



# 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 April 2010 edition of External Funding Monthly.*

*Kind regards*

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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

### National Home Safety Equipment Scheme (UK) In

The main focus of this new scheme is to provide home safety equipment to the most disadvantaged families in areas with the highest accident rates. 'Safe at Home' will be run by The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) until March 2011. RoSPA aims to work with existing and new local Home Safety Equipment Schemes in the areas with the highest accident rates. This support will take the form of information, training and the provision and fitting of home safety equipment. One of the long term objectives of Safe At Home is to promote understanding of the importance of home safety and to build the capacity of local communities to run their own schemes providing equipment and advice to families.

For further information and how to participate in the scheme please contact the Safe At Home team for further information or email: [nhses@rospa.com](mailto:nhses@rospa.com)  
<http://www.safeathome.rospa.com/index.htm>

### Women's Diversionary Fund (UK) Ch SE VC

The Corston Independent Funders Coalition and the Ministry of Justice (MoJ) have announced the launch of The Women's Diversionary Fund, a joint £2 million programme to help transform the way women are treated by the criminal justice system. The fund will provide grants to third sector organisations to support further growth in community services for women and contribute to building the confidence of courts in alternatives to custody. The Fund will focus on service development or continuation, filling gaps and further developing services and building organisational and sector capacity. There will not be an open application process, instead third sector organisations currently delivering in this or related fields will be invited to apply....

<http://www.corstoncoalition.org.uk/womens-diversionary-fund-announced>

## Creating a cleaner and healthier environment

### Intelligent Energy – Europe (UK) Ch SE VC

The European Commission has announced that its new call for proposals under its Intelligent Energy - Europe programme is now open for applications. The programme which will run until 2013, supports European projects and one off events that save energy and encourage the use of renewable energy sources in Europe. Specifically the programme aims to promote; energy efficiency and the rational use of energy sources; new and renewable energy sources and energy diversification; energy efficiency and new energy sources in transport. The type of activities that will be funded include:

- Capacity building
- Building and spreading of know-how, skills and methods

- Exchanges of experience
- Development of market and intelligence
- Awareness raising and information provision
- Education and training.

Successful proposals must include a minimum 3 independent partners from 3 different eligible countries. Some € 56 million will be made available to support the 2010 call for proposals. The co-funding rate will be up to 75% of the eligible costs - up from 50% in previous years.

The closing date for applications is the 24th June 2010.

[http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/index\\_en.html](http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/index_en.html)

### **Biffaward Flagship Programme Now Open To Applications (UK) Ch SE VC**

Biffaward, which is one of the largest Landfill Communities Fund schemes, has announced that its Flagship programme is now open to applications. Biffawards provides grants to support a range of community and biodiversity project. Through the Flagship programme grants of between £150,000 and £500,000 are available to support projects that have a regional or national impact.

The Flagship Scheme supports two themes:

- Rebuilding biodiversity
- Cultural facilities.

Projects must be site-based, within 25 miles of a Biffa operation and ten miles of an active landfill. The organisation making the application must be eligible to enrol with ENTRUST as an Environmental Body. Previous winners of the Flagship grants include; the Wildlife Trust for Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire & Peterborough who won a Flagship grant of £389,930 towards the Great Fen Project. This project, which demonstrates regional and national significance, with long term benefits for biodiversity and communities, will restore more than 3,000 hectares of wildlife habitat to the Cambridgeshire Fens. Biffawards usually support 2 to 3 Flagship projects per year. The deadline for expression of Interest is the 1st July 2010. <http://www.biffaward.org/about/foverview>

### **Community Renewable Energy Grants (UK) Ch SE VC TP**

The Naturesave Trust, which was set up in 1995, to fund specific environmental and conservation projects throughout the UK and to encourage the greater adoption of sustainable development, especially within the Small and Medium Sized business community (SMEs) has announced that it now provides start up 'seed corn' grants for community renewable energy projects. The Trust are keen to help communities, in particular, that do not have the initial start up capital to undertake all the preliminary work to get to the planning stage and most importantly for the community to retain as much control as possible over the operating income once the project has been successful. Recently funded projects by the Trust include Pilling St John's Primary School which received funding towards the installation of a wind turbine at the school, providing energy and income to the school and Trees for Health which received funding from the Trust to set up green woodworking area to utilise local coppice wood in Devon..

[http://www.naturesave.co.uk/trust\\_naturesave.html](http://www.naturesave.co.uk/trust_naturesave.html)

### **Parks for People (UK) LA**

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has announced that the next closing date for applications to the Parks for People programme is the 31st August 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. Recent awards include a £1.84 million grant to restore Castle Park in Fordsham, Cheshire back to its original historic landscape and to improve sports facilities, the play area, and cafe and kiosk facilities and a £3.5million grant to restore the historic landscaping and buildings, upgrading footpaths, entrances, furniture and signage of Brockwell Park which is located between Brixton, Norwood and Dulwich.. <http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/parksforpeople.aspx>

### **Ecominds - Urgent Notice to Small Grant Applicants (England) Ch SE VC**

Ecominds has announced that due to the large number of applications received to date, **the closing date for Small Grants has been brought forward to 12 noon, Friday 30 April 2010.**

Through the small grants programme, Ecominds will fund a range of community and voluntary groups who want to encourage people with experience of mental distress to get involved in environmental projects, such as:

- Improving open spaces and wildlife habitats
- Designing public art; and recycling.

Ecominds, which is run by Mind as an award partner of the Big Lottery Fund, is looking to fund smaller projects with grants of up to £20,000. To be eligible for funding projects must have:

- Both a mental health and environmental perspective
- Involve people with direct experience of mental distress
- Encourage community access, collaboration, and improve the environment and environmental sustainability
- Have a budget of under £250,000.

The amount of funding currently available for Small Grants is limited and prospective applicants are encouraged to consider carefully before applying.

<http://www.mind.org.uk/ecominds>

### **One Planet Living Grant Scheme (UK) LA Ch SE VC**

Through the One Planet Living (OPL) Grant scheme, schools, community groups and charitable organisations can apply to their local B&Q store for funding to support a local community project. Projects must support at least one of the following themes; conserve nature; save energy; grow your own; and local culture and heritage. The scheme provides £50 to £250 (at retail cost) of B&Q materials, for example, pond liners, plants, peat-free compost for projects such as a pond/wildlife garden or paints labelled low or minimal VOC for redecoration projects. It is important that the project is sustainable. Thus, the materials and methods used should not cause environmental damage in the short or long-term. The final result should have a long-lasting benefit to the community. OPL Grants do not cover maintenance, so the project should be designed for easy care. Projects must be local to a store and pupils must be involved in school projects. To apply for a grant, applicants will need to contact the environmental champion or store manager at their local B&Q store to discuss project details. **Projects can apply for funding between 1 February 2010 and 30 September 2010 and successful projects must collect their materials no later than 31 October 2010...**

[http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment\\_ethics/ethics/community/grants.jsp](http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment_ethics/ethics/community/grants.jsp)

### **EU Announces Next Life+ Funding Round (UK) LA Ch SE**

The European Commission has announced that the 2010 funding round under its Life+ Programme will open for applications on the 5th May 2010. LIFE + programme is the EU's main fund for supporting environmental projects. With a budget of €2.143 billion, Life + (2007 -13) will address all four priority areas of the Sixth Environment Action Programme. These are; Climate change; Nature and biodiversity; Health and quality of life; and Natural resources and waste. LIFE+ funding is available to both public and private bodies registered in the EU. It is suggested that potential applicants start preparing their 2010 proposals already on the basis of the 2009 application package. It is however very important that the final version submitted in

2010 uses only the 2010 application forms and follows all the instructions in the 2010 application guide (these will be made available on 5 May 2010 on the Life+ web site). Previously supported projects include Groundwork Sheffield which received funding to address climate change by increasing the quality of green roofs. Measures foreseen include the establishment of a UK green roof code of best practice and the encouragement of its adoption through a Green Roof Innovation Awards scheme and Business Solutions Europa Limited which received funding to produce and promote animated cartoons to help European children learn more about the environment, sustainability and climate change. **The provisional closing date for applications will be the 1st September 2010...**

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

#### **Farmers Offered New 'Green Funding' Deal (UK) In**

The Carbon Trust has announced financial help is now available for farmers to invest in energy-saving equipment. British farmers are now eligible to apply for unsecured, interest-free loans for between £3,000 and £20,000 to help them upgrade to more energy-efficient equipment. The new funding has been provided to help the farming sector to meet the carbon reduction aims laid out the Government's Low Carbon Transition Plan. Examples of energy efficiency upgrades which the Carbon Trust loans will fund are; thermal screens, used in greenhouse horticulture, typically cost up to £20,000, and can save over £10,000 / 100 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> annually; milk cooling accounts for one third of the energy consumption of dairy farms. New systems cost £3,000, and save up to £1,000 / 6 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> a year; Insulation used in field horticulture crop stores, typically costs around £17,000, and saves up to £10,000 / 50 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> a year; upgrading heating and ventilation controls, in livestock! farms, typically costs £3,000, and saves over £4,000 / 23 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> a year; grain drying humidity controls, used in arable farming, typically costs £3,000, and saves around £1,500 / 10 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> a year..

[http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/news/news/press-centre/2009/Pages/farmers\\_offered\\_new\\_green\\_funding\\_deal.aspx](http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/news/news/press-centre/2009/Pages/farmers_offered_new_green_funding_deal.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.**

<http://www.eib.org/about/press/2009/2009-255-european-commission-and-european-investment-bank-launch-european-local-energy-assistance-elena-facility.htm>

#### **Community Sustainable Energy Programme (England) LA Ch SE VC**

Not for profit organisations such as community groups, charities, schools, colleges and faith groups, etc are being invited to apply for funding to install renewable energy technologies (such as wind turbines and solar panels) and energy saving measures (such as roof and cavity wall insulation). Under the new Community Sustainable Energy programme £8 million will be available for the installation of microgeneration technologies and energy efficiency measures (Capital grants) and £1 million for

project development grants. The maximum Capital grant available is £50,000 or 50% of the project costs. The maximum project development grant is £5,000 or 75 per cent of the study cost - whichever is lower. The funding programme is being managed by the Building Research Establishment on behalf of the Big Lottery Fund's "Changing Spaces" Programme. Project development grants (for studies investigating the feasibility of installing any combination of the technologies) will be awarded on a first-come first-served basis until all funds are spent. Capital grants will be awarded on a competitive basis at quarterly selection panel meetings. **The next application deadline is the 7th May 2010....**

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

### **Boiler Scrappage Scheme (England) In**

The Boiler Scrappage Scheme is one of the Energy Saving Trust's programmes open to 125,000 householders in England living in an owned or privately rented home, giving them £400 off a new A-rated boiler or renewable heat technology, when they scrap the old, inefficient G-rated boiler. To be eligible for this scheme; householders (including tenants) under 60 must be scrapping a boiler that is in working order and is the main boiler used to heat the home; householders (including tenants) that are 60 and over can apply for the scheme regardless of whether the boiler they are scrapping is in working order, however it must still be the main boiler used to heat the home. Homeowners, and those that rent from private landlords and are in receipt of certain benefits, may also be eligible for a grant of up to £3,500 (or £6,000 where oil, low carbon or renewable technologies are recommended) under the Warm Front Scheme. For more details visit [www.warmfront.co.uk](http://www.warmfront.co.uk)....

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/Home-improvements-and-products/Heating-and-hot-water/Boiler-Scrappage-Scheme#vouchers>

## Delivering lifelong learning

### **New Call for Proposals – Lifelong Learning Programme (UK) LA**

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals under its Lifelong Learning Programme. The Lifelong Learning Programme brings together all the EU's education, vocational training and e-Learning activities and the objectives of this call for proposals is to support the establishment and implementation of coherent and comprehensive lifelong learning strategies and policies at national, regional and local level. The EU is looking to support projects covering and inter-linking all types (formal, non-formal, informal) and levels of learning (pre-school, primary, secondary, tertiary, adult, initial and continuing vocational education and training), including links to other relevant policy sectors (e.g. employment and social inclusion). This call for proposals will cover two types of activities, these are:

- Raising national awareness of lifelong learning strategies and of European cooperation in education and training (part A)
- Support for transnational cooperation in the development and implementation of national and regional lifelong learning strategies (part B).

The total budget available is €2.8 million and the maximum grant per project will be €120, 000 for Part A and €350,000 for Part B. The closing date for applications is the 16th July 2010.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2010:073:0035:0038:EN:PDF>

### **Better Net Awards (UK) Ch SE VC**

UnLtd together with Nominet Trust, have launched The Better Net Awards, a new programme aimed at providing individuals and groups with support and funding to develop and lead internet based solutions to the problems that affect our society. Grants of up to £5,000 will be available. For those who have an established project with wide reach or demonstrate long-term potential, may be eligible for up to

£15,000. To be eligible projects must be original and innovative and meet at least one of the following themes:

- increase education about the internet & information technology
- promote and address online safety
- provide an internet based solution to social, educational, health and environmental issues
- increase digital inclusion and the use of new media for a social purpose.

Examples of projects include:

*Tim Bowerbank – Roy the Zebra*

'Roy The Zebra' website is home to a package of interactive games, stories and resources that have been developed to help emerging readers learn to read. The site can be used at school or at home and is a comprehensive literacy resource that is freely accessible. Roy The Zebra aims to make life easier for educators who teach reading skills and a fun, simple and creative learning process for pupils.

*Jan Rutter – Cancer Buddies Network*

Cancer Buddies Network is an online networking support for cancer sufferers. The aim of the website is to give to others what Jan found so vital in helping her recovery and to getting her through the good and bad times along the way. The objective of Cancer Buddies Network (CBN) is to help everyone find that special buddy on the internet for the purpose of sharing, caring and supporting each other through the ups and downs of their personal experiences

For further information on how to apply click on the link below.

<http://unltd.org.uk/betternetawards/>

### **Partnership Grants Scheme for Primary and Secondary Schools (UK) LA**

The Royal Society has announced that the Partnership Grants will re-open open for applications on the 6th September 2010. Through the scheme grants of between £250 and £3,000 will be available to support teachers, scientists and engineers help develop science projects. The aim is to make the teaching of science more interesting within primary and secondary schools. The Partnership grants scheme forms partnerships to allow teachers to increase their scientific knowledge and to give scientists and engineers the chance to develop their communication skills and engage with enquiring young minds. Any UK primary or secondary school teacher or practising scientist/engineer can apply as long as the students involved in the project are between 5 and 18. Applications must be made together with the partner, and need to be signed by the teacher, partner and schools' headteacher. Examples of previously funded projects include; St Michael on the Mount Primary School received a grant of £21,050 to help pupils to learn about the human body by constructing a 15 foot skeleton. Working with engineers from Airbus UK, every class constructed a working model of their particular body part, giving the pupils the opportunity to apply some of the scientific principles they had discovered and Netheard High School, Dereham (Norfolk) received £2,488 for 'Our Star'. The project gave the whole school the opportunity to explore the solar system at first hand. The closing date for applications will be the 5th November 2010..

<http://royalsociety.org/Partnership/>

### **School Grants Scheme (UK) LA**

UK schools and colleges catering for pupils in the age range 5-18 are able to apply for funding from the Science and Technology Facilities 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. The closing date for applications is the 1st June 2010

[http://www.iop.org/activity/education/Teacher\\_Support/Grants/page\\_4712.html](http://www.iop.org/activity/education/Teacher_Support/Grants/page_4712.html)

### **Funding to Engage People with Science (UK) In LA 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 and education officers. For medium sized projects up to £30,000 **the next closing date for applications is the 30th April 2010...**

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk>

### **Funding for Joint Curriculum Projects with French Schools (England) LA**

The British Council is currently seeking applications for funding from primary / secondary state schools and sixth form colleges in England which have an established partnership with a school in France. Schools can apply jointly with a neighbouring school if the nature of the project lends itself to inter-school co-operation. Funding of £4000 is available to undertake a joint curriculum project with the French partner school. Projects should be innovative, creative and involve joint activities with the French school while being fully embedded into the curricula of both schools; should ensure regular and necessary communication takes place between pupils and staff from both schools, and work towards a concrete collaborative outcome; must include a visit to the partner country. Activities undertaken during the visit should be strictly linked to the project; and projects should aim to have a wide impact within the school and local community and should show an element of partnership sustainability. Visits must take place between April 2010 and March 2011...

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-france-joint-projects.htm>

### **ERASMUS MUNDUS 2010 - Call for Proposals (UK) LA**

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals under the Erasmus Mundus programme. Erasmus Mundus is a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to enhance the quality of European higher education and to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with Third-Countries. In addition, it contributes to the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity of Higher education institutions in third countries by increasing mobility between the European Union and these countries. The overall available amount under this call for proposals is approximately €105,2 million, aiming at a minimum mobility flow of 3,881 individuals. This Call for Proposals aims to support projects under all three Actions of the programme. These are Erasmus Mundus Joint Programmes; Erasmus Mundus Partnerships; and Promotion of European higher education. **The deadline for submission of applications under all three Actions is the 30th April 2010...**

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus\\_mundus/funding/2010/call\\_eacea\\_29\\_09\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus_mundus/funding/2010/call_eacea_29_09_en.php)

### **MEDIA 2007 - Support for the Networking and Mobility of Students and Trainers in Europe (UK) In**

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals through its Media programme. The Media programme is the Commission's main programme for supporting the European Audiovisual sector. One of the objectives of the programme is to encourage exchanges and cooperation, in supporting the networking of European training players, in particular Higher education institutions, training organisations and partners of the audiovisual sector and to encourage the mobility of students and trainers in Europe. This notice is aimed at pan-European consortia of

Higher education institutions, training organisations and partners from the audiovisual sector whose activities contribute to the attainment of the above objectives of the MEDIA programme. The following actions and their activities, taking place in the MEDIA countries, are eligible. Actions aiming at developing the capacity of future audiovisual professionals to understand and integrate a European dimension to their work by improving expertise in economic, financial and commercial management; new audiovisual technologies; and in script project. The maximum amount available under this call for proposals is €2 000,000 and the financial support from the Commission cannot exceed 50% or 75% of the total eligible costs. **The deadline for sending in applications is 30 April 2010...**

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/media/training/forms/initial/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/training/forms/initial/index_en.htm)

#### **School Grants Scheme (UK) LA**

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. Previous projects to receive funding include St Clements Danes School for a trip to the JET Fusion Research Facility; and St John's High School for a Practical Rocketry workshop to design a water propelled rocket. **The closing date is the 1st June 2010..**

[http://www.iop.org/activity/education/Teacher\\_Support/Grants/page\\_4712.html](http://www.iop.org/activity/education/Teacher_Support/Grants/page_4712.html)

#### **British Council School Linking Visits (England) LA**

The British Council has announced a small amount of additional funding has become available to support linking visits with the UK and China, Uganda, Zambia and Japan. Up to £1,000 is available to teachers and headteachers from primary, secondary, and special schools, sixth form and further education colleges to support short visits to a partner school in the above countries to set up a curriculum based partnership or develop an existing link. The programme aims to develop a better understanding of the structure and organisation of the partner school; provide a solid base for the development of a joint curriculum partnership; sharing of best practice. **The next application deadline for School Linking Visit funding is the 1st May 2010.** For further information please click on the link below..

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-study-visit-funding.htm>

#### **£2 Million Flexibility and Innovation Fund Invites Bids (England) LA VC**

The Learning and Skills Improvement Service (LSIS) has announced that it is seeking applications through its £2 million Flexibility and Innovation Fund. Further education and skills providers and provider representative bodies are invited to submit bids, for up to £90,000, for innovative projects leading to activities with the potential to secure significant improvements in sector practice or performance. In particular LSIS are looking to support applications that are innovative in terms of current sector practice; are aligned to priorities set out in the new National Improvement Strategy for the learning and skills sector; and has the potential to secure significant improvements in sector practice or performance, i.e. the anticipated learning from the project is transferable to other organisations across the sector; etc. **The next closing date is the 18th June 2010...**

<http://thirdsector.lsc.gov.uk/new2millionflexibilityandinnovationfundinvitesbids.htm>

#### **Immersion Courses In China Come To An End (UK) LA**

The British Council has announced that they will no longer be running immersion courses in China for UK secondary schools. However there will still be a range of opportunities available through the British Council to support the teaching of Chinese and school partnerships with China, these include; Chinese Language Assistance (CLAs); Mandarin Chinese Speaking Competition; China Activity Grants; Connecting

Classrooms; The Connecting Classrooms Online Community; School partnerships; Global Gateway; eLanguages. For further information on these schemes and their respective deadlines click on the link below....

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-learn-chinese-in-china.htm>

### **Further Funding For Regenerative Medicine Research And Development (UK)**

**In**

The Technology Strategy Board has announced that it is to invest a further £6 million, and is inviting British companies to bid for funding through two new competitions that will open on the 8th March 2010. As part of a £21.5 million programme in regenerative medicine, £4 million will be invested in commercial research and development projects in regenerative medicine therapeutics, and £2 million in feasibility projects in regenerative medicine tools and technologies. The aim of the Developing Therapeutics competition is to enable UK businesses to carry out preclinical and clinical development of regenerative medicine therapeutic products; this will enable consortia to accelerate product development to take advantage of future market or funding opportunities. And the aim of the Tools and Technology Feasibility Studies is to enable UK businesses to address challenges currently being faced by developers of regenerative medicine therapeutics through the development of platform technologies....

## **Encouraging business and local employment**

### **Research Funding for SMEs (UK)**

The Eurostars Programme, which is the first European funding and support programme to be specifically dedicated to Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) has announced that the next application deadline is the 30th September 2010. Under Eurostars funding is available to SMEs to undertake research and development in any technological area, but must have a civilian purpose and be aimed at the development of a new product, process or service. Eurostars supports collaborative projects involving at least two participants (legal entities) from two different Eurostars participating countries. In addition, the main participant must be a research-performing SME. Eurostars will support projects that are market-driven and that have a maximum duration of three years. In addition projects must be within two years of completion and ready for launch onto the market. The exception to this rule applies to biomedical or medical projects, where clinical trials must be started within two years of project completion.

<http://www.eurostars-eureka.eu/>

### **Helping British Businesses To Get Online (UK) **SE****

Enterprise UK, Google & e-skills, with the support of the Department for Business Innovation & Skills, are working together to help Getting British Business Online, and they are aiming to get 100,000 businesses online with their first website for free, during 2010. They have developed a tool that will allow small businesses to get online quickly, easily and for free, and for those who are already online, they have created a tool to identify ways in which they can make even more from their website. For small business interested in using the tools, you will need to pre-register by clicking on the 'More' Link...

<http://www.gbbo.co.uk/partners/smebenefits>

### **Europe's Information Society Policy Support Programme (UK) **SE****

The European Commission has launched the fourth call for proposals under Europe's Information Society Policy Support Programme (ICT PSP). The aim of the ICT PSP is to support transnational pilot actions and thematic networks to stimulate innovation and competitiveness through the wider uptake and best use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) by citizens, governments and businesses. The themes for the 2010 call for proposals are:

- Using ICT for a low carbon economy and smart mobility
- Developing Digital Libraries; ICT for health and inclusion
- Open innovation for future internet-enabled services in "smart" cities
- ICT for improved public services for citizens and businesses
- Developing a multilingual web.

This call for proposals is open to consortiums of organisations consisting of national Governments, public administrations and private sector organisations from a minimum number of different Member States or associated countries. The total budget available is € 108 Million.

**Closing date for applications will be the 1st June 2010.**

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/activities/ict\\_psp/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/index_en.htm)

### **£1,000 Shell LiveWIRE Grand Ideas Awards (UK) In**

The Shell LiveWIRE Grants Ideas Award is now open to applications to young entrepreneurs aged between 16 and 30 years of age. Each month, up to four awards of £1,000 will be awarded to new businesses (within their first 12 months of trading) with the most innovative and unusual ideas. **The deadline to submit applications is the last day of each month.**

<http://www.shell-livewire.org/#>

### **Nationwide Foundation Small Grants Programme (UK) Ch**

Through the small grants programme, the Nationwide Foundation makes grants of up to £5,000 to registered charities with incomes of under £500,000, which fit the Nationwide Foundations's funding guidelines. Under its small Grants programme the Foundation currently makes grants in the following areas. These are:

- Money Matters - which aims to tackle financial exclusion affecting disadvantaged groups across the UK. In particular the Foundation seeks to support survivors of domestic abuse to build their financial capability in order to help them live independently and achieve improved quality of life; and older people who face financial exclusion in order to help them achieve improved quality of life.
- Home Matters - which aims to address housing issues and homelessness among vulnerable groups in the UK. In particular support survivors of domestic abuse to live independently and achieve improved quality of life; and to support older people with their housing needs.

**Applications to the Small Grants Programme can be made at any time.**

<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/grants.asp#a2>

### **Support for Young People Starting Up in Business (England, Scotland and Northern Ireland) In**

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>

### **Skills for the Future Programme Opens for Applications (UK) Ch SE**

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 link below.

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

## Meeting housing need

### **Erach & Roshan Sadri Foundation Grants (UK) 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 June 2010

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

### **Nationwide Foundation Small Grants Programme (UK) Ch SE VC**

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<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/grants.asp#a2>

## Promoting culture, arts, leisure and tourism

### **MEDIA 2007 - Support to Video on Demand and Digital Cinema Distribution (UK)**

The European Union has announced that its “Media Programme – “Support to Video on Demand and Digital Cinema Distribution” scheme is now open to applications. Media is the EU’s main support programme for the European Audio-visual sector. Under this call for proposals independent European companies can apply for funding to support the creation and exploitation of catalogues of European works to be distributed digitally across borders to a wider audience and/or to cinema exhibitors. The type of activities that can be supported include, Video on Demand (VoD) service

enabling individuals to select audiovisual works from a central server for viewing on a remote screen by streaming and/or downloading; and Digital Cinema Distribution (DCD of 'Core Content', i.e. feature films, TV films or series, shorts (fiction, animation and creative documentary) to cinemas for theatrical exploitation. The total budget available for this call for proposals is €7 million and there is no maximum limit to the grant that can be applied for.

The closing date for applications is the 21st June 2010.

[http://ec.europa.eu/information\\_society/media/newtech/vod\\_dcc/funding/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/newtech/vod_dcc/funding/index_en.htm)

### **National Cataloguing Grants Programme for Archives (UK)**

Following a successful pilot phase in 2006-07, the National Archives (the UK's official archive responsible for the management of government records and information) has announced that the Cataloguing Grants Scheme 2010 is now open to applications from archive-holding institutions. A total of £300,000 of funding is available to tackle cataloguing backlogs of uncatalogued collections in the nation's archives. There is no upper limit on the amount of grants that can be applied for. However, given the modest size of the total funding available it is unlikely that a project to benefit a single institution would receive more than £45,000, although an innovative partnership project could perhaps receive more. As a guide, the average grant in 2009 was £28,529.

Previous grant recipients include:

- Bury Archives Service (£15,782)
- John Rylands Library, University of Manchester (£22,728)
- Reading University Special Collections (£38,165).

The closing date for applications is the 11th June 2010.

[http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives/cataloguing\\_grants\\_scheme.htm](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/archives/cataloguing_grants_scheme.htm)

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

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. 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. The next application deadline is the **1st June 2010**.

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

### **IdeasFund Now Open To Applications (UK)**

IdeasTap, a non-for-profit initiative supports young creative filmmakers between 16 and 25 years of age, has announced that their Ideas Fund Shorts and their Ideas Fund Innovators are open to applications. Through the Ideas Fund Shorts, IdeasTap is offering eight awards of £5,000 to the most original ideas. And through the Ideas Fund, 10 awards of £1,000 are being offered to help those at the beginning of their creative careers to take their project to the next stage. The deadline for applications for the Ideas Fund Shorts and the Ideas Fund Innovators is the 29th March 2010. Innovators will re-open for the next round of applications on the 30th March 2010....

<http://www.ideastap.com/Login.aspx?ReturnUrl=/Default.aspx>

## **PRS for Music Foundation Announces 2010 Application Deadlines (UK) Ch SE VC**

The PRS for Music Foundation, which is the UK's largest independent funder for new music of any genre, has announced the closing dates for its funding schemes for 2010. Its main aims are to stimulate and support the creation and performance of new music in the UK, ensuring this reaches a wide audience. The PRS Foundation provides a range of grants to support performance groups, festivals, promoters and organisations. Since March 2000 it has supported over 3000 new music initiatives with over £12 million. The average size of grants in 2008 was £3,000.

**The closing dates for applications are the 12th February, 16th April, 9th August and the 15th October.**

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

## **Sportsmatch (England) Ch SE VC**

Sportsmatch, which is funded by Sport England to support the development of grassroots sport has announced that it is now seeking applications for funding for 2010/11. Through the scheme, Sportsmatch offers pound for pound matched funding to investments made by businesses, trusts and individuals into projects that encourage sports participation at grass roots level. The funding available is primarily for running costs (maximum grant £100,000) although capital awards of up to £25,000 can be made through the scheme. This can include non personal sports equipment such as outdoor basketball nets, kwik cricket surfaces, boats, sports wheelchairs etc. The scheme is open to community based sports projects, in particular those that benefit young people, disability groups, black and minority ethnic groups and/or women and girls. Since its original launch in November 1992, Sportsmatch, together with commercial sponsorship, has invested more than £102 million into 5784 community sports projects across England. Previous grant recipients include Devizes School, a secondary school and specialist sports college in Wiltshire. They obtained a three year sponsorship from a local construction firm, Gaiger Brothers, which amounted to £10,000 per year. The school matched this with a further £10,000 from Sportsmatch and were able to run an annual multi-sports coaching camp during the school summer holidays. **Applications to the scheme can be made at any time...**

<http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sportsmatch.aspx>

## **Young Roots (UK) LA Ch SE VC TP In**

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>

## **Funding for Music Making Activities (UK) Ch SE VC**

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 closing date for applications is the 10th May 2010...**

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

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**Citizens for Europe (2007 - 2013) - Town Twinning Support Measures (UK) TP**

Citizens for Europe is a €235 million programme to actively involve the public in the process of European integration. This programme provides grants to encourage cooperation between citizens and citizens' organisations in various countries. This measure is a tool to develop the quality of projects submitted within Action 1 'Active Citizens for Europe'. It supports the exchange of experiences, expertise and good practice, as well as activities which may lead to the establishment of long-lasting partnerships and networks. A project must involve at least two participating countries, of which at least one is an EU Member State. The maximum is 12 months. At least two events per project have to be foreseen. The amount of the grant will be calculated on the basis of a balanced, detailed forecast budget, expressed in euro. The grant may not exceed a maximum rate of 80 % of eligible costs of the action concerned. The minimum grant eligible is €30,000. The maximum grant eligible for a project within this measure is €100,000. **The deadline for applications is the 1st June 2009.**

[http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/programme-actions/doc496\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/programme-actions/doc496_en.htm)

**Call for Proposals - The Thematic Networking of Twinned Towns (UK) TP**

The European Commission has indicated that there will be a new call for proposals under its thematic networking of Twinned Towns initiative, which is part of the new Active Citizens for Europe Programme (2007 -2013). Through the Thematic Networking of Twinned Towns initiative grants are available for towns with existing town twinning links to come together in thematic networks that address issues of common concern. This Programme provides financial support for conferences and workshops that address specific themes, involving at least three towns, developed within the framework of existing town twinning agreements. These events should be the starting point for future joint initiatives between the twinned towns. The maximum grant to be awarded is €22,000 per project. A maximum of €40,000 per project can apply if at least 10 towns participate in the project. The minimum grant awarded is €2,500. Applications are accepted from municipalities and twinning committees, local and regional governments and associations representing local authorities. **The closing date for applications will be the 1st September 2010....**

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2010/index\\_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2010/index_en.php)

**Call for Proposals - Town Twinning Citizens Meetings (UK) TP**

Under the Town Twinning Initiative, which is part of the new Active Citizens for Europe Programme (2007 -2013) grants of between €2,000 and €20,000 are available to support Town Twinning citizens meetings. Town twinning citizens' meetings consist in bringing together a wide range of citizens and citizens' groups from towns already twinned to further develop strong, informal and personal relations between their citizens, to reinforce the participants' commitment to European integration; and to contribute to the development of an active European citizenship. To be eligible the applicant needs to be the municipality or its twinning association in which the meeting will take place. **The deadline for applications is the 1st June 2009.**

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### **Philip Lawrence Awards (UK)** Ch SE VC

Local groups that are making a real contribution to their local community and the lives of others; and groups that promote respect and understanding of faiths, culture and communities internationally are being invited to enter the Philip Lawrence Awards. Established in memory of Philip Lawrence, the head teacher who was murdered outside the gates of his school in London, these Awards recognise and reward outstanding achievements in good citizenship by young people. Winning groups receive cash awards of up to £1,000 to invest in sustaining or developing the award-winning activity. Groups made up of any number of nominees aged 11 to 20 years are eligible to enter. Nominations may be made by, for example school teachers; governors; youth and community workers; police officers; local authority members; staff in Racial Equality Councils; people in voluntary and community sector bodies. Since 1997, over 95 groups have received a Philip Lawrence Award. The first stage of judging is to whittle down all the nominations and choose a shortlist of up to 30 regional finalists. These finalists are recognised and celebrated in their local area, as well as going through to the judging panel for the national awards. The closing date for nominations is the 15th September 2010..

<http://www.philiplawrenceawards.net/home>

### **Lloyds TSB Foundation Announces an Increase in Available Funding (England and Wales)** Ch SE VC

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales has announced that due to a higher level of income they have increased the level of funding for 2010 and will sustain it for 2011, 2012 and 2013. The aim of the Lloyds TSB Foundation's Community programme is to provide financial support for work that helps disadvantaged people to play a fuller role in the community. The Foundation is particularly interested in work that achieves this through:

- Improved social and community involvement
- Improved life chances
- Helping people to be heard.

The Foundation are particularly keen to support small and medium sized community-based charities where small amounts of money can make a significant difference to local people's lives. The types of work funded include:

- Running costs, including salaries to ensure that charities can maintain and develop their core work/services
- Funding for projects that build on charities' core work. Funding is available for one to three years.

<http://www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk/PressandMediaCentre/Pages/LloydsTSBFoundationforEnglandandWalesannouncesincreasedincomeof%C2%A325247mfor2010.aspx>

### **Funding for Community, Heritage and Environmental Projects (UK)** Ch SE VC

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
- 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.

Although the application deadline for the Biodiversity Action Fund has now passed, eligible organisations have until the 30th June 2010 to apply to the main and small grants programme

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

### **People's Millions Re-launched (UK) Ch SE VC**

The Big Lottery Fund has announced a new funding round under its People's Millions Initiative. Through the People's Millions, BIG wants to fund projects that transform the local environment or provide opportunities or facilities to allow people to take part and enjoy their local area. BIG are particularly interested in supporting community-based projects that can show that they will increase community involvement or help people who are most in need. In 2010, a total of £3.8 million will be available to support up to 5 projects within each of the 18 ITV regions, plus 18 runners up. The maximum grant will be £50,000 plus VAT. Funding will be mainly for one of capital costs and could include improvements to land, for open spaces or allotments, other forms of landscaping, buying land or temporary buildings, construction work, improvements to access, fixtures and fittings and the purchase of equipment. Organisations that can enter the People's Millions include voluntary or community groups, public bodies such as local authorities, schools, or statutory health bodies and social enterprises. The closing date for applications is **12 noon on the 14th May 2010**.

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

### **Ofcom Launches New Bidding Round under its Community Radio Fund (UK)**

**Ch SE VC**

The Office of Communications (Ofcom) has announced that the next fund round for Community Radio Fund will open for applications on the 14th April and close on the 11th May 2010. The Community Radio Fund has been established to help fund the core costs of running a community radio station. These not-for-profit radio stations have a social purpose, and work to involve their target community in running the service. Under the fund, Community Radio Stations are being invited to apply for funding to support their core running costs. These core costs can include; management; administration; financial management & reporting; fundraising to support the station (grants and commercial funding); community outreach; and volunteer organisation and support. There is no upper limit of grant that can be applied for. Grants can only be made to community radio licensees ("Licensee") which are broadcasting under a community radio licence (and not an RSL, for example). During the last bidding round 35 Community Radio Stations received grants ranging from £5,000 to £17,000.

[http://www.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/commun\\_radio/Communityfund/](http://www.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/commun_radio/Communityfund/)

### **HBOS Foundation - Community Action Programme (UK) Ch**

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.**

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### **New £2 million Access to Volunteering Pilot Fund Launched (England) Ch SE VC**

The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) has announced the launch of a new £2 million Access to Volunteering Pilot Fund. Organisations in Greater London, the West Midlands and the North West can apply for grants of between £250 and £5,000, which can be used to help overcome barriers that stop disabled people volunteering, such as specific equipment, a lack of suitable access and understanding of disability issues. The fund operates between autumn 2009 and spring 2011. In addition to supporting disabled volunteers, the pilot will test different ways to apply for funds such as video applications and face-to-face pitches. The grant fund is being managed by a consortium comprising Charities Aid Foundation, RNIB and Digital Public. **The next deadline for applications is the 19<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Additional deadlines are the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010 and the 6<sup>th</sup> August 2010.**

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### **Improvements To Reaching Communities Programme Process (England) LA Ch SE VC**

The Big Lottery Fund has announced that they are going to make at least £100 million available across England through their revamped flagship "Reaching Communities" programme for the next five years. This will include making access to the programme easier. Applicants seeking smaller grants will enjoy a simpler application and assessment process, and for those applying for larger grants will learn sooner whether their project as a chance of receiving funding. Those invited to the second stage, will have a much higher chance of being successful for funding. The main aim of Reaching Communities is to help bring real improvements to communities and to the lives of people most in need. The new funding will be available for Charity, Community Groups, and voluntary organisations from this spring. BIG are also looking at a dedicated capital stream offering funding within Reaching Communities for community buildings...

[http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/pr\\_100209\\_eng\\_rc\\_big\\_steps\\_to\\_make\\_flagship\\_funding\\_programme\\_even\\_better](http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/pr_100209_eng_rc_big_steps_to_make_flagship_funding_programme_even_better)

### **Civil Society Challenge Fund (UK) Ch SE VC**

The Department for International Development (DFID) has announced that the Civil Society Challenge Fund (CSCF) **will re-open for applications on the 1st 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. Projects supported in the last round include; the empowerment of excluded women in Rural Nepal and HIV prevention & impact mitigation among prisoners, their partners & families & prison workers in Kenya..

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Media-Room/News-Stories/2010/Results-of-Civil-Society-Challenge-Fund-2010-Competition-announced/>

### **Citizens for Europe (2007 - 2013) - Citizens Projects (UK) Ch SE VC**

Citizens for Europe is a €235 million programme to actively involve the public in the process of European integration. This programme provides grants to encourage cooperation between citizens and citizens' organisations in various countries. This measure addresses a major challenge of the European Union today: how to bridge the gap between citizens and the European Union. It aims at exploring original and innovative methodologies capable of encouraging citizens' participation and

stimulating the dialogue between European citizens and the institutions of the European Union. A project must involve at least five participating countries, of which at least one is an EU Member State. A project must involve at least 200 participants. The maximum project duration is 12 months. The amount of the grant will be calculated on the basis of a balanced, detailed forecast budget, expressed in euro. The grant awarded may not exceed 60 % of the total amount of the project's eligible costs. The minimum grant will be €100,000. The maximum grant eligible for a project within this measure is €250,000. **The deadline for applications is the 1st June 2009...**

[http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/programme-actions/doc38\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/citizenship/programme-actions/doc38_en.htm)

## Meeting the needs of children and young people

### **Ecominds Brings Forward Closing Date (England)**

Mind, the national mental health charity in England and Wales has announced that owing to the large number of applications received to date, the closing date for Small Grants has been brought forward to 12 noon, Friday 30 April 2010. Through the small grants programme, Ecominds will fund a range of groups (including schools and colleges) who want to encourage people with experience of mental distress to get involved in environmental projects, such as improving open spaces and wildlife habitats, designing public art and recycling. To be eligible for funding projects must have both a mental health and environmental perspective; involve people with direct experience of mental distress; encourage community access, collaboration, and improve the environment and environmental sustainability; and have a budget of under £250,000. The type of projects expected to be funded could include; community horticultural and agricultural projects; wildlife habitat or other site creation or re!novation; clearing open spaces for community use; graffiti removal projects; and recycling projects, such as furniture, glass, and white goods (for example, reclaiming discarded furniture and doing it up to sell)..

[http://www.mind.org.uk/help/ecominds/ecominds/how\\_to\\_apply](http://www.mind.org.uk/help/ecominds/ecominds/how_to_apply)

### **Funding for International Youth Partnerships (UK) Ch SE VC**

Public and other not-for-profit organisations active in the field of youth services are being invited to apply for funding of up to €100,000 for projects promoting cooperation in the youth sector with eligible partner countries other than the neighbouring countries of the European Union (Latin America, Africa, the Caribbean, the Pacific and Asia, etc). The funding is being made available through Action 3.2 of the EU's Youth in Action programme. Preference will be given to those projects which best reflect the permanent priorities of the 'Youth in Action' programme, these are:

- Participation of young people
- Cultural diversity
- European citizenship
- Inclusion of young people with fewer opportunities.

Preference will also be given to projects reflecting the following annual priorities of the call, these are:

- Global issues affecting young people, such as climate change, sustainable development, migrations, and the Millennium Development Goals
- Combating poverty and social exclusion
- Strengthening the Euro-African dialogue, exchange and cooperation in the field of youth.

Projects must involve partners from at least four different countries, including two from the partner countries. The total budget available is €2,600,000 and the Commission will pay up to 80% of eligible costs. The closing date for applications is the 17th May 2010.

### **School Grants Scheme (UK) LA**

UK schools and colleges catering for pupils in the age range 5-18 are able to apply for funding from the Science and Technology Facilities 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. The closing date for applications is the 1st June 2010  
[http://www.iop.org/activity/education/Teacher\\_Support/Grants/page\\_4712.html](http://www.iop.org/activity/education/Teacher_Support/Grants/page_4712.html)

### **Connecting Classrooms (UK) LA**

Schools, local authorities, clusters of schools and coordinating bodies in the UK are being invited to apply to the British Council Learning Connecting Classrooms to build lasting partnerships with schools in Europe and neighbouring regions; Middle East; Near East; and 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. The British also offer grants to local authorities and other co-ordinating bodies to cover the costs of co-ordinating the project for their cluster of schools. 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
- All schools in the cluster must have at least Foundation Level of the DCSF International School Award.

The deadline for applications is the 4th May 2010.

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

### **Hilton in the Community Foundation (UK) Ch SE VC**

Organisations that work with young people have the opportunity to apply for grants through the Hilton Foundation. Organisations such as charities and other not for profit organisations can apply for grants ranging from a few hundred pounds up to £30,000 per year for up to 2 years that meet one of the Foundation's chosen areas of focus. These are disabled children; children in hospital; homelessness; and life-limited children in hospices. Previously supported projects by the Foundation have included Ratho Primary School which received a grant of £168.48 to provide 'healthy living' water bottles for all of the children at the school and Derby Toc-H Childrens Camp which received a grant of £3,623.27 for the provision of holidays and activities for underprivileged children. The next closing date for applications is the 5th May 2010..  
<http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm>

### **Funding for Children's Summer Playschemes (UK) Ch SE VC**

The LankellyChase Foundation has announced that it is seeking applications from registered charities to support summer playschemes for children between the ages of 5 - 17 years. Preference is given to small local playschemes lasting 4 - 6 weeks, and groups planning special activities for youngsters who are disadvantaged. In 2009 the Foundation will be supporting specific activities for children and young people living in refuges for families escaping domestic violence or for young carers. This year the Foundation will be making approximately 120 grants of around £500, to organisations in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Preference will be given to applications from organisations affiliated to a relevant nationally recognised body and adhering to national standards of practice. The closing date for applications is the

14th May 2010..

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

### **The Woodward Charitable Trust (UK) Ch SE VC**

The Woodward Charitable Trust is inviting applications from UK registered charities working with or in the areas of; social and ethnic minority groups; prisoners and ex-offenders; homelessness; violence and abuse; arts outreach; disability; environment; addition. The fund offers grants of up to £5,000 through their small grants scheme and grants of over £5,000 through their large grants scheme. The fund also offers grants of up to £1,000 for summer play schemes for children between the ages of 5-16 to UK charities with a turnover of less than £100,000 a year. Priorities will be given to; small local playschemes that provide a wide-ranging programme of activities; schemes that involve a large number of children; catering for those from disadvantaged backgrounds or have a disability; that work with children from a range of backgrounds, abilities and race; where past users are encouraged to come back and help as volunteers. The next application deadline for small and large grants is the 24th May 2010, and April/May 2010 for the summer playscheme..

<http://www.woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/guidelines.html>

### **Big Changes to Mini Mediabox (England) Ch SE VC**

Mediabox which is a fund that offers disadvantaged 13-19 year olds (up to 25 if they have a disability) the opportunity to create their own media projects has announced significant changes to its 'Mini Mediabox' grant scheme. The aim is to increase the range of organisations that are able to access funding for youth-led media projects. The changes include; increasing the annual turnover threshold from £100,000 to £150,000; accepting applications from umbrella groups; opening the scheme up to schools and colleges; and making the application process easier and faster for first time applicants. 'Mini Mediabox', which is the smallest grant scheme on offer through Mediabox provides grants ranging from £1,000 to £5,000 and is designed to give organisations that have a limited track record of delivering media projects the chance to extend their experience. Mini Mediabox which will run until 2011 has a rolling application deadline, however, some cut off points for assessment will be announced periodically..

<http://www.media-box.co.uk/news/36>

### **Mentor UK CHAMP Awards (England, Scotland and Wales) Ch SE VC**

Mentor UK, the drug and alcohol misuse prevention charity for children and young people, is calling on the public, professionals and young people to nominate projects for the Mentor UK CHAMP Awards. This is a biennial awards scheme aimed at recognising and rewarding projects in England, Scotland and Wales that can help prevent children and young people aged 14 or under from misusing alcohol - both now and in their future lives. Awards will be made in the following three categories: for work in schools; for work in the community; and for projects led by young people. The 2010 winners in each category will each receive £10,000 cash and a further £10,000 worth of consultancy support to help them improve, expand and share their activities. The final selection of winners will be made by panels of young people aged 14 and under. Previous winners have included the Greater Easterhouse Alcohol Awareness Project's - "Young Booze Busters" Primary School Programme which delivers an interactive, alcohol awareness programme to all primary six pupils in the 40 primary schools in the East of Glasgow and the Time for Me project in the West Midlands which provides support for children and young people who are affected by substance misuse at home. The closing date for nominations is the 21st April 2010..

[http://www.mentorfoundation.org/about\\_mentor.php?nav=3-27-34-150](http://www.mentorfoundation.org/about_mentor.php?nav=3-27-34-150)

### **BBC Children in Need Small Grants Scheme (UK) Ch SE VC LA**

BBC Children in Need are inviting not-for-profit organisations (including registered charities, voluntary organisations, schools, local authorities, churches, social

enterprises, community interest groups, universities etc) working with disadvantaged children and young people 18 years and under, living in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands, to apply for grants of up to £10,000 through their small grants scheme. BBC Children in Need aims to fund projects where a small amount can make a real contribution to the success of the project. Grants can be used to cover both, capital and revenue costs. There are four application deadlines in the year. Examples of previously funded projects are: Free From Arts Trust for a project that gave fun and creative holiday activity for disadvantaged children; Chance UK that provides mentoring and support to children with behavioural problems; and Kidscape that helps children who are disadvantaged through being severely bullied for a n extended period. The next deadline for applications is the 15th April 2010..

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general\\_grants.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml)

#### **BBC Children in Need Grants (UK) Ch SE VC LA**

BBC Children in Need provides grants for up to three years to properly constituted not for profit organisations working with disadvantaged young people aged 18 or under. Funding is available to organisations (including schools) that work with young people who are suffering from illness, distress, abuse or neglect, are disabled, have behavioural or psychological difficulties and / or are living in poverty or situations of deprivation. Last year the programme made grants of £33 million to over 1,500 organisations. **The next closing date 15th April 2010.**

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/>

#### **Funding for Summer Playschemes (UK) LA Ch SE VC**

The Hilden Charitable Fund has announced that application forms for its Summer Playscheme Grants Programme, to help community groups run Summer Playschemes for the benefit of children from refugee and ethnic minority families, will be available from February 2010. Funding of up to £1,000 is available for Summer Playschemes for children aged 5 - 18 years lasting for 2 - 6 weeks with strong volunteer support. The funding is available to voluntary agencies with an income of less than £150,000. During the previous year, the Hilden Charitable Fund allocated £20,000 for a play scheme programme. 21 projects were funded. Applications from organisations working with refugee and immigrant communities were given priority and most projects funded were based in Greater London. In addition to the Summer Playschemes the Hilden Charitable Fund provides grants to community and voluntary organisations for projects and activities which are unlikely to raise funds from public sources, known sometimes as 'unpopular causes'....

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

#### **The Hedley Foundation (UK) Ch**

The Hedley Foundation invites registered charities in the UK to apply for up to £5,000 support mainly young people with their education, creation, support, training, health and welfare. The Foundation also support disabled people and the terminally ill with provision of specialist equipment and support for carers. Last year the Foundation received 1,467 applications, of which less than two-thirds were within their funding criteria. The made 348 grants (averaging £3,000). The Trustees meet six times a year. The closing date for a meeting is three weeks beforehand. For more information on the Foundation including application deadline please click on the 'More' link....

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

## Improving social care and health

### **Drug Prevention and Information Programme (UK)**

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals under its Drug Prevention and Information Programme. Grants of ?75,000 and ?500,000 are available to support activities within the scope of the EU Drugs Strategy 2005-2012. The funding which is available to partnerships of at least 2 organisations from different EU Member States can be used to support transnational programmes, studies and research, etc to reduce drug use, dependence and drug related harms; and to contribute to the improvement of information on the effects of drug use. Funding is also available for the exchange of best practice, training, study visits, staff exchanges, seminars, meetings, conferences or a combination of these. The deadline for applications is the 28th April 2010..

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice\\_home/funding/drugs/funding\\_drugs\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/drugs/funding_drugs_en.htm)

### **Professional Development Grants (UK) Ch SE**

Help the Hospices has announced that they are currently seeking applications through their Professional Development Grants programme. The programme is open to applications from clinical and non clinical staff working in full UK member hospices of Help the Hospices and clinical staff working in associate member hospices. The professional development grants will fund a wide range of courses, conferences and study days that will contribute to the quality of care given to patients in need of palliative care, and their families. Priority will be given to applications for; accredited courses and study days; conferences and courses specifically focusing on palliative care. Grants available are of up to 50% of the course or module fees, up to £750 per year for any one course, and a maximum of £1,500 over a four year period. For conferences, grants will be of up to £75 per day or 50% of the total cost. Any grants awarded to an individual working for an associate member of Help the Hospices must be match-funded by their employing organisation, and funding will only be available towards courses specifically focused on palliative care. Applications can be made at any time...

<http://www.helpthehospices.org.uk/our-services/grants/uk/professional-development-grants/>

### **DH Opens Application Process for New Volunteering Fund (England) LA Ch SE**

Following the statement by the Department of Health (DH) in late 2009, that it would launch a new "Health and Social Care Volunteering Fund" to replace the Opportunities for Volunteering (OFV) scheme, the DH has announced the application timetable for the local element of the Fund. Under the Fund, third sector organisations can apply for grants and business support for projects that use volunteer to improve adult social care and reducing health inequalities. Eligible organisation may normally apply for a maximum amount of grant, of £35,000, available but tapering off over 3 years. Local projects will be targeted through a rolling programme of application rounds that target all regions in each funding year so that all regions are included but at different times of the year. London, South East and East of England (**opens for applications on the 19th April with a closing date of 12th July 2010**)

<http://www.volunteeringfund.com>

## Meeting the needs of older people

### **Music Grants for Older People (England & Wales) Ch SE VC**

The registered charity, Concertina makes grants to charitable bodies which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly. The charity is particular keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. Since its inception in 2004, it has made grants to a wide range of charitable

organisations nationwide in England and Wales. These include funds to many care homes for the elderly to provide musical entertainment for their residents. Some of the charities that have received grants from the charity include Age Concern, Exmouth which received a grant for entertainments for the elderly in Exmouth and surrounding areas and Sue Ryder Care, Lancashire to fund access to music therapy workshops at Birchley Hall near Wigan and St Helen's. **The next application deadline is the 30th April 2010....**  
<http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk/>

## Promoting Healthy and Caring Lifestyles

### **Health Innovation Challenge Fund (UK)**

The Department of Health and the Wellcome Trust are inviting proposals from organisations and research groups seeking to draw on funding from the Health Innovation Challenge Fund to further the development of innovative healthcare products. The aim of the Health Innovation Challenge Fund is to facilitate high-quality translational health research – technological developments that can deliver economic and patient health benefits to this country and build on the UK's excellence in science. Through the provision of 'gap-bridging' funding, the initiative will stimulate the delivery of technologies, products and interventions having clinical applicability within the NHS in the 3 – 5 year timeframe. This is the second in a series of planned themed calls. The theme for this call is to identify and implement better solutions for acute care in both the NHS and military. Innovative solutions could range from highly advanced diagnostics to relatively simple technologies involving paper-based techniques. A total of £20 million is available through this call and the fund is open to NHS organisations (including NHS Trusts and NHS Foundation Trusts), and equivalent UK authorities; universities, and research institutes and not-for profit organisations. There is a two stage application process. Preliminary applications need to be submitted by the 4th May 2010. Applicants successful at that stage will then have until the 26th July to submit their full proposal.

[http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Technology-transfer/Awards/Health-Innovation-Challenge-Fund/index.htm?utm\\_campaign=hicf&utm\\_source=hicf&utm\\_medium=hicf](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Technology-transfer/Awards/Health-Innovation-Challenge-Fund/index.htm?utm_campaign=hicf&utm_source=hicf&utm_medium=hicf)

### **Extra Funding To Reward Children Walking To School (England) LA**

Living Streets, a national charity that stands up for pedestrians, and rewards children who walk to school has announced that they have received £800,000 funding boost from the Government for their scheme 'Walk Once a Week'. The extra funding will be used to expand the scheme to at least 900 more schools with a focus on the West Midlands, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, and Tyne and Wear. 'Walk Once a Week' since it begun to run six years ago, operates in every London borough and has seen fifty-nine per cent of girls and sixty per cent of boys in participating schools take part in the scheme and walk to school at least one day a week. The scheme supports the Government's Walk4Life campaign, part of our national Change4Life movement helping families to 'eat well, move more and live longer.

<http://www.livingstreets.org.uk/news/uk/press-release/-/minister-launches-wow-funding>

### **Parent Participation Grants (England) LA Ch SE**

The Together for Disabled Children Partnership has announced that the deadline for applications to phase 3 of the Parent Participation Grant Scheme is the 30th April 2010. The Parent Participation Grant Scheme is part of the Aiming High for Disabled Children programme supported by the Department for Children, Schools and Families. A total of £5 million is available between 2008 and 2011 to support the development of the involvement of parent carers in the planning and strategic development of services for disabled children. Under phase 3 of the programme a total of £10,000 is available for each Local Authority area in England to help local groups develop parent participation activities. The Application form and guidelines

will be published shortly on the Together for Disabled Children Partnership website.  
<http://www.togetherfdc.org/Topics/PPFundingandGrants.aspx>

## Developing Community Cohesion

### **£1 Million Fund To Help Faith Groups Have Their Voices Heard (England)** LA Ch SE

The Government has announced a new £1m fund to help faith groups get their voices heard by Government and public bodies and help play their part delivering public services. The Faith Leadership in Government will make grants of up to £30,000 to national organisations that can show a track record of representing and having real roots in their communities, of working with government, and of having a real contribution to make. The Fund will open to applications in summer 2010. The Government also announced the launch of the £50,000 Innovation in Faith-based Social Action Prize this summer. A top prize of £15,000 will be available to the most innovative social action project, and three runners up prizes of £5,000. There will also be four prizes of £1,000 for the best examples in each of the five different categories which are:

- Independent projects (i.e. not already receiving public funding)
- Projects delivered with funding support from a local authority
- Advocacy and community development projects
- Multi faith projects
- Youth projects.

Projects can nominate themselves, or be nominated by others. Expressions of interest should be sent to [InnovationPrize@communities.qsi.gov.uk](mailto:InnovationPrize@communities.qsi.gov.uk).  
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/news/corporate/1507453>

### **Support for Community-Owned Pubs Announced (England)** LA Ch SE

The Government has announced a new pilot support programme to help local communities to set up and run community-owned pubs. The support programme, is part of a 12 point action plan announced by the Government to give practical support to community pubs up and down the country. The £3.3m programme will provide grants to communities matched with loans from Co-operative and Community Finance and a contribution from the communities themselves. Alongside funding, the programme will provide a range of advice and support to communities to help them through the process of setting up a community-owned pub. The Community-Owned Pubs Programme, led by the Plunkett Foundation and developed with the Office of the Third Sector, will be delivered in partnership with a range of organisations with direct experience of supporting pubs and enabling community-ownership including Pub is the Hub, Co-operative and Community Finance, Co-operatives UK, CAMRA and the Co-operative Development Network. For further information please contact Mike Perry on 01993 814381 or at [mike.perry@plunkett.co.uk](mailto:mike.perry@plunkett.co.uk).  
<http://www.plunkett.co.uk/newsandmedia/news-item.cfm/newsid/358>

### **Faith in Action Fund Round 2 Opens for Applications (England)** 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>

### **The National Churches Trust (UK) VC**

The National Churches Trust which was launched in 2007 as the only national, non-profit organisation dedicated to supporting and promoting places of worship used by Christian denominations throughout the UK provides grants of around £2 million per year for the restoration and modernisation of places of worship. In 2010 the National Churches Trust is offering the opportunity to apply for the following grants. Repair Grants of £10,000 and above for structural repair projects that will cost more than £50,000. Community Grants from £2,500 to £25,000 for providing facilities that will benefit your place of worship and local community, e.g. accessible toilets, kitchens and meeting rooms. **The Grants Committee meet quarterly to make decisions on applications and grant applications can be made throughout the year...**

<http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org>

### **Refugee Integration Awards Scheme (England) SE**

UnLtd, the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs has announced that the closing date for applications to its Rise programme for Refugees is the 21st March 2010. Funded by the European Refugee Fund Phase III and with the support of the UK Border Agency, the RISE Refugee Initiative for Social Entrepreneurs programme aims to unleash and encourage the potential of refugees as social entrepreneurs. Grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available to small groups of refugees and individuals to set up projects that will make their communities a happier, safer, healthier and more just place as well as support refugees to achieve their full economic and social potential. The RISE programme has already funded over 100 refugees projects in England. UnLtd will also provide dedicated support including; training opportunities, tools and resources to ensure you develop your own skills as well as helping you develop your project...

<http://unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=55&PageName=rise:refugeeawardsscheme>

## Rejuvenating Dacorum

### **Funding for Rural Areas (England) In LA Ch SE VC**

Local community groups and businesses within rural areas have the opportunity to apply for funding through Leader Local Action Groups. Leader Local Action Groups are a community based bottom up approach within the England Rural Development Programme to address key issues within specific rural areas. The total level of Leader funding available is £105 million. Each of the xx Local Action Groups provide grants to deliver area specific development plans. Each area has specific grant making priorities which can include supporting small rural business, farmers markets, tourism, the environment, etc. For information on which areas are covered by the Leader approach and information on specific grant priorities and application procedures, please click on the more link...

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

## Acting on Climate Change

There are no funding opportunities to report this month

## General Grant Making Bodies

### **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.

Projects supported in the past have included:

- A grant of £10,000 to the Federation of City Farms and Community gardens towards a pilot project in Coventry to develop food growing activities in schools
- A grant of £10,000 to Plumpton College to complete the construction of an environmentally friendly classroom.

**Applications to the Trust can be submitted at any time.**

[http://www.sfct.org.uk/mark\\_leonard.html](http://www.sfct.org.uk/mark_leonard.html)

### **Volant Charitable Trust (UK)** Ch SE VC

Registered charities whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation with particular emphasis on children's and women's issues have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Volant Charitable Trust. The Trust which was set up by the author J K Rowling also supports research into the causes, treatment and possible cures of Multiple Sclerosis. However this funding stream is currently fully committed and is not considering further applications for funding in this area at the present time. In addition the Trustees will as and when appropriate, support disaster appeals. The Trust will support both capital and revenue funding. Applications for funding requests of £10,000 or less, for those projects based in Scotland only, are dealt with by the Trust's appointed agents, the Scottish Community Foundation. **The closing date for applications is the 30th July 2010....**

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

## 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 <http://www.dacorumcvs.org.uk>

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](http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk),

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