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## **New Funding Opportunities**

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### **£9 Million Investment to Help Young People to Become Social Entrepreneurs (England)**

The Department for Children, Schools and Families has announced £9 million for a new scheme to help young people spearhead and deliver ideas for positive activities, helping them at the same time to become young social entrepreneurs. Funding and practical support will be available for young people to think of new ideas for positive activities, which could be anything from sport to music to art, which they will then deliver in their local communities, on Friday and Saturday nights. Third sector organisations are invited to bid to run the scheme and support the young people involved. This scheme aims to be up and running in the first half of 2009 and will aim to tailor activities as much as possible to the needs of young people, giving them influence and control over the types of positive activities that emerge within their communities. The investment will initially be available in around 50 of the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods and communities.

[http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn\\_id=2008\\_0298](http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2008_0298)

### **Wolfson Foundation Schools Programme (UK)**

Schools that are looking for grants to fund building work, IT and other equipment (mainly for the teaching of science and technology), have the opportunity to apply for funding to the Wolfson Foundation's Schools Programme. The main aim of the schools programme is to support schools with a proven record of excellence. In addition, schools with a clear record of continuing improvement may also be considered. The Foundation is one of the UK's largest grant making trusts and makes of approximately £35 million for capital projects to registered charities in the UK (or organisations with charitable status) active in the areas of Science and Technology, Education, Arts and Humanities, and Health and Welfare. In 2008, the Foundation made grants in excess of £1.5 million through the Schools programme. The level of funding ranges from £20,000 to £50,000 per school. Applications to the Foundation can be made at any time and schools interested in applying should write to the Foundation to enquire if their project is eligible.

[http://www.wolfson.org.uk/flash/grants\\_schools.htm](http://www.wolfson.org.uk/flash/grants_schools.htm)

## **Amicus Preparatory Action Call for Proposals (UK)**

The European Youth Commission has announced a call for proposals through their Amicus Preparatory Action programme. The Amicus Preparatory Action call aims to:

- Promote the transnational character of youth placements in civic service and volunteering activities.
- Promote the development of a European framework to facilitate the working together of existing civic service and volunteering opportunities for young people in the member states of the EU.
- Allow a testing and evaluation phase by way of specific European cooperation projects in the field of youth transnational civic service and volunteering.

Two categories of applicants are eligible for this call:

- Public bodies whose main activity falls within the field of civic service
- Non-profit associations or non-governmental organisations whose main activity is in the field of youth volunteering.

The total budget for this call is €2,300,000 and the maximum grant per project is €300,000. The deadline for applications is the 30th April 2009.

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:C:2008:328:0027:0028:EN:PDF>

## **Call for Proposals to Promote International Mobility within Higher Education (UK)**

The European Commission has announced a call for proposals under its Erasmus Mundus programme. Erasmus Mundus is a co-operation and mobility scheme in the area of higher education. The aim of this call for proposals is to facilitate the setting up of international partnerships between Higher Education Institutions to facilitate the exchange of students, researchers and academic staff from EU Member States and Third-Countries. Applicants must be Universities or European Higher Education Institutions representing a partnership up to 20 partner institutions. The overall indicative amount made available under this call for proposals is €163,500 million and the application deadline is the 13th March 2009.

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/call/2008/index\\_en.htm](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/call/2008/index_en.htm)

## **Social Mobility Foundation (England)**

The Social Mobility Foundation (SMF) is a registered charity. Its objective is to provide opportunities for the brightest A Level students from disadvantaged backgrounds to enter leading universities and then progress in to challenging careers in top businesses and the leading professions. SMF students undertake an internship in the Summer of Year 12 with a high level employer in one of the top professions:

- Commerce
- Banking
- Financial services
- Administration
- Industry.

To join a SMF programme, students must be in receipt of educational maintenance allowance or free school meals. In year 12 and in possession of at least 5 'A' grades in five different subjects, including a minimum of 'B' grades in Mathematics and English at GCSE or equivalent and predicted to obtain at least an 'A' grade and 2 'B' grades at A level. Students that meet these criteria are introduced to employers, who may further select students for placements. The Foundation is working with 128 schools and FE Colleges in 63 Local Authorities to identify appropriate students. To be considered for the internship programme in 2009, students are required to submit a completed application form by e-mail and provide a signed academic reference by post. Individual internships will vary in duration and will take place between June and September 2009. The deadline for submitting completed applications is the 11th February 2009.

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

## **Biomass Heating Scheme Opens for Applications (Scotland)**

The Scottish Government has announced that a £2 million scheme to increase the use of wood fuel used for heating is open for business. Applications are being invited for the Scottish Biomass Heat Scheme, which will give grants of up to £100,000 to small and medium sized businesses to install renewable heating systems. To reach European climate change targets, the Government wants to increase by tenfold the amount of renewables used for heating in Scotland. The Scottish Biomass Heat Scheme is managed in partnership between Scottish Government and Forestry Commission Scotland. £2 million is available under the scheme, £1 million for 2009-10 and £1 million 2010-11.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/12/19114403>

## **BBSRC Follow-On Fund (UK)**

The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) has announced that they are inviting applications through their Follow-on funding programme. This funding is to support very early stage research outputs into a commercial proposition. It funds work to convert an idea into a robust business plan where a route to commercialisation is clear, for example a spin-out (seed or venture finance) or licensing opportunity. Follow-On Funding will support a range of relevant activities to enable the development and examination of a concept to establish its commercial feasibility and scientific and technical merit, these might include:

- Undertaking further scientific and technical development of an idea.
- Improving an intellectual property (IP) position, for example, through supporting further work to exemplify or broaden patent claims.
- Gaining further information about the market for the new products or process.
- Identifying potential licensees or opportunities for joint ventures.

This Follow-on Fund call is open to academics in UK Universities and Research Council Institutes to take forward ideas generated by research funding from BBSRC. The budget for this call is £2.1 million a year, and grants are of between £80,000 and £120,000 normally over 12 months. The application deadline is 20 February 2009.

[http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/commercialisation/follow\\_on.html](http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/business/commercialisation/follow_on.html)

## **Skills Funding Bids (North West)**

Cheshire Employer & Skills Development (CESD), an organisation whose aim is to develop and provide training, independent advisory, consultative, educational and other support services and advice for employers, individuals and those who are disadvantaged or disabled in the workplace, is seeking bids for funding to support skills development or employment related activities within Cheshire and Warrington. The fund, totalling £2 million, is for activities which cannot be funded by any existing public funding streams, but projects may enhance or “add value” to public funds. CESD are particularly interested in receiving applications focused on exciting, creative, innovative and different ideas which will have a major positive impact on the economy of Cheshire and Warrington; improving the skills and employment base of Cheshire and Warrington; increasing and improving the sharing of good practice or resources on skills development; encouraging the pooling of resources and networking on training and development, particularly among smaller businesses; and ideas which will stimulate the demand for skills in Cheshire and Warrington. The deadline for skills funding bids is the 31 January 2009.

<http://www.cwea.org.uk/31st-january-deadline-skills-funding-bids>

## **Helping Creative Business Succeed Through Training Grants (East of England)**

Beyond 2010 is a new European Social Fund and East of England Development Agency (ESF/EEDA) programme which targets ten employment sectors and is managed by the Essex Development & Regeneration Agency (ExDRA). The programme helps creative businesses succeed through a grant for training which will reimburse up to 50% of the cost for higher level courses. Beyond 2010 includes the Response to Redundancy programme which provides information, advice and re-training opportunities to individuals facing redundancy. This programme is managed by The Consultancy Home Counties (TCHC) on behalf of ExDRA. The sectors that are eligible for Beyond 2010 are:

- Automotive & high-tech manufacture
- Creative
- Financial services
- Food and drink processing
- Life sciences and healthcare
- Low carbon and sustainable technologies
- Social enterprise
- Sustainable communities and the built environment
- Tourism and Olympics 2012
- Transport gateways.

For further information on how to apply for funding from Response to Redundancy please contact: philip.shackleton@tchc.net.

<http://www.beyond2010.co.uk/>

## **London Councils European Social Fund Co-Financing Programme (London)**

The London Councils European social fund co-financing programme which seeks to improve employability and skills in the Capital with specific focus on providing greater employment opportunities to excluded individuals in the community, has announced that they have awarded £7,385,981 over 2 years to 33 organisations. The London Councils European fund addresses gaps in London funding, and delivers programmes to meet the need of target groups who are not currently reached through existing external funding programmes. Priority is given to disabled people or people with a health condition; people recovering from drug and alcohol addiction; jobless parents; refugees and asylum seekers; women from specific black and minority ethnic groups who face barriers to labour market participation rates; and older people. London Councils is working with thirteen London boroughs to put together an additional ESF funding programme adding value to the existing programme to be delivered from January 2009 to March 2011 worth approximately £9 million. Although this programme is currently closed, further information on a new funding round will be available shortly.

<http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/grants/esf/default.htm>

## **Screen South's Exhibition and Community Learning Fund (South East)**

Screen South has announced the launch of The Exhibition and Community Learning Fund, which comes from the Regional Investment Fund for England. Screen South has a total of £50,000 to award for Exhibition Projects and a total of £20,000 to award for Education Projects. The fund aims to increase viewing and learning opportunities for all audiences across the South East. Support is available through two strands:

- Community Learning – to increase media literacy and film education.
- Exhibition – to increase access to and understanding of a wide range of cinema.

All legally constituted organisations operating in the South East are eligible to apply for a maximum of £10,000. All projects must have an element of partnership funding, and require a minimum of 20% matched funding. The deadline for applications is the 2nd February 2009. Screen South will be holding a free information day and encourages those who are hoping to apply for funding to attend. The information day will be held at the University for the Creative Arts, Canterbury on the 6 January 2009. To register, please submit 25 words or less about your project/ideas, along with contact details to: [info@screensouth.org](mailto:info@screensouth.org).

<http://www.screensouth.org/newsarticle.aspx?newsid=1061>

## **Digital Film Archive Fund (South East)**

Screen South has announced that they are now open to applications through the Digital Archive Fund. The Digital Archive fund is a UK Film Council fund set up to increase public access to regional screen heritage. The South East region has £250,000 available to award over two years from 2008 – 2010 to support innovative programmes ensuring wider access to the UK's screen heritage. They are seeking applications for ambitious projects that seek to inspire the broadest possible engagement with screen heritage material, from education projects working with specific target groups to large-scale screening programmes for general audiences. Screen South are looking for projects that will work across two main objectives: Delivering wide spread public access to screen heritage, and creating wide spread public value from access to screen heritage and evidence supporting it. Projects must focus on public engagement with screen heritage and could take a variety of forms including film-making/new commissions, exhibition, distribution, broadcast, online, education or participatory work. Grants are of between £500 and £30,000. All projects must have an element of partnership and require a minimum of 20% matched funding. The deadline for applications is 2 February 2009.

<http://www.screensouth.org/newsarticle.aspx?newsid=1079>

## Other Funding News

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### **Extra Funding to Help Unemployed (UK)**

The Government has announced that from February 2009 they will be making available £79 million of additional European Social Fund money to support people who become unemployed. The £79 million is part of a £158 million package jointly financed by the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) and the department for Innovation, Universities and Skills (DIUS), and will specifically target people who most need it to develop their confidence and life skills and help them back into work. In addition to the new funding, every Jobcentre across the country is taking steps to help people who lose their jobs, by giving them extra help and support through Jobcentre Plus. People will get to see an expert Personal Jobcentre Plus adviser; have access to a wide range of jobs and get help with CV writing and completing job applications forms; get help with skills advice and retraining; and receive help with their mortgage.

<http://www.dwp.gov.uk/mediacentre/pressreleases/2008/dec/stat171208.asp>

### **Grants for the Arts Advice Seminars (Yorkshire)**

The Visual Arts and Literature Unit at Arts Council England, Yorkshire are running monthly seminars for potential applicants to Grants for the arts. The purpose of the seminars is to explain the Grants for the arts programme and to provide support to individuals and organisations who are thinking of making an application to the programme in the near future. The first seminar in 2009 will be on Friday 23 January 2 - 4.30pm, at Arts Council England, Yorkshire offices, Dewsbury. Attendance at the seminar is free but places must be pre-booked by completing a booking form, available from Natalie Faal at [natalie.faal@artscouncil.org.uk](mailto:natalie.faal@artscouncil.org.uk) or by calling 01924 486219.

[http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/regions/news\\_detail.php?browse=homepage&rid=9&id=1052](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/regions/news_detail.php?browse=homepage&rid=9&id=1052)

## Funding Reminders

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### **vcashpoint Re-opens for Applications from Young Volunteers (England)**

v, the independent charity set up to encourage young people to volunteer, has announced that the 5th funding round of its vcashpoint scheme is now open for applications. Working in partnership with the HSBC bank, vcashpoint is a £1 million initiative that will provide grants of up to £2,500 to young people to set up their own volunteering projects within their community. The type of activities that could be supported could include:

- Running activities for children
- Transforming a community space
- Supporting victims of bullying
- Running workshops for young people
- Setting up a local campaign
- Clearing up a beach
- Running music
- Art or sports events for disadvantaged people
- Organising a festival to bring different cultures or communities together, etc.

To help develop fresh and innovative project ideas, youth workers across the country will be using a brand new limited edition brainstorming kit called 'Outside the Box'. Outside the Box was piloted regionally with a number of youth groups and has proven to be an effective way to engage young people and help them identify potential volunteering project ideas.

Examples of young people receiving support through vcashpoint includes:

- Valentina Wong, 24 from North West London, who was awarded a vcashpoint grant of £2,500 for her project, "CY on Air". Aimed at 16–25 year olds, CY on Air provides young British Chinese people with role models and training in the skills they need to pursue careers in broadcasting.
- Michelle Brodie, 21, and Laura Stanley, 22, received a grant from vcashpoint for their "Food, Farming & Fairtrade" project which enables children from two primary schools in Oldham to find out more about the countryside and where food comes from.

The next application deadline is the 26th January 2009.

<http://www.vinspired.com/vcashpoint/>

## **The Peter De Haan Charitable Trust (UK)**

The Peter De Haan Charitable Trust supports charitable organisations which aim to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK. This year the charity expects to make grants of between £2 million and £3 million. The funding available is delivered through three programme areas:

- Social Welfare
- The Environment
- The Arts.

Grants can be for project-based applications or to subsidise core costs and can be available for up to three years. Applications are considered on a continuing basis throughout the year. However major grants are awarded at the trustee meeting held quarterly in March, June, September and December.

<http://www.pdhct.org.uk/home.html>

## **Global Curriculum Project Grants (UK)**

The British Council, has announced that the next application closing date for the Global Curriculum Project grant scheme is the 1st March 2009. The grant is available to Schools or clusters of schools, that have a well established partnership with another school in Africa, Asia, the Pacific, Latin America and the Caribbean and provides funding to further develop joint curricular activities with a global dimension. To be eligible the school to school partnership must have been in existence for at least two years. Grants are available for up to three years and can cover travel costs of at least two teachers from each school to visit the partner school as well as project costs such as materials, training and supply cover. The level of funding available varies from £5,400 for school-to-school partnerships involving one school in each country to £16,200 for partnership involving more than 6 schools in each country. The DFID Global School Partnerships programme is currently undergoing a competitive tendering process and the British Council are unable to confirm application deadlines beyond spring 2009.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/globalschools-grants-cp.htm>

## **Bank of Scotland £6 Million Social Entrepreneur Awards (UK)**

In order to highlight its commitment to the UK not for profit sector, the Bank of Scotland has announced a new £6 Million Award scheme to support two social enterprises. The award scheme is open to any not for profit organisation within the UK whose primary purpose is to support an issue or matter of public interest or public concern or to further social and/or environmental goals for non-commercial purposes and social or community benefit and which has been operating for at least two years. Applicants can apply for one of two awards:

- Up to £5 million of funding in the form of a interest free loan or a donation of up to £500,000
- Up to £1 million of funding in the form of a interest free loan or a donation of up to £100,000.

The actual amount of funding offered to each winner will be dependent on their needs and situation. If, for example, the balance sheet of a winning organisation is unable to sustain the level of debt requested then the Bank will act responsibly and a correspondingly lower amount of interest free funding will be offered. This will be agreed on a case by case basis between the Bank and the entrant. On the other hand, should a winning organisation have a legitimate requirement for higher funding, then debt over and above the interest-free prize could be offered as part of an attractive funding package. Entries should be submitted online. The closing date for entries is 23rd February 2009.

<http://entrepreneurs.bankofscotland.co.uk/social/index.html>

## **The Adventure Capital Fund (England)**

The Adventure capital Fund (ACF), which provides financial support to community enterprises, has announced that due to high demand, applications to Adventure Capital Fund's Main Investment and Managed Workspace Funds are currently closed to applications. ACF however is like to re-open both funds in March / April 2009. Through the Main Investment Fund ACF helps ambitious community enterprises to become financially sustainable. The support available will be a mixture of loans and grants. Through the Managed Workspace Fund ACF provides investments in the form of both loans and grants to community enterprises looking to set up a managed workspace facility. In the meantime, community enterprises in their early development stage can still apply for grants of up to £15,000 through the ACF Business Development Fund. The application cycles will be from February 2nd until March 14th 2009; and from May 4th until May 29th 2009.

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

## **Heritage Lottery Fund Announces Re-Launch of the Parks for People Programme (UK)**

Following a period of consultation, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has announced the re-launch of the Parks for People Programme. Between 2009 and 2013, £20 million a year will be available for projects involving urban or rural green spaces designed for informal recreation and enjoyment. This can include parks, public gardens as well as squares, walks and promenades, etc. Priority will be given to projects that:

- The community value the park as part of their heritage
- Meets local social, economic and environmental needs
- Actively involves local people.

Local Authorities as well as other not for profit organisations that own public parks and gardens can apply for grants of between £250,000 and £5 million. An example of a previously funded project is Taunton Deane Borough Council, which received a grant of £296,500 for the restoration of Wellington Park, in Wellington, and to promote the park for music and arts events. There is a two stage (round) application process. There will be two closing dates for both first-round and second-round applications in 2009. These are the 28th February; and the 31st August.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/English/HowToApply/OurGrantGivingProgrammes/Parks+for+People/>

## **Hilton in The Community Foundation (UK)**

Organisations that work with young people have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £50,000 per year through the Hilton Foundation. During 2006, the Foundation made grants totalling over £1.3m to numerous organisations including registered charities and schools for activities and projects that meet one of the Foundation's three chosen areas of focus; Young People – Education; Young People – Health; and Disaster Relief and International Fund. Previously supported projects by the Foundation have included the Palmer Junior School, which received a grant of £2,740 to help send 11 young people on a school field trip, who could otherwise not afford it and the Red Gates School, which received a grant of £750 for specialist equipment at the school. The next closing date for applications is the 11th February 2009.

<http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm>

## **Cemex Community Fund (UK)**

The CEMEX Community Fund is a grant-giving fund established by CEMEX under the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. Its aim is to support sustainable local community and environmental projects within 3 miles of a CEMEX operations. Each year Cemex makes available grants of between £1,000 and £15,000 to support a small number of projects in England, Scotland and Wales. Support is available for projects:

- Which provide and maintain public parks and amenities when the work protects the social built and/or natural environment
- Repair, or restore buildings or structures which are of religious, historical or architectural interest.

Organisations wishing to apply need to be enrolled as an Environmental Body with Entrust, the Regulator of the Landfill Community Fund. The deadline for applications is the 30th April 2009 for Stage 1 Expression of Interest forms.

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

## **Funding for Christian Charities Promoting Social Inclusion (UK)**

The Anchor Foundation provides grants of between £500 and £10,000 per year to Christian Charities that encourage social inclusion through ministries of healing and the arts. Funding can be awarded for up to three years. The Foundation will consider applications for either capital or revenue funding. Only in exceptional circumstances will grants be given for building work. Previously funded projects include the Karis Neighbour Scheme which received a grant of £700 for revenue costs at a drop in centre for women refugees in Birmingham; Discovery Camps which received a grant of £1500 to subsidise holidays for children arranged by churches in and around Dundee; and Scargill House which received a grant of £5,000 to facilitate cross cultural engagement and understanding amongst children using arts based residential courses in Yorkshire. Applications are considered at twice yearly trustees meetings in April and November and need to be received by 31st January and 31st July each.

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

## Call for Proposals – Town Twinning Citizens Meetings (UK)

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

[http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/action1/towntwinning/funding\\_en.htm](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/action1/towntwinning/funding_en.htm)

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Local Authority Local Funding Portals – [www.grants4.info](http://www.grants4.info)

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