



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 May 2010 edition of External Funding Monthly.

Kind regards

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LATEST FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Quick guide to eligibility:

Local Authority
Registered Charity
Social Enterprise
Voluntary or Community Group
Town or Parish Council
Individuals

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Reducing crime and creating a safer Dacorum

Funding for Alcohol Education Projects (UK) LA Ch SE VC TP

The Drinkaware Trust "Ideas Fund" awards small grants of between £100 and £2,500 to local community (and occasionally national) initiatives designed to promote responsible drinking and reduce alcohol related harm. The Trust funds projects ranging from public education campaigns, peer-led education schemes, educational theatre work, conferences, provision for educational materials, training, workshops to other educational events. In particular the Trust welcome applications that aim to further the strategic objectives of the Trust, which are to:

- Reduce alcohol misuse amongst under-18s
- To raise awareness about long term health harms caused by hazardous or harmful levels of drinking.

The Trust accepts applications from:

- Registered charities
- Other voluntary organisations
- Statutory organisations and partnerships.

In addition the Trust also makes grants of up to £25,000 for larger projects that undertake direct, hands-on work with individuals and the community as well as grants of up to £100,000 to help larger scale projects pack a more powerful punch or reach a wider audience.

Examples of previously funded projects include:

"Party Safe" a partnership project between Rivington School and a local group called Youth Express. Young people from the latter organisation worked together to produce a ten to twenty minute DVD demonstrating the dangers of drinking to excess and showing how quickly things can get out of control.

The London Bus Theatre Company which received funding to educate young people of South Essex on the dangers of alcohol through the medium of drama and performing arts.

<http://www.drinkaware.co.uk/grants>

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
<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

Grants for Planting Trees (UK) LA Ch SE VC TP

The Tree Council, the lead tree campaigning charity working to promote the importance of trees within the changing environment has announced that its Trees for Communities and Trees for Schools grant making programmes are now open for applications. Funds are available for schools and community groups within the UK who are able to show that children under the age of 16 will be actively engaged in the planting projects. The Tree Council's National Tree Week is the focus for these projects and successful applicants organise their planting events in conjunction with the Tree Council's annual celebration of the new tree planting season. The Tree Council are able to fund projects between £100 and £700 and successful applicants will receive up to 75% towards their planting costs. For example, if your project totals £700, The Tree Council would offer up to £525. The remaining 25% will need to be secured by your school or organisation.

In the past, Fairway Primary School in Birmingham, Billingham Campus School and Arts College in County Durham and Ardrossan Academy in Scotland received funding from the Tree Council.

The closing date for applications has now been extended to the 10th May 2010.

<http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=grants>

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

E.ON the power and gas generating and distributing company has announced that **the next application deadline for its Sustainable Energy Fund is the 8th October 2010.** The E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund offers grants of up to £20,000 to community groups, not-for-profit organisations and schools who wish to consider and implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings. Local Authorities can apply in partnership with community groups / schools as long as the community group takes the lead in the application process. Projects that can be considered include; the purchase and installation of one or more renewable energy technologies (e.g. wind, solar thermal, PV, wood etc); the renovation of existing facilities to incorporate micro-generation technology (e.g. the reinstatement of a watermill and the purchase of a turbine to produce hydro-electricity); an energy efficiency makeover for your building that could demonstrate significant energy savings and also behavioural change! amongst users; and the use of new or innovative technology to deliver either energy savings or micro-generation capacity. To be eligible organisations must benefit

specific groups namely: education, vulnerable people; and people in fuel poverty.
<http://eon-uk.com/about/2654.aspx>

Third Sector Fund to Inspire Sustainable Living (UK) Ch SE VC

Defra has announced that it is making grants available in 2010/11 for third sector organisations to put in place projects designed to encourage and enable individuals and communities to adopt more sustainable behaviours to 2012 and beyond - using the Olympic Games and Paralympic Games as a way of reaching hard to engage groups. Between four and eight projects will be funded that will promote walking and cycling; sustainable consumption; the more efficient use of resources, particularly energy and water; and promote recycling. Eligible organisations can apply for grants of between £100,000 and £200,000 and **there will be a two stage approach in the application procedure with organisations having to set out their concept by the 21st May 2010. 10-12 applicants will be shortlisted and invited to a workshop in early July and will then be asked to submit a full project plan.**

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

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

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>

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/gr

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>

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

Delivering lifelong learning

New Programme to Help UK Charities Support People into Employment (UK)

Ch SE VC

Microsoft has announced the launch of Britain Works Initiative, and NGO programme which provides resources and connects UK registered charities working in the employability arena. This initiative is aimed at helping 500,000 people into employment by giving them access to vital IT skills over the next 3 years. By becoming a Britain Works NGO Programme Partner charities will be able to access resources, software, training curriculum and dedicated events and webinars. UK registered charities with an employability programme or who are looking to set up an employability programme in 2010 you can register to join the Britain Works NGO Programme free of charge. To register your interest, please email britwork@microsoft.com . **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

<http://www.microsoft.com/uk/britainworks/ngo.aspx>

Call for Proposals to Test and Develop the Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (UK) LA

The European Commission has issued a call for proposals under the Lifelong Learning Programme to test and develop the credit system for vocational education and training (ECVET). The aim of the ECVET will be to facilitate the recognition of knowledge, skills and competences gained by individuals through periods of vocational education and training abroad. The purpose of this call for proposals is to award grants to proposals to set up or consolidate partnerships between competent institutions to establish an operational framework to develop tests on the European Credit System for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET). This call for proposals is open to partnerships of European, national, regional and sectoral bodies or organisations that work in the Vocational Educational and Training and / or Professional Qualifications sector. Funding requests may be submitted only by consortia comprising at least four bodies from at least four eligible countries. Grants offered are of between €50,000 and €300,000.

The Commission is seeking to support around 12 projects and the deadline for applications is the 16th July 2010.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/llp/ecvet/2008/funding_en.html

Paul Hamlyn Foundation Education and Learning Programme (UK) LA

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation is currently accepting applications under its Education and Learning programme. In particular, the Foundation is looking to fund projects that address the themes of supplementary education and developing speaking and listening skills for 11-19 year olds. Eligible organisations that can apply for funding include charities, local authorities individual pre-schools, schools, out-of-school clubs, supplementary schools, colleges and youth clubs if they demonstrate benefits to the wider community and include partnership working that will result in increasing access to education and learning to all communities and age groups. The costs that can be covered by the Foundation's grants include running costs such as staff salaries and overheads such as stationery, rent, rates and utilities.

Recent grants awarded include:

£80,700 (over 3 years) to the Polegate and Willingdon Schools' Federation for a cross-phase initiative to raise standards, improve attendance and reduce exclusions across and beyond a formal federation of two primary schools and one secondary school.

£108,260 (over 3 years) to the Black Families Education Support Group to fund a supplementary school and mentoring project for Black and Minority Ethnic children and young people aged 10-18.

Applications can be submitted at any time. <http://www.phf.org.uk/page.asp?id=85>

Wolfson Laboratory Refurbishment Grants (UK) LA

Grants of up to £400,000 are available for the refurbishment and modernisation of existing university research laboratories. The funding which is available through the annual Wolfson Laboratory Refurbishment Grants aims to improve the existing physical infrastructure in UK universities to promote high quality scientific research. Up to £2 million is available in 2010. A specific subject area is supported each year. In 2010 the topic is 'reduction in carbon emissions'. Grants are only available for postdoctoral scientists with permanent posts in universities in the UK working in the area of covered by the subject, and the university must own or lease the research laboratory being refurbished. **The preliminary closing date for applications is the 1st June 2010.** Applicants shortlisted at this stage will be asked to complete a full application (date to be announced).

<http://royalsociety.org/Royal-Society-Wolfson-Laboratory-Refurbishment-Grants/>

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

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>

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

£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)

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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) SE

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

£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 Foundation'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.**

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>

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

Promoting culture, arts, leisure and tourism

The Fidelio Trust (UK) LA Ch SE VC TP

The Fidelio Trust is inviting applications from Colleges, Arts Festivals and other arts organisations seeking financial support for individuals or groups of exceptional ability to enable them to; receive special tuition or coaching; participate in external competitions; be supported for a specially arranged performance; receive support for a special publication, musical composition or work of art. The Trust offers grants of up to £5,000 in support of the Arts, in particular the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance. There are three application deadlines in the year. **The next application deadline is the 1st June 2010.**

<http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/index.php>

Film Fund (UK) Ch SE VC In

The UK Film Council has announced that they have £15 million a year to invest across the development, production and completion of feature films through the Film Fund. The fund will support UK filmmakers who are emerging or world class and capable of creating distinctive and entertaining work. Applications are welcome for all kinds of film – from commercial mainstream to experimental, from genre movies to personal stories, from documentaries to animation to live-action fiction.

Applicants will need to submit two written proposals - one creative, and one strategic.

<http://www.ukfilmcouncil.org.uk/filmfund>

£1,000 Shell LiveWIRE Grand Ideas Awards In

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The deadline to submit applications is the last day of each month.

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

Grants for the Arts - Individuals and Organisations (England) LA Ch SE VC TP In

Grants are available to individuals and organisations for up to five years for arts-related activities that take place mainly in England.

- For grants to organisations there is a ceiling of £100,000.
- For grants to individuals there is a ceiling of £30,000.
- For all grants, the minimum application is £1,000.
- For national activities the maximum grant is £200,000

Organisational grants are available to arts organisations; local authorities and other public organisations; partnerships; regional and national organisations; organisations whose normal activity is not arts-related, including voluntary and community groups and groups of organisations (one will need to take the lead and have the main responsibility for managing the application and any grant).

Grants to individuals are available to; artists; performers; writers; promoters; presenters; curators; producers; groups of individual; and other individuals working in the arts.

Applications can be submitted at any time and there is no application deadline

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/gfta2006.php>

Grants to Help New, Innovative Visual Arts Projects (UK) **In**

The Elephant Trust offers grants of up to £2,000 to artists and institutions (priority is given to small organisations and galleries) for new, innovative visual arts projects based in the UK.

Recipients of grants have included Rachel Whiteread; Vong Phaophanit; and significant contributions have been made to institutions such as Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art; and Hayward Gallery and Camden Arts Centre, London.

The next deadline for the submission of applications is 28th June 2010.

<http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/intro.html>

Architectural Heritage Fund (UK) **VC**

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) is a registered charity that promotes the conservation and regeneration of historic buildings in the UK and is now open to applications. Grants and low interest working capital loans are available to voluntary organisations and building preservation trusts (BPTs) to regenerate historic buildings to create community and education facilities, workspace and homes. To be eligible to apply for financial assistance organisations must have a charitable status. Any charity with a qualifying project can apply for an options appraisal grant, or a loan, but any other AHF's grants are reserved for BPTs - charities established specially to preserve historic buildings. The project must also involve a change of ownership and/or a change of use. Previously funded projects include turning a run down historic buildings into community theatres, resource centres, community learning centres, workspaces, places to live, community meeting places, etc.

The next deadline for applications is the 13th of May 2010.

<http://www.ahfund.org.uk/index.html>

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.

- The type of activities supported in the past include:
- The provision and upgrading of community sports facilities
- The restoration of historic buildings and monuments
- Upgrading and improving Community Centres and Memorial Halls
- Provision and improving of children's play areas
- Improvements and enhancements of parks, nature reserves and public gardens
- Restoration of Natural Habitats

Eligible organisations have until the 30th June 2010 to apply to the main and small grants programme and the 29th January 2011 to apply via the Biodiversity Action Fund.

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

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

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

National Cataloguing Grants Programme for Archives (UK) Ch

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

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

Artists' groups and networks can now apply to NAN's Go and see bursaries for up to £500. The aims of the bursaries are intended to reflect the NAN mission: to promote the aspirations of artists and the development of practice through peer dialogue and exchange. 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) In

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**

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

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

Encouraging community involvement

Kerrygold Awards Now Open To Entries (UK) Ch SE VC

The Kerrygold Awards is now open to entries. The Awards recognise and reward community projects in the UK, where groups of individuals have worked together to achieve something in their community, such as; trying to improve their town by creating a clean park area where families can meet and kids can play; helping the environment by setting up a weekly litter pick. **Projects will be able to enter up to July**, and from the beginning of June Kerrygold will be making available free marketing packs from their website. They will also be raising money for the community fund by giving each of their packs of butter, until the end of August, a unique code will give access to vote for the favourite community project, and by doing this will be giving 10p towards the fund. The project in each region with the most votes will win an equal share of the fund.

http://www.kerrygoldcommunityawards.co.uk/about_the_awards

Community Radio Fund (UK) Ch VC

Ofcom's Community Radio Fund is now open to applications and **will close on the 11th May 2010**.

Under the fund, Community Radio Stations can apply for funding to support their core running costs. These can include:

- Management
- Administration, financial management & reporting costs
- Fundraising to support the station
- Community outreach work
- Costs involved in using volunteers.

There is no upper limit of grant that can be applied for. There is no upper limit of grant that can be applied for, however, the minimum grant is £5,000. Grants can only be made to community radio licensees which are broadcasting under a community radio licence (and not an RSL, for example). The average grant awarded over the last few years has been in the region of £15,000.

http://www.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/commun_radio/Communityfund/

Cracking the Code (England) Ch VC

Cracking the Code is a bursary Scheme from the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) to improve governance within Third Sector infrastructure organisations. The scheme offers up to £500 to improve the way that community and voluntary organisation are led and governed. The type of activities that could be funded include; organising a Board away day; attending training on the latest legal updates or the roles and responsibilities of board members; improving an organisation's recruitment and induction systems; holding a stakeholder forum to improve strategic planning; and carrying out a governance review. In return for the bursary the NCVO will ask organisations to write a case study and develop a method to share the knowledge and experiences with other in the local area. **The deadline for applications is the 30th June 2010.**

The Archer Trust (UK) Ch VC

The Archer Trust is a UK Christian charitable grant-making trust, that aims to support small UK charities that help people with physical or mental disabilities or people facing disadvantage. Preference will be given to those organisations working in areas of high unemployment and deprivation. The trust will fund projects in the UK and overseas (only via UK charities which can ensure that funds are being well used). The grants available range from £250 - £3,000. **Applications can be made at any time. Trustees meet twice a year, normally in March and**

September to consider applications.

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

SEEDA Support For Rural Broadband (South East) Ch SE VC

Rural communities throughout the South East and London can now apply for capital grants for support towards the establishment of a limited number of pilot broadband projects in rural areas. The grants, which are provided under the Rural Development Programme for England, through the European Economic Recovery Programme are managed by SEEDA. The total amount of funding available at the moment for rural broadband through RDPE is £375,000 until the end of 2010. Ideas are now being sought for a limited number of pilot projects that will provide high-speed broadband access for rural areas that are losing out in broadband coverage. **Given the need for projects to be contracted by the end of next year, SEEDA is seeking expressions of interest by the 31st May 2010.**

<http://www.seeda.co.uk/what-we-do/european-investment/rural-broadband>

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>

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- 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/

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.**

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 28th June 2010 with an additional deadline of 6th August 2010.**

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.

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

Meeting the needs of children and young people

The Kids Fund (UK) LA In

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

Applications can be submitted at any time with decisions being made in February, June and October.

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

European Youth Foundation (UK) Ch SE VC

The European Youth Foundation is an independent, international, non-governmental organisation dedicated to the positive development of children and young people throughout the world. To support its objectives the Foundation makes grants to international not for profit youth organisations and networks. The types of activities supported include international youth meeting, the development of projects that benefits young people and help towards the administrative costs of eligible

organisations and networks. In addition the Foundation also funds a range of pilot projects. **The next application deadline is the 1st October 2010.**

<http://www.eycb.coe.int/EYCBwwwroot/index.asp?language=eng&url=/EYCBwwwroot/ENG/EYF.asp>

Mini Mediabox (England) Ch SE VC In

Mediabox offers disadvantaged 13 to 19 year olds the opportunity to develop and produce creative media projects, using film, television, print, radio or online platforms. Mini Mediabox provides grants of £1,000 to £5,000 and is open to grassroots and community youth organisations with a turnover of £150,000 or under as well as schools. The scheme which is run by a consortium consisting of First Light Movies, Media Trust, Skillset and the UK Film Council is for young people to; express their own opinions, ideas and views, gain new skills, encourage creativity, boost personal development and get their voices heard.

Previous projects supported through Mini Mediabox include; Something Better - 'Little Horrors' which will give a group of young people from Newcastle the opportunity to create a film exploring their hopes and fears for the future and the Colour of Life – 'Word from the streets' which brought together young people from minority ethnic groups in Peckham to create a unique radio programme.

The next closing date for applications is the 31st May 2010.

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

Teachers International Professional Development Programme (England) LA

Classroom teachers in nursery, primary and secondary schools that already have an existing link with a school overseas, and wish to develop the partnership further through a study visit can apply for funding support through the school-determined element of the Teachers International Personal Development Programme (TIPD). This part of the TIPD programme is administered exclusively by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust, on behalf of the Department for Children, Schools and Families. Funding is available for travel costs, travel insurance, accommodation, a daily subsistence allowance and for the provision of necessary transport at visit destinations. Teachers interested in applying for a school-determined visit, need to do so at least four months prior to departure. Given that it is preferable for visits to take place outside of normal school hours, to minimise disruption to pupil learning, we envisage that the majority of visits will take place during half-term periods, unless schools are able to meet their own supply cover costs for other dates.

Applications need to be submitted at least four months prior to departure.

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

Britain Sasakawa Foundation Grants Programme (UK) LA

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

The next application deadline is the 31st August 2010. <http://www.gbsf.org.uk/>

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

The Royal Society has announced that the latest round of its Partnership Grants scheme next round **will open on the 6th September 2010 and close on the 5th November 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 £2,050 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. 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.

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

Young Persons Volunteering Fund (England, Scotland and Wales) In

The Sita Trust has announced the launch of its new Young Person's Volunteering Fund. Through this new fund, the SITA Trust can provide grants of up to £10,000 for volunteering projects owned by 14-25 year olds. The SITA Trust can support projects in any of 90 funding zones around qualifying waste processing sites operated by their donor, SITA UK. This fund has been created to assist young people aged 14-25 to volunteer their time to create or enhance facilities that can be enjoyed by the wider community. To be eligible applicants must be able to demonstrate that young people will be fully involved in the design and development of the project and projects must be compliant with the rules of the Landfill Communities Fund. **The first closing date for applications is 10am on 4th June 2010** <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/volunteering>

UK – German Challenge Fund (UK) LA

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

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

vcashpoint Launches New Funding Round (England) Ch SE VC

v, the independent charity set up to encourage young people to volunteer, has

launched the next application round of the vashpoint scheme. vashpoint is giving away £2,500 to 16-25 year olds in England with ideas for a London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games inspired volunteering project to improve their community, eligible individuals can apply for a grant of up to £2,500 to bring their idea to life. To apply for a vashpoint grant, you must be aged 16-25, live in England, and be up for running the project yourself. You'll need to show how your project will help other people (not relatives), the environment or your community and how it has been inspired by London 2012. **The next closing date for applications is 12 noon on the 10th May 2010. This will be followed by a further funding round with a closing date of 12 noon on the 6th September 2010.**

<http://vinspired.com/rewards/vashpoint>

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.**

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2010/call_action_3_2_en.php

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

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>

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

DH Opens Application Process for New Volunteering Fund (England) Ch VC

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. **The next cluster of regions where the Fund will open are South Central, South West and West Midlands (opens for applications on the 5th April with a closing date of 28th June 2010).**

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/>

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Meeting the needs of older people

Funding For Arts Organisations Producing and Presenting Arts Made By Older People (UK) **Ch** **VC** **In**

The Baring Foundation has announced that its Arts Programme 2011 will open for applications at the end of September 2010 and will continue with the same theme as last year, which is to support arts organisations in the UK already producing and presenting arts made by older people. **New guidelines and application forms will be available on the Baring Foundation's website from the end of September.**

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

Promoting Healthy and Caring Lifestyles

Funding to Develop Cancer Self Help Groups (UK) **Ch** **VC**

Through the Helping You Help Others programme, Macmillan, the national charity supporting people living with cancer, is inviting new cancer self help and support groups across the UK to apply for grants of up to £500 to help with their initial development and promotion of service such as promotional costs; printing (leaflets, stationary, newsletters etc.); postage; venue hire; refreshments costs; and speaker fees; etc. Start-up grants for new groups are assessed on a monthly basis from January through to December. The final closing date for Start-up grant applications this year is 1 December 2010. For more information and to request an application pack, please email: resources@macmillan.org.uk or phone 020 7840 4936. Macmillan are also inviting existing groups to apply for grants of up to £3,000 for their continuing development, for activities such as; away days; speaker's fees and associated costs such as travel; and the purchase of group resources such as computers, Ia! ptops and display materials for use at information days. **The closing date dates for grants to existing groups applications are the 2nd July 2010 and the 29th October 2010.**

<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/HowWeCanHelp/CancerSupportGroups/HowWeSupportYourGroup.aspx>

Funding for Homeless Projects (UK) **Ch** **VC**

Help the Homeless, a national Charity which aims to help homeless people throughout the United Kingdom to resume a normal life, has announced that its grant programme is open to applications from small and medium sized charities and voluntary organisations . Grants of up to £3,000 are available towards capital costs to support projects that assist disadvantaged individuals in their return to mainstream society, through residential or training facilities. Grants to larger charities may be considered if the project is suitable innovative and only possible for a larger organisation to develop it. Previous projects supported include a grant of £2,845 to Lamp Community towards the cost of computers for reintegration work at their drop-in centres and a grant of £2000 to Spires, a South London Homeless charity towards the cost of providing their daily services to clients, including food and clothing. There are four application deadlines a year. **The next application deadline is the 30th June 2010.**

<http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/Grants.htm>

More than £165m to Support Home Adaptations for Disabled People (England)

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The Government has granted over £165m to help local councils pay for adaptations that will enable disabled people to live comfortably and independently in their own homes. The Disabled Facilities Grant programme will help around 40,000 people with disabilities make improvements to their homes, thereby improving their everyday lives and allowing them to avoid the turmoil and costs of moving house. The grant can be used for a wide variety of adjustments that will make life easier for disabled people, including severely disabled ex-Service personnel. Acceptable types of work include: widening doors and installing ramps providing or improving access to rooms and facilities - for example, by installing a stair lift or providing a downstairs bathroom; adapting heating or lighting controls to make them easier to use; improving or providing a suitable heating system; providing suitable bathroom or kitchen facilities and improving access to and movement around the home to enable individual to care for another person who lives in the property, such as a child..

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

The Pilgrim Trust (UK) Ch VC

The Pilgrim Trust has announced that the priorities for their Social Welfare programme have changed. Through this programme the trust aims to break cycles of dependency and to help develop a sense of social inclusion in disadvantaged or marginalised groups within the UK. The fund aims to support projects:

- That support people who misuse drugs and alcohol
- In prisons and projects that provide alternatives to custody.

Grants of up to £5,000 will be rewarded through their small grants scheme, and grants over £5,000 through their main grant fund. The Pilgrims Fund also provides

funding for projects that seek to conserve historical buildings, monuments and collection, and also projects that promote awareness either by making collections more available or supporting academic research, through their Preservation & Scholarship programme.

There are no deadlines. Applications can be submitted any time.

<http://www.thepilgrimtrust.org.uk/index.php>

Home Office Seeks Application through the European Integration Fund (UK) LA Ch VC TP

The Home Office has announced that it is now accepting applications for funding under the European Integration Fund (EIF). A total of £6.4 million is available to support innovative projects that support the integration of third-country nationals of different social, cultural, religious, linguistic and ethnic backgrounds within the UK. The Fund aims to support activities that introduce newly arrived third-country nationals to the UK and enable them to gain basic knowledge about the UK's language, history, institutions, socio-economic features, cultural life and fundamental norms and values and prepare third-country nationals for integration into the UK through pre-travel measures which allow them to gain skills and knowledge necessary for integration. With regard to both activities listed above, proposals which target the Gurkha resettlement scheme are strongly encouraged, however, all relevant targeted groups will be considered. Proposals are also invited from NGOs, charities, academic institutions, central and local government, intergovernmental organisations, limited companies and any partnership made up of these organisations. The minimum grant amount per year is £40,000 and projects can last for up to three years. **The deadline for submitting applications is the 4th June 2010**

Awards for Bridging Cultures (UK) Ch VC

Community and voluntary organisations that are working towards making a real and meaningful contribution towards the mutual understanding of cultural differences within communities are being invited to enter the Awards for Bridging Cultures (ABC). There are three different categories of the Awards for Bridging Cultures: Voluntary or community groups or organisations running projects to promote intercultural dialogue with gross annual financial income of over £100,000 (in the last two financial years), Voluntary or community groups or organisations running projects to promote intercultural dialogue with gross annual financial income of £100,000 or under (in the last two financial years), Local authorities, public sector organisations and private companies who can demonstrate their support for voluntary sector projects which promote intercultural dialogue by financing, initiating or supporting grassroots projects. The winners of each of the two categories for voluntary organisations will receive £10,000 and commended organisations in these categories will receive up to £5,000 each. **The deadline for applications is 5pm on the 13th September 2010.**
<http://www.bridgingcultures.org.uk/About>

Church and Community Fund (England) Ch VC

Under the Church and Community Fund grants of up to £10,000 are available to community projects run by parish churches, deaneries, dioceses and other bodies connected to or working in partnership with the Church of England. Projects supported must promote, aid and further the work of the Church of England. This does not exclude Anglican projects in partnership with ecumenical or other-faith partners, which are warmly welcomed, but it does exclude projects run by secular

bodies which have little or no connection to the Church of England, overseas projects and projects in which an Anglican body is not a key player at a local level. Typical projects supported by the CCF might include; employing a youth worker; renovating an old church hall for use as a community centre; providing hot meals for the homeless in a church room. **The next application deadline is the 7th May followed by the 16th July, 30th September and the 31st December.**

£50,000 Innovation in Faith-Based Social Action Prize (England) Ch VC

The Government has announced a new £50,000 Innovation in Faith-Based Social Action Prize. The prize is being developed to help publicise and reward faith based projects which have not yet received the recognition they deserve. Prizes will be awarded to faith projects who are finding new ways to meet local problems, bring people together and meet the needs of local communities. The prize which will be launched in the Summer 2010, will make awards in five different categories. These 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; and youth projects. The total value of the prize fund is £50,000. This includes a top prize of £15,000 for the most innovative social action project, and three runners up prizes of £5000. There will also be four prizes of £1000 for the best examples in each of the five different categories totaling £20,000. Projects can nominate themselves, or be nominated by others. Expressions of interest should be sent to InnovationPrize@communities.gsi.gov.uk

£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.gsi.gov.uk.

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.
<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.**

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

Enhancing Communities Programme (UK) **Ch SE VC**

Under the Enhancing Communities Programme grants of up to £50,000 are available to not for profit organisations, community groups, parish councils, local authorities and charities for projects that make physical improvements to community facilities and historic buildings / structures. There are now 70 new qualifying SITA UK waste treatment sites included in the programme and new funding opportunities for communities in Avon, East Anglia, Kent, London, and Yorkshire. SITA will accept applications from projects which are within 3 miles of qualifying SITA UK waste processing sites.

The next closing date for applications is the 4th June 2010 for the small grants scheme and the 14th July 2010 for the large grants scheme.

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

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...

Acting on Climate Change

There are no funding opportunities to report this month

General Grant Making Bodies

Peoples Postcode Trust (Scotland & England) **Ch SE VC**

The People's Postcode Trust, a trust set up by the "People's Postcode Lottery" in April 2009, has announced that their next funding round will open for applications on the 7th June 2010. Funding of between £500 and £10,000 (£2,000 if not a registered charity) is available to small organisations and community groups operating in the areas of Poverty Prevention; Advancement of Health; Community Development; Public Sports; Human Rights; and Environmental Protection. Projects supported can last for up to 3 months. Previous projects supported include Bishopton Village Nursery which received a grant of £825 to support children's learning and Scottish Native Woods, an organisation that exists to rescue, restore and expand Scotland's native woods- woodlands that are natural to Scottish landscape. The organisation received a grant of £9,958 to thin out trees, reinstate and repair paths and reinstall drainage systems.

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

Tudor Trust Grants Programme (UK) Ch SE VC

The Tudor Trust, one of the largest independent grant making trusts in the UK has announced new funding guidelines for the period 2009 – 11. Under the new guidelines, the Trust will continue to make grants across their established funding areas. These are; youth, older people, community, relationships, housing, mental health, substance misuse, learning, financial security and criminal justice. The Trust will also be open to hearing about work in areas the Trust has not funded before. The Trust makes grants in the region of £19 million per year and aims to support smaller community, voluntary and charitable organisations and is looking to make around 350 projects per year for up to three years. Grants can take the form of core funding (including salaries and running costs), development funding, project grants or capital grants for buildings or equipment. There is no maximum or minimum grant amount that an organisation can apply for. **Applications can be submitted at any time.**

Ford Britain Trust (UK) LA Ch SE VC

The Ford Britain Trust is inviting applications from registered charities, schools/PTA's and non profit organisations. The Trust aims to support projects that focus on education, environment, children, the disabled, youth activities and projects that provide clear benefits to the local communities close to their UK locations.

Applications from Ford employees are particularly encouraged. Grants of up to £250 are available through their small grants scheme four times a year, and grants of up to £3,000 are available through their large grants scheme twice a year. Grant applications will be considered for the following purposes; Contributions to capital projects (e.g. refurbishments); Capital expenditure items (e.g. furniture / equipment / computers); Contributions towards the purchase or leasing of new Ford vehicles (maximum grant £2,000); **General funds (small grants up to £250 only). The next deadline for applications for small grants is the 1st June and the 4th May 2010 for large grants.**

<http://www.ford.co.uk/AboutFord/CorporateSocialResponsibility/FordBritainTrust>

The Garfield Weston Foundation (UK) LA Ch SE VC

The Garfield Weston Foundation offers support to organisations that are registered charities and excepted or exempt charities such as churches, hospitals, educational establishments, museums and housing corporations. Founded in 1958 the Garfield Weston Foundation is a UK based, general grant- giving charity that makes grants in the areas of the Arts, Community Education, Medical, Environment, Health, Religion, Welfare and Youth. Applications are considered individually by the Foundation and the following issues are taken into consideration: The financial viability of the organisation; The degree of need for the project requiring funding; The amount spent on administration and fundraising as compared to the charitable activities; The ability to raise sufficient funding to meet the appeal target; Whether the organisation has appropriate priorities and plans in place to manage its activities. There is no limit on the size of grant.

There are no formal deadlines for submitting applications and organisations should allow approximately four months for a final outcome.

<http://www.garfieldweston.org/>

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

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. <http://www.hertscc.gov.uk/hern>

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,



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