the European Union and Canada including broader knowledge of their languages, cultures and institutions and to improve the quality of human resources in the European Union and Canada. A total of €1,974,000 is available to fund Transatlantic Exchange Partnerships (TEP) projects for students and faculty members as well as Transatlantic Degree Partnerships (TDP) projects to develop and implement dual/double or joint degree programs. This call is open to consortia of Higher Education and Training Institutions that must consist of at least four institutions in total i.e. two from the EU and two from Canada. The maximum amount of funding on the EU side will be €428,000 for a four-year TDP project and €138,000 for a three-year TEP project. **The closing date for applications is the 24th March 2010...**

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/canada/2010/index_en.htm

Adult Learners' Week Awards (England) LA Ch SE VC TP In

The National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) has announced that it is currently seeking nominations for the 2010 the Adult Learners' Week Awards. The aim of the Adult Learners' Week Awards is to reward and publicise the achievements of adult learners in England, to promote the benefits and to highlight the diversity, of adult education. The Awards also aim to encourage adult participation in learning. For the 2010 Awards, there are four main award categories. These are; individuals

whose remarkable learning achievements have made a difference to their lives and can inspire others; Groups of three or more people who have come together for a common purpose and transformed their and/or other people's lives through learning; Families whose members have seen the benefits of learning together; and Opening Doors to Adult Learners which recognises creative and innovative projects or organisations that had a positive impact on the lives of their learners. Winners receive a learning voucher between £200 and £1,500 and are invited to an awards ceremony during Adult Learners' Week (15-21 May 2010). Entry is open to adult learners living in England only. Groups must consist of three or more members. All nominees must have undertaken some of their learning between January 2009 and January 2010. **The deadline for entries is 29 January 2010.**

<http://www.niace.org.uk/alw/2010/>

UK – German Challenge Fund (UK) LA Ch SE

Primary, secondary schools and FE colleges as well as youth groups in the UK and Germany are able to apply for funding support through the UK – German Challenge Fund. This is a new fund to develop curricular and extra-curricular projects between UK and German schools and youth groups that encourage young people to; pick a topic or subject of their choice and explore it in an international context; take a fresh look at cross- or extra-curricular project work; take an active role in a practical, 'hands-on' team venture; and work together towards a concrete outcome, product or event of their choice. Grants provided through the UK-German Challenge Fund cover project resources, joint activities and reciprocal partner visits. The total amount of grant provided will be judged on a case-by-case basis, depending on the size, circumstances and numbers involved in the individual projects. The Challenge Fund provides grants of normally 50% towards the overall costs; in exceptional circumstances, the grant can cover up to a maximum of 75% of the total costs. Grants are available for both large and small projects and the amount can be to anything up to, but will not exceed £5,000. **The next closing date for applications is the 31st January 2010.**

http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/microsites/?location_id=216

The Kids Fund (UK) LA

The Field Studies Council is an independent educational charity committed to raising awareness about the natural world. The Council works through a network of 17 residential and day Centres in the UK providing courses for schools and colleges at all levels in addition to adult Individuals & Families courses, outreach education, training and consultancy. The Kids Fund aims to bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by attending a course at a Field Studies Council centre. It helps disadvantaged young people to attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial. Funding will normally be up to 80% of the cost of your group's course to an FSC Field Centre to a maximum of £3000.

http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporters/kidsfund_application.aspx

HBOS Foundation - Community Action Programme (UK) LA Ch SE VC

Through its Community Action programme, the HBOS Foundation makes grants of up to £10,000 to support a diverse range of local activities. The programme which is available in those communities where the HBOS bank operates, is open to registered charities and has two key themes: Money advice and financial literacy, and developing and improving local communities. Previous projects funded include a grant of £2,500 to Ravenscliffe Special School in Halifax to purchase an adapted tricycle providing pupils with the opportunity to engage in fun filled exercise sessions whilst providing much needed sensory stimulation and a grant of £2,100 to purchase sensory play equipment, arts and crafts materials and a number of musical instruments for a family support centre based in Perth for children, young people and adults with autistic spectrum disorder. **Applications can be made at any time.**

Encouraging business and local employment

Funding for Community Shops (England) Ch SE VC

The Village Retail Services Association in partnership with Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and Co-operative and Community Finance have funding available to support the start up of new Community owned shops in rural areas of England or to save an existing shop by transfer to community ownership. The funding which will be available over the next three years will provide up to £40,000 per shop. This will be made up of a grant of £20,000 together with a loan of £20,000 from Co-operative and Community Finance. Eligible applicants will include community based organisations located in rural communities of not less than 300 residents. The community is required to raise match funding through community contributions, which could take the form of share capital, donations raised through community fundraising events and grants obtained from other sources to the same or greater value than the grant requested from the Village CORE Programme. At least some of the funds raised should have been provided by the community itself and not solely through external grants. The application process commences with a telephone interview with one of the programme managers. If the community appear to meet the criteria within the programme timeframe and if Village Core funds are available, application forms are sent electronically where possible to the main contact person on the committee. The forms must be returned within 6 weeks of the telephone interview.

<http://www.plunkett.co.uk/whatwedo/core/Core.cfm>

UnLtd Announces Level 2 Funding Round to Support Social Entrepreneurs (UK) SE

UnLtd, the national charity that supports social entrepreneurs, has announced that the spring 2010 UnLtd Millennium Awards (Level 2) competition is open for applications. UnLtd's Millennium Awards provide practical and financial support to social entrepreneurs in the UK to develop their ideas and projects. Level 2 Awards provides grants of up to £15,000 to support people whose ideas are already developed or pay for the living expenses of Award Winners to help them devote more time to their projects. In addition, UnLtd also provides grants of between £500 and £5,000 through its Level 1 Awards. The aim of Level 1 awards is to provide grants of between £500 and £5,000 to develop new ideas into real projects. UnLtd gives out 1,000 Level 1 Awards each year across the UK. Level 1 Awards are aimed at individuals or informal groups of people who have an idea and want help getting it off the ground. The money is to help with the running costs of the project. **Applications for Level 1 Awards can be submitted at any time. The deadline for submitting an initial Expression of Interest form for level 2 Awards is the 22nd March 2010.**

<http://www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=1&PageName=whatareunltdawards>

European Network of Female Entrepreneurship Ambassadors (UK)

The European Commission has issued a call for proposals to extend the coverage of the European Network of Female Entrepreneurship Ambassadors to the remaining eligible countries (including the UK). The aim of this call is to create a complete European Network of Female Entrepreneurship Ambassadors with the aim of boosting the rate of female entrepreneurial activity across the EU. The Network of Ambassadors shall inspire women of all ages (including women in active life as well as students) to become entrepreneurs and to set up their own businesses. The Ambassadors will help raise confidence in setting up and creating successful businesses. They will also be role models to inspire other women to become entrepreneurs by "telling their personal success story". Each project will set up one national network. The aggregate of them will constitute a European Network. This call is open to consortia of organisations that can include; public authorities responsible for or active in ! the fields of economic affairs, enterprise, business

support or related issues; chambers of commerce and industry, chambers of handicrafts or similar bodies; business support organisations and start-up centres; business associations and business support networks; and public and private entities offering business support services. The EU will cover up to 50% of eligible costs and the total level of funding available for each country is €50,000. **The deadline for applications is the 12th March 2010...**

http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise/newsroom/cf/itemlongdetail.cfm?item_id=3917&lang=en

Support for Young People Starting Up in Business (England, Scotland and Northern Ireland) LA Ch SE

Young people wishing to start up their own business may be able to apply for funding and other support measures through the Prince's Trust Business Programme. The programme can provide support to young people who are; aged 18-30; unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week; and living in England or Northern Ireland. The type of support available includes a low interest loan of up to £4,000 (up to £5,000 for a partnership); ongoing advice from a business mentor; access to a wide range of products and services. This includes a free legal helpline, sponsored by Barclays; a grant of up to £1,500 in special circumstances (subject to local availability); and a test marketing grant of up to £250 (subject to local availability). Young people in Scotland aged 18-25 may be eligible. **Applications to the programme can be made at any time.**

<http://www.princes-trust.org.uk>

The Bridges Social Entrepreneurs Fund (UK) SE

Bridges Ventures, the privately owned fund management company with a social mission. The £4.25million investment fund is for social enterprises that can upscale their operations to have a higher social impact and have a sustainable business model. The Bridges Social Entrepreneurs Fund will invest up to £1million in each social enterprise. The investment will be through equity-like capital providing social enterprises with the risk capital funding they need to grow. The funding will be repayable with an appropriate return, and the fund will re-invest all repayments and returns into further social enterprises. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

<http://www.bridgesventures.com>

Meeting housing need

Hilden Charitable Fund (UK) Ch VC

The Hilden Charitable Fund has announced that **the next deadline for submitting applications is the 29th January 2010**. Within the UK, the Hilden Charitable Fund makes grants to projects that address disadvantages, notably by supporting causes which are less likely to raise funds from public subscriptions. In particular, the Fund wants to support projects that address homelessness; asylum seekers and refugees; Community based initiatives for disadvantaged young people; Penal Affairs.

Preference is given to supporting small community organisations with an income of less than £200,000 per year. During 2009 the average grant given was £5,000.

<http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/>

Promoting culture, arts, leisure and tourism

Bursaries To Support Exchange Between Artists' Groups and Networks (UK)

VC In

Artists' groups and networks can now apply to NAN's Go and see bursaries for up to

£500. The aims of the bursaries are intended to reflect the NAN mission: to promote the aspirations of artists and the development of practice through peer dialogue and exchange. **The next deadline for applications is the 1st March 2010.** Projects supported in the past include; Basement Art Project, a contemporary art network led by London based artist Yu-Chen Wang with a group of international artists, curators and researchers, will travel to the Netherlands to visit four artist-run spaces; and Post, a group of seven professional women artists who live and work on Merseyside, will go to Linz, Austria, European Capital of Culture 2009, to undertake further research with comparable groups and individual female artists for Novas, an exhibition to coincide with International Women's Day in March 2009.

<http://www.a-n.co.uk/nan/topic/473133>

Media Programme - New Call for Proposals (UK) In Ch SE VC

The European Commission has issued a new call for proposals under its Media programme. The objective of the Media Programme is to support the European Ausiovisual Industry. The aim of this call for proposals is to support the development of digital interactive content complementing an audiovisual project (drama, creative documentary or animation) specifically developed for at least one of the following platforms; internet; PC; console; handheld device; and interactive television. The total budget available for this call for proposals is €2 million. The maximum financial contribution which may be awarded is between €10, 000 and €150 000. The financial contribution awarded will in no event exceed 50 % of the eligible costs submitted by the producer (60 % for projects presenting an interest in promoting European cultural diversity). **Applications must be submitted no later than the 12th April 2010....**

<http://eur->

lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2009:232:0010:0012:EN:PDF

Arts Awards (UK) In Ch SE VC

The Wellcome Trust is inviting organisations and individuals to apply for funding through its Arts Awards. The Arts Awards support projects that engage the public with biomedical science through the arts including dance, drama, performance arts, visual arts, music, film, craft, photography, creative writing or digital media. Applications are invited for projects up to £30,000. The aim of the awards is to support arts projects that reach new audiences which may not traditionally be interested in science and provide new ways of thinking about the social, cultural and ethical issues around contemporary science. The scheme is open to a wide range of people including, among others; Artists; Scientists; curators; filmmakers; writers; producers; directors; academics; science communicators; teachers; arts workers; education officers. **For small to medium-sized projects (up to and including £30 000) the deadline for applications is 29th January 2010.** Decisions will be made approximately three months after the deadline. **For large projects (over £30, 000) the next deadline is January 2010.**

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/Arts-Awards/index.htm>

UnLtd Sport Relief Awards (UK) SE

UnLtd, the charity that supports Social Entrepreneurs, is accepting applications under its Sport Relief Grants Programme. UnLtd Sport Relief Awards are funded by Comic Relief and provide opportunities for young people to bring communities together, to help promote understanding and solve problems through sport, arts and recreational activities. The UK wide funding programme is for 11-21 year olds, who are prepared to go the extra mile and use their passion for sport and arts to bring respect and understanding to their communities by setting up their own projects. There are three funding streams that young people can apply for. These are "Try it" which provides grants of up to £1,000 for young people to try out their idea; "Shape it" which provides grants of up to £5,000 to develop ideas; and "Do it" which provides grants of up to £10,000 to grow projects. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

<http://unltd.org.uk>

PRS Foundation for New Music (UK) In Ch SE VC

The PRS Foundation for New Music (PRSF), which is the UK's largest independent funder for new music of any genre, provides a range of grants to stimulate and support the creation and performance of new music in the UK has announced that new application guidelines for its grant making programmes will be published on the 16th December 2009. The Foundations grant making programmes supports music festivals, new music, unsigned bands and promoters, etc. The Foundation also provides a range of bursaries to individuals. Since March 2000 the Foundation has made more than 2500 grants totalling some £10 million. For more information on the types of grants available and the application deadlines, please click on the link below...

<http://www.prsfoundation.co.uk/funding/whatdowesupport.htm>

Children & The Arts Partner Applications Now Open (UK) LA Ch SE VC

The Prince's Foundation for Children & the Arts is inviting arts organisations across the UK to apply to become an arts partner for their flagship program 'Start'. Through 'Start', Children & the Arts provides funding and practical support to enable arts organisations across the UK to form partnerships with primary and secondary schools in their local area. 'Start' allows children who have little or no experience of the UK's rich culture; children who may never have been to a play, heard a live piece of classical music or even visited their local art gallery to experience the very best of the UK's glorious arts heritage. Children & the Arts are seeking to work with between 6 and 10 partners for the 2010/11 academic year who can deliver projects that are high quality; target children who are unlikely to have visited venues before; accessible for the audience targeted; offer opportunities to create learning and skills development; can be sustained over a period of time; and build upon an organisation's current education programme. **The deadline for applications is the 29th January 2010...**

<http://www.childrenandarts.org.uk>

New Fund Launched for Disabled Artists (UK) VC

Unlimited is a new £1.5 million UK-wide disability arts commissioning fund being run as part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad. The aim of the fund is to commission new work that is artistically led by disabled people. Grants of between £25,000 and £50,000 are available to disabled and Deaf artists, and disabled and Deaf-led arts organisations, who wish to develop their work, strengthen their artistic practice, challenge perceptions and forge new partnerships with presenting venues and events.

There are three application deadlines for applications. These are the 4th January 2010, the 1st October 2010 and the 18th April 2011.

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding>

The Countess of Munster Musical Trust (UK) In

The Countess of Munster Musical Trust has announced that it will be open to applications from the 1st January 2010. The trust provides financial assistance towards the musical education of individual students and the Trustees are prepared to consider applications from young student singers, instrumentalists and composers, of British or British Commonwealth nationality. The fund offers offer a small number of interest-free loans, to former beneficiaries who are on the threshold of their careers, to help with the purchase of musical instruments. They are also accepting applications through the Stephen Oliver award scheme, a work, which has been or is in the process of being written for music theatre, to assist with the cost of bringing it to performance. Applicants should be able to demonstrate that performance is in prospect. **The deadline for applications is the 14th February 2010...**

<http://www.munstertrust.org.uk/index.htm>

Funding to Develop Media Skills for Disadvantaged Young People (England) LA

Ch SE VC

Mediabox which offers disadvantaged 13 to 19 year olds the opportunity to develop and produce creative media projects, using film, television, print, radio or online platforms has announced that its Big Mediabox funding programmes is now open for applications. The scheme which is run by a consortium consisting of First Light Movies, Media Trust, Skillset and the UK Film Council provides grants of between £20,000 and £40,000 for media projects where disadvantaged young people (aged 13 to 19 years) take a lead role in all aspects of the production process. However participants with Learning Difficulties and Disabilities up to the age of 25 may be involved. Applicants to Big Mediabox funding need to have a strong track record of developing media projects with young people and can include registered limited companies, local authorities, schools, colleges, universities and co-operatives. It is anticipated that through this funding round approximately 20 Big Media projects will be supported. Big Mediabox will fund up to 60% of the total cost of a project. **The closing date for applications is 2pm on Wednesday the 20th January 2010...**

<http://www.media-box.co.uk/funding/big-mediabox>

The War Memorial Trust (UK) LA Ch SE VC TP

The War Memorials Trust is open to applications for the protection and conservation of war memorials in the UK. The Trust currently runs three different grant schemes, which provide support to projects that aim to repair, conserve and preserve the war memorials in their existing form as well as reinstate the memorial in its original design. The Trust only offers grants to projects that relate to existing war memorials and not for the creation of new war memorials or projects for which work has already started and/or is completed. Graves of any type are not eligible for support under any of the schemes. The grant scheme you will need to apply for will depend on where in the UK the memorial is located and whether it is freestanding or not and what work needs doing. For further information on what scheme is the most appropriate to apply for please contact the Conservation Officer on 020 7233 7356 or email

conservation@warmemorials.org

<http://www.warmemorials.org.uk/>

Young Roots (UK) LA Ch SE VC

Young Roots offers grants of between £3,000 and £25,000. The scheme aims to involve 13-20 year-olds (up to 25 for those with special needs) in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement. Projects need to be related to the local and culturally varied heritage of the UK. For example, it could involve young people researching a local archive or doing practical casework on a nature reserve. Projects must also show how young people are managing and participating in the project. Projects should promote social inclusion and equal opportunities by involving a wide range of young people of different abilities and cultural backgrounds. **Applications can be made at any time.**

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/youngroots.aspx>

Opportunities Through Sports Programme (UK) Ch

Registered charities that wish to support sporting activities or projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and to develop other personal and life skills can apply for funding through the Peter Harrison Foundation "Opportunities through Sports" programme. Grants will often be "one off" grants for capital projects. The Foundation will, however, also consider revenue funding for a new project or if funding is key to the continuing success or survival of an established project. Recent projects supported through the programme include a £30,000 grant to the Swadelands School to enable the school to reach its fundraising target in order to claim a Big Lottery Fund grant for a new multi-gym and dance facility, which will have wide community use; and a £50,000 grant to the Brae Partnership towards the building and running costs of a new riding centre for people with disabilities. In addition the Foundation also operates two

funding schemes open to organisations in the South East of England. These are the “Special Needs and Care for Children and Young People programme and the Opportunities through Education Programme. The Peter Harrison Foundation operates a two-stage application process: An initial enquiry to check whether your project might be of interest to the Peter Harrison Foundation and a full application. <http://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/programme.htm>

Funding for Music Making Activities (UK) VC Ch

Youth Music, the UK’s largest children’s music charity has announced its grant making programme is open for applications. Through its “Open Programme”, grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 are available to support projects that provide music-making activities for children and young people in support of Youth Music’s goals. Youth Music will fund any non profit-making organisation more than one year old that is committed to music-making activities for children and young people up to 18 (or up to 25 if they have special educational needs, disabilities or are in detention). Youth Music aims to support music making activities principally in out of school hours such as during weekends, holidays as well as in breakfast and after schools clubs. Youth Music understands that programmes may need to begin in school hours especially if the proposal involves encouraging first time participation in music. To help with this, Youth Music will consider applications for programmes where up to 25% of the time is spent in school hours. The proposed programme should aim to encourage children and young people to eventually make music outside of school hours. **The next deadline for applications is the 10th February 2010.** <http://www.youthmusic.org.uk>

Encouraging community involvement

Volunteer Management Programme (England) Ch SE

Capacitybuilders has announced that it is now seeking expression of interest from Training Providers under Strand C of its Volunteer Management Programme. Strand C is a bursary scheme that will support volunteer management skills development. This call for proposals is for training providers to deliver existing skills development products targeting people who manage volunteers. Proposed product/s may involve some or all of the following elements; modular courses; classroom based activity; peer support; mentoring or coaching; distance learning opportunities; workplace activity allowing participants to embed learning within their day to day practice. The total amount of funding available will be approximately £900,000. Bursaries will become 'live' in April 2010 and Capacitybuilders would expect product delivery to commence by early May 2010. All bursaries funds must be used by 31st March 2011. To be eligible training providers must operate in at least four of the Governments nine regions. **The closing date for submitting expression of interest is 1 pm on the 8th January 2010....**

Comic Relief - International Programmes (UK) Ch SE VC

UK-registered charities who are active in the developing world who work closely with local organisations, especially in Africa can apply for International funding through Comic Relief. UK-registered charities can apply for grants through six open grant programmes these are; Trade; People Affected by HIV and AIDS; People Affected by Conflict; Street and Working Children and Young People; People Living in Urban Slums; and Women and Girls. Eligible organisations can apply for up to £1 million for project grants and up to £25,000 for research and development grants. Most of the grants are for between three and five years. Small grants for project research and development are usually for between 3 months and a year. Comic Relief encourage applications for projects that include women, disabled people, people with HIV and AIDS, children and other disadvantaged groups such as older people or minority

groups. **The deadline for applications is the 5th March 2010...**

4th Round of the Youth Sector Development Fund Launched (England) Ch SE VC

The Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has invited voluntary and community organisations, charities, social enterprises and cooperatives, etc to bid for a share of up to £10m to raise the aspirations of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. The fourth round of the Youth Sector Development Fund (YSDF) will focus on supporting the aims of the Government's Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) Strategy published last month, by raising the aspirations of young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. DCSF are particularly interested in proposals that will develop mentoring provision and enable young people from families with low aspirations to experience the professions and higher education. Partnerships with schools and colleges are acceptable but they should focus on students with low aspirations rather than a whole-year or class approach. The grants available will normally range between £200,000 and £500,000. Organisations already receiving YSDF funding and support are not eligible to apply for this funding round. Around 25 third-sector organisations are expected to benefit from the fund. **The closing date for applications is the 4th February 2010...**

<http://ysdf.ecotec.com/index.asp?pid=13>

Vodafone's World Of Difference Programme (UK) In Ch SE VC

Vodafone is giving people 18 years old and over anywhere in the UK the opportunity to make a World of Difference in the Community. Successful applicants could spend two months working at the charity of their choice. Vodafone will pay the charity £2,500 and the applicant will receive the balance left after the charity has paid all National Insurance and Tax contributions for their placement. Vodafone will also give successful applicants a new mobile phone, with a preloaded SIM. In order for applications to be considered, the applicant will need to; have discussed their intention to apply for World of Difference with their chosen charity and have a plan for what they would like to achieve in their two months with that charity; provide contact details for their chosen charity; be available for an induction day in London either on the 11th January 2010 (for placements beginning on the 12th January 2010) or 12th April 2010 (for placements beginning on the 13th April 2010).

<http://worldofdifference.vodafone.co.uk/aboutWOD.html>

V's Match Fund Open to Applications (England) Ch SE VC

Youth volunteering charity "V" has announced that they have £72 million available through their Match Fund to invest into diverse and high impact projects across England. Match Fund aims to encourage more investment in volunteering projects from businesses, charitable trusts and private individuals. The programme will match up to 100% of any new private investment involving young people aged 16-25. "V" is interested in supporting projects in six areas: Health and wellbeing, Environment, Supporting children and young people, Community cohesion, Poverty and Human rights. For one-year projects the minimum private contribution is £10,000, which will be match funded to the same amount by the programme. For two-year projects the minimum private contribution is £20,000. The maximum level of private funding "V" can match per year is £250,000. **The deadline for applications is the 5th February 2010....**

<http://www.vinspired.com/v/funding/match-funding/overview>

Joint International Development Grants Programme 2009 (UK) Ch SE VC

The Baring Foundation and John Ellerman Foundation have announced that the Joint International Development grants programme 2010 is open for applications. The aim of the programme is to build the capacity of and improve the effectiveness of non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and community-based organisations (CBOs) in Sub-Saharan Africa to address problems arising from the long term forced migration

and displacement of people. This does not include economic migration. The Foundations will accept applications from registered charities; voluntary and constituted not-for-profit organisations in the UK which have had an income of over £150,000 and less than £15 million for each of the last two years. Such UK charities will need to have close working partnerships with non-governmental and community-based organisations in Sub-Saharan Africa and to seek to benefit people disadvantaged or marginalised by long-term migration and displacement. The Foundations are especially encouraging applications from African-led voluntary organisations based in the UK fitting these requirements. **Applicants can apply for grants of up to five years. The deadline for applications is the 26th March 2010...**

<http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/program.htm>

The Civil Society Challenge Fund (UK) Ch SE VC

The Department for International Development (DFID) has announced that **the deadline for submission of concept notes under the Civil Society Challenge Fund (CSCF) has changed to the 1st of April 2010.** The CSCF is an annual competitive fund which can provide up to £500,000 for 5 years for projects that support the British government's fight against world poverty in the developing world and to help raise awareness of development issues within the UK. The fund is open to not-for-profit UK-based civil society organisations, networks or coalitions which share DFID's overall goal of poverty eradication. DFID welcome applications from; non-governmental organisations; Membership groups; faith based organisations; trade unions; etc. Applicants need not be organisations whose primary purpose is international development. However, applicants need to demonstrate that they have an established and effective relationship with local civil society organisation(s) in the countries where the project will be implemented. Applicants must first submit a Concept Note. **The deadline for full proposals will remain unchanged and is the 31st May 2010...**

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-not-for-profit-organisations/CSCF/>

Faith in Action Fund Round 2 Opens for Applications (England) Ch VC

The Community Development Foundation has announced that a second funding round for its Faith In Action Programme is now open for applications. Faiths in Action is a £2 million grants programme sponsored by Communities and Local Government and administered by the Community Development Foundation that is open to faith, inter faith, voluntary and community sector organisations at national, regional and local levels in England. The aim of the fund is to support the government's aspiration to help faith communities and others to promote understanding, dialogue and develop strong and sustainable partnerships. The Fund is particularly keen to support projects that focus on the inclusion and participation of women and young people and those which involve partnerships between one or more organisations. Faiths in Action supports delivery of the Government document, Face to Face and Side by Side. All applications must therefore directly relate to one or more of the fund's four priorities which are derived from this framework. These are; developing the confidence and skills to "bridge" and "link" ; supporting shared spaces for interaction and social action; developing structures and processes which support dialogue and social action; and improving opportunities for learning which build understanding. The maximum grant available is £6,000 and **applications can be submitted at any time.**

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/faiths-in-action>

HBOS Foundation - Community Action Programme (UK) LA Ch SE VC

Through its Community Action programme, the HBOS Foundation makes grants of up to £10,000 to support a diverse range of local activities. The programme which is available in those communities where the HBOS bank operates, is open to registered charities and has two key themes: Money advice and financial literacy, and

developing and improving local communities. Previous projects funded include a grant of £2,500 to Ravenscliffe Special School in Halifax to purchase an adapted tricycle providing pupils with the opportunity to engage in fun filled exercise sessions whilst providing much needed sensory stimulation and a grant of £2,100 to purchase sensory play equipment, arts and crafts materials and a number of musical instruments for a family support centre based in Perth for children, young people and adults with autistic spectrum disorder. **Applications can be made at any time.**
<http://www.hbosfoundation.org>

Meeting the needs of children and young people

The Frank Buttle Trust - Child Support Scheme (UK) LA Ch SE VC

Social workers, health visitors and support workers working for a statutory agency or voluntary organisation can apply for funding through the Frank Buttle Trust to help children and young people in desperate need. Grants are intended to make a positive contribution to their lives when their safety, health or development is at risk. The item (or service) to be funded should be critical to the well-being of the child/young person, and items that are merely desirable, rather than essential, will not be eligible for support. The grants available provide necessities such as; beds; bedding; essential items of furniture; household equipment. The Trust also has an arrangement with Comet for washing machines, cookers, fridges and other white goods that can be delivered directly to applicants. Applications must be made through a statutory agency or voluntary organisation that is capable of assessing the needs of the child/young person, and that can also administer a grant on behalf of the Trust. In the financial year to 31st March 2008 the Trust made 9,481 Child Support grants, totalling £1.94 million. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**
<http://www.buttletrust.org>

Funding to Change Young People's Lives (England, Scotland & Wales) LA Ch SE VC

Organisations that work with young people, whatever their background, to help them achieve their potential have the opportunity to apply for funding through The Learning Launchpad. The Learning Launchpad is an investment fund delivered by the Young Foundation working in partnership with Edge that provides investment to organisations in their early stages of development. The Learning Launchpad offer investment at two stages. Stage one investments of up to £30,000 are suitable for people or fledgling organisations that are starting out with a new idea. Stage two investments of up to £100,000 are typically suitable for organisations or initiatives that are already up and running and want to grow. In particular, the Learning Launchpad is looking to support ideas that have a profound social impact both on individuals and on society as a whole; are innovative; are sustainable; can be replicated and are run by passionate and competent people. **The next application deadline is 5pm, Friday 8th January 2010...**
<http://www.learninglaunchpad.org/>

Wallace & Gromit's Children's Foundation (UK) Ch SE VC

The Wallace & Gromit's Children's Foundation has announced that its grants making programme is now open for applications. The Foundation supports projects in children's hospitals and hospices throughout the UK to enrich and enhance the lives of patients. The type of projects that could be considered by the Foundation include amongst others:

- arts, music, play and leisure programmes
- facilities to support families of children treated in hospitals or hospices
- care and facilities in hospices
- supporting children with physical and emotional difficulties

- medical equipment (when it can be shown that funding is not available from statutory sources).

During 2008, the average grant awarded was just over £9,000.

The deadline for applications is the 7th January 2009.

<http://www.wallaceandgromitfoundation.org/pages/grant.htm>

Improving social care and health

Esmee Fairbairn Foundation - Food Strand (UK) LA Ch SE VC

The aim of the Food strand is a £3 million funding strand over three years (2008 - 2011) with the aim of promoting an understanding of the role of food in enhancing quality of life. It will prioritise the enjoyment and experience of food rather than its production and we seek to enable as many people in the UK as possible to access, prepare and eat nutritious, sustainable food. The Foundation are keen to support work which enhances quality of life, this will include the following:

- Improving access to appropriate, diverse and sustainable food in areas where availability is limited
- Exploring or enhancing understanding of the impact of food on wider well-being
- Demonstrating the positive role of food in a social context or how food can contribute to community cohesion
- Developing leadership in food policy and/or enabling greater connection among currently diverse food-related interests
- Scaling up effective local or regional practice that deserves a wider platform
- Strategic or exceptional work that supports the development of sustainable food systems.

The Foundation is interested in work that influences policy and practice across a range of food-related areas. The Foundation expects to support a mix of practical projects that have wide significance, and some research and policy based work.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/food.html>

Government Announces New Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund (England) Ch SE VC

The Department of Health (DH) has announced that its new "Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund" **will open for applications in January 2010**. This new fund replaces the Opportunities for Volunteering (OFV) scheme which has been running since 1982. The new scheme will continue to support local volunteering projects in health and social care, and open up the floor to national projects to improve health and wellbeing. The scheme will award grants for volunteer projects which could include schemes such as providing friendship and support to vulnerable adults, community services for disabled children and help for those living with and affected by HIV. It will prioritise projects which work towards key aims such as improving adult social care and reducing health inequalities. The Fund will run concurrently with the OFV until 2012 to allow projects already being funded to run their course. The first funding round will be for local projects, followed by a second round later in the year will support national schemes. Any third sector organisation wishing to run volunteering projects in the health or social care will be able to apply for funding...

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/content/detail.aspx?NewsAreaId=2&ReleaseID=409555&SubjectId=2>

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<http://www.wallaceandgromitfoundation.org/pages/grant.htm>

Comic Relief Grants Programmes Open for Applications (UK) Ch SE VC

Comic Relief has announced that its UK grants programme is now open for applications. Applications will be invited from the voluntary and community sector throughout the UK including: constituted voluntary and community groups, charities, social enterprises, co-operatives, faith organisations, and community interest companies. Under its UK grant making programme, Comic Relief makes grants that: address mental health issues, domestic and sexual abuse, supports refugee and asylum seeking women; young people, in particular those that are sexually exploited and trafficked, that have alcohol and mental health problems; project that use sport to support community development and projects that support local disadvantaged communities. Comic Relief provides both capital and revenue and can pay for up to 100% of projects costs but they encourage applicants to get some of their funding from other sources. There is no minimum or maximum grant in most of the programmes, but where there are limits, these are clearly stated in the programme guidelines. Grants on average vary between £25,000 and £40,000 per year, and rarely exceed this upper limit.

The Thomas Charitable Fund (UK and Republic of Ireland) LA Ch SE VC In

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which was established primarily to aid the research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability by making grants to voluntary organisations within the UK and the Republic of Ireland working in this field. The Trust consider under learning disability the conditions generally referred to as severe learning difficulties, together with autism. In this area, they consider projects concerning children or adults. Learning disability, thus defined, is a priority for funding. They will not offer grants for research into or care of those with mental illness or dyslexia. They offer grants from £250 upwards. **The next deadline for applications is 1st May 2010.**

<http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/>

Meeting the needs of older people

There are no funding opportunities to report this month

Promoting Healthy and Caring Lifestyles

Funding for Early Adoption of 'Scores on the Doors' scheme (in England, Wales and Northern Ireland) LA

The Food Standards Agency has announced that it is inviting Local Authorities to apply for funding for the adaptation of the Agency's national 'Scores on the doors' scheme. The national 'Scores on the doors' scheme aims to provide consumers with information on how well local food businesses comply with food hygiene regulations. A total of £500,000 is available to support early adopters of the scheme in England, Wales and Northern Ireland with the start up activities needed in preparation for

launching and running the scheme. In addition to this, the Agency will be supporting authorities by providing; guidance on the implementation and operation of the national six-tier scheme; briefing material that can be used to help inform elected members about the national scheme; promotional and marketing materials; training and training materials for local authorities; and IT assistance for linking to the national IT platform and associated IT training. **Local authorities must apply by the 15th January 2010 and will be informed in late January if their applications have been successful..**

<http://www.food.gov.uk/news/newsarchive/2009/dec/sotdresources>

Developing Community Cohesion

Funding to Promote Financial Inclusion (UK) Ch SE VC

The Friends Provident Foundation makes grants of up to £200,000 to not-for profit organisations for projects that address financial exclusion within disadvantaged communities. The funding is distributed through the Financial Inclusion Programme 2009-2012. The Foundation will consider applications for work that will make a strategic contribution to the overall outcome of financial inclusion in the UK. The Foundation will consider requests for capital or revenue funding, core funds or project costs. The Foundation is willing to consider applications from any type of legally independent organisation, but can only support work that is legally charitable. Actions previously supported through the Foundation include; making money management advice available to young people via mobile phones and interactive digital TV; a research project to look at the difficulties that people with a learning disability are having in gaining access to banking services. **The next closing date for applications is the 12th February 2010...**

<http://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/page.asp?section=119§ionTitle=Application+timetable+for+the+Financial+Inclusion+programme>

Erach & Roshan Sadri Foundation Grants (UK) VC Ch

Charities and organisations have the opportunity to apply for grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 through the Erach & Roshan Sadri Foundation. Applications from individuals may also be considered. The Foundation seeks to support educational and welfare projects, projects that relieve poverty by alleviating homelessness and assisting members of the Zoroastrian religious faith. Projects that the Foundation has funded in the UK in the past include a Saturday Education programme; funding for a Muslim school; and support for young carers in Wiltshire. **The next deadline for applications is the 1st March 2010...**

<http://www.ersf.org.uk>

'Creme of Nature' Community Action Award (UK) Ch SE VC

Now into its third year, the Award is focused on those in African Caribbean voluntary, faith and community groups, whose primary objective is to support and encourage women. Applications are welcome from individuals to small groups, but priority will be given to those who have an annual turnover of less than £50,000. The 2010 Award will be £10,000 and there will also be 4 runners up who will also receive cash awards ranging from £500 to £1,750. The Judges will choose the 5 Community Action Award Finalists. The money can be used for a wide range of projects and activities. Applicants could be an established group that is in desperate need of premises refurbishment, or perhaps an organisation that is looking to develop a new community programme. The public will then be invited to vote for their preferred finalist in knock-out rounds of online voting during May 2010. The 2009 Creme of Nature Community Action Award was won by the Shern Hall Youth Methodist Steel Band who used the money to purchase a set of new steel pans. **The closing date for applications is the 28th February 2010...**

<http://www.communityactionaward.com/index.html>

Funding for Christian Charities Promoting Social Inclusion (UK) Ch SE VC

The Anchor Foundation provides grants of between £500 and £10,000 per year to Christian Charities that encourage social inclusion through ministries of healing and the arts. Funding can be awarded for up to three years. The Foundation will consider applications for either capital or revenue funding. Only in exceptional circumstances will grants be given for building work. Previously funded projects include the Karis Neighbour Scheme which received a grant of £700 for revenue costs at a drop in centre for women refugees in Birmingham; Discovery Camps which received a grant of £1500 to subsidise holidays for children arranged by churches in and around Dundee; and Scargill House which received a grant of £5,000 to facilitate cross cultural engagement and understanding amongst children using arts based residential courses in Yorkshire.

Applications are considered at twice yearly trustees meetings in April and November and need to be received by 31st January and 31st July each.

<http://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk/>

Rejuvenating Dacorum

New £1m Rural Community Transport Enterprise Programme (England) SE

The Community Transport Association (CTA) and the Plunkett Foundation have announced a new three year Social Enterprise Rural Community Transport Development Fund. The new fund will offer grant/loan packages to eight organisations around England to enable them to significantly grow their contract income and to become more sustainable. The funding package will consist of £30,000 grant aid; £55,000 loan funding; and £37,000 (approximately) support-in-kind comprising business and development support and co-learning from other participants provided by the CTA and Plunkett over the life of the programme. The funding, totalling almost £1 million, has been secured from the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, the Department for Transport, the Commission for Rural Communities and Futurebuilders England. **The closing date for applications is Monday 4th January 2010...**

Acting on Climate Change

Research Councils UK Energy Programme (UK) In

Research Councils UK has announced that it is investing more than £530 million in UK research to develop low carbon technologies to fight the effects of climate change. Research Councils UK "Energy Programme" aims to position the UK to meet its energy and environmental targets and policy goals through world-class research and training. The objectives of this programme are to; support a full spectrum of energy research to help the UK meet the objectives and targets set out in the 2007 Energy White Paper; work in partnership to contribute to the research and postgraduate training needs of energy-related businesses and other key stakeholders; increase the international visibility and level of international collaboration within the UK energy research portfolio; expand UK research capacity in energy-related areas. The programme offers funding to a wide spectrum of energy research and training, such as; bio-energy; cleaner fossil fuels; energy efficiency; fusion; hydrogen and fuel cell technology; marine; networks and storage; nuclear; policy, society and economic; solar; and wind. For further information on this programme click on the link below...

<http://www.rcukenergy.org.uk/what-were-funding.html>

E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund (England, Scotland & Wales) Ch SE VC

E.On the power and gas generating and distributing company has announced that **the next application deadline for its Sustainable Energy Fund is the 2nd April**

2010. The E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund offers grants of up to £20,000 to community groups and not for profit organisations who wish to consider and implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings. Projects that can be considered include; the purchase and installation of one or more renewable energy technologies (e.g. wind, solar thermal, PV, wood etc); the renovation of existing facilities to incorporate micro-generation technology (e.g. the reinstatement of a watermill and the purchase of a turbine to produce hydro-electricity); an energy efficiency makeover for your building that could demonstrate significant energy savings and also behavioural change amongst users; and the use of new or innovative technology to deliver either energy savings or micro-generation capacity. To be eligible organisations must benefit specific groups namely: Education, vulnerable people and people in fuel poverty.

<http://eon-uk.com/about/2654.aspx>

General Grant Making Bodies

Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust Grants Making Programme (UK) Ch SE VC

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust awards grants to charitable organisations in the United Kingdom and overseas. The trustees welcome applications for projects within the following areas for the next three years. These categories are then repeated in a three-year rotation: 2010 Children, Youth, The Elderly, Medical. For this year only Medical Research projects dealing with the ageing population will be considered. The other priorities - Children, Youth and the Elderly - as well as other non-research based medical work are still welcome; 2011 Music and the Arts, Overseas (Deadline for applications 1st June & 1st Nov 2011); 2012 Community (Deadline for applications 1st June & 1st Nov 2012). Due to the overwhelming number of applications received, the trustees have decided to consider within the Community category applications ONLY from charities working with: Homeless; Addiction; Asylum and Refugees; Sexual and Domestic Abuse; Prisoners and ex-Offenders). If your charity's work falls within one of these categories and would like **to be considered for a grant, please submit an application by 1st June or 1st November only in the appropriate year.** Grants are usually between £1,000 and £10,000, with the majority being £5,000 or less. Exceptionally, grants of up to £20,000 are made, but these are usually for medical research projects. Previous grants awarded include a grant of £5,000 towards a resource centre providing advice and training for workers dealing with mental health in rural areas and £5,000 towards a project aimed at behavioural programme for persistent young offenders...

<http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/>

Government Announces £33 Million in Grassroots Grants (England) VC Ch

The Government has announced that over £33 million in grants have been given to over 13,000 charities and voluntary organisations in the first full year of the Government's Grassroots Grants scheme. The £130 million scheme, launched in September 2008, is aimed at helping small voluntary and community organisations provide much needed help in their communities and reach out to the most vulnerable people. Grants have been spent on a range of community activity from healthy food parcels for deprived communities to social activity for carers - helping communities to thrive and deal with the individual challenges that face each local community. **The programme, which is administered by local Community Development Foundations, will run until March 2011** is still open for applications. Small and local community groups with annual incomes below £30,000 can apply for the grants of between £250 and £5,000...

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/grassroots-grants>

The Fair Share Trust (UK) Ch SE VC

The Fair Share Trust, part of the Fair Share Initiative was created to target areas throughout the UK that have previously received less than their 'fair share' of National

Lottery funding. The focus of the programme is medium and longer term revenue projects, not short-term one-off projects, and grants of between £5,000 and £250,000 can be made to almost any kind of organisation (including schools), as long as the work undertaken is not primarily for private gain or individual benefit. Grants awarded must address the three wider aims of the programme, these are; to build capacity; increase social capital; improve 'liveability' - and must also meet the local priorities set by the Local Panel. Each of the Fair Share Trust areas have been given a specific amount of funding in England this is £859,378k per area, in Northern Ireland it is £2,250,000 for the whole programme, in Scotland it is £5,750,000 for the whole programme, and in Wales it is £3,250,000 for the whole programme. There are 77 Fair Share areas across the UK. For more information on the programme and to find out which areas are eligible please click on the link below. **Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and should be made to your local agent (Community Foundation).**

<http://www.fairsharetrust.org/index.php>

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (UK) Ch SE VC

The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust has announced that its grant making programme is open for applications. Within the UK, the Trust makes grants to both organisations and individuals for activities that relate to:

- Peace and conflict resolution; promoting racial justice
- Power and responsibility
- Quaker concerns.

The Trust tends to fund work that is on a national level and there are no maximum grant limits although the Trust does stress that costings need to be realistic.

The next deadline for applications is the 5th January 2010.

<http://www.jrct.org.uk/>

FORTHCOMING FUNDRAISING TRAINING COURSES

For a timetable of upcoming training courses see
<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/events/>

USEFUL FUNDING RESOURCES

Search for funding opportunities at 'Grants 4: Dacorum' for FREE at
<http://www.grants4.info/dacorum/>

Community Action Dacorum provides specialist funding advice to local voluntary and community groups including the management of the new Grassroots Grants Programme _____

Hertfordshire County Council's funding information portal. Useful toolkits, funding databases and local grant information _____

An online guide for voluntary and community groups seeking grant aid applicable to Hertfordshire. <http://www.funding4herts.org.uk>

Funding Central is a free to access website offering access to information on available grants, loans and contracts. It also has a newsletter service that is tailored to your search criteria. www.fundingcentral.org.uk,

FREE downloadable software programmes from Funder Finder for voluntary and community organisations just starting out on grant applications.

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