

The Grants Online website has been updated with the following information:

£33 Million to Expand Handyman Services (England)

Local authorities across England have the opportunity to access £33 million of funding over the next two years to help them develop or expand their local handyman services over the next two years. The scheme will enable older people to hire a trusted handyman to carry out minor repairs, such as clearing out the gutters, fixing a new lock to the back door or securing the stair carpets to avoid it becoming a fall hazard. Older people who want to hire a handyman will be directed to local services, knowing they are hiring a trusted professional who will guarantee their work at a low set cost. The Government will also announce £1 million to develop a national helpline and website to provide expert advice and assistance on a range of matters affecting older people, such as housing advice and care and support services in their area. The Government will be working with a range of agencies including Counsel and Care, Elderly Accommodation Counsel and Help the Aged to transform the exciting pilot scheme into a national helpline going live in April 2009....

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=388307&NewsAreaID=2>

Voluntary Sector Development Fund (Scotland)

The Scottish Government has announced that over 120 voluntary sector support organisations are to share £1.2 million in grants awarded through the Voluntary Sector Development Fund (VSDF). The purpose of the Voluntary Sector Development Fund is to assist Voluntary Sector organisations in meeting the costs of developing a highly trained and qualified workforce (meeting phase two qualification registration requirements set by the Scottish Social Services Council). The funding will be used to directly fund and/or support training and development needs to meet the registration requirements. The priority for this year will be to assist the funding of the SSSC's Phase two registration requirements, specifically for Care Home Services for Adults (Adult residential care workers, support workers in adult residential care and residential adult care staff with supervisory responsibilities) and managers in housing support. The Voluntary Sector Development Fund has made over £7 million available to voluntary care organisations since 2001. The next application round is likely to be announced later in 2009....

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/12/30104600>

EU-US ATLANTIS Programme - Call for Proposals (UK)

The European Commission has together with the US Department of Education launched a new joint call for proposals under the EU - US Atlantis Programme. The aim of the Atlantis programme is to promote cooperation in Higher Education and Vocational Training between the EU and the US. The type of actions that will be funded include

support for consortia of EU and US higher education institutions to implement dual/double or joint degree programs (Transatlantic Degrees), this includes mobility grants for students and members of the academic and administrative staff; international curriculum development projects; and activities designed to enhance collaboration in the higher education and vocational training field between the EU and the US. This call for proposals is open primarily to higher education institutions and to vocational education and training institutions, as well other bodies active in higher education and vocational training. The total budget available is ? 5 million and the closing date for applications is the 23rd March 2009....

http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/eu-usa/index_en.html

Post Office Diversification Fund (Wales)

The Welsh Assembly Government has announced that its is now accepting application under its new £4.5 million Post Office Diversification Fund for Wales (PODF). The aim of the fund is to help sub post offices in Wales to improve and diversify during the economic crisis. The fund is open to every sub post office in Wales, and is available over 3 years for areas including; business and marketing advice; advertising; trainin; certain set-up costs for new services; creating better access to buildings; upgrading computer equipment; improving security; and providing better external signs for the premises. There are three funding streams available under the PODF. A small capital grant scheme for grants of up to £5,000; a larger capital grant scheme for grants over £5,000; and a revenue grant scheme. The revenue fund will be open all year to applications. There will be 2 application rounds per financial year for capital grants and applications will need to be received by 30th April 2009 to be considered for the first round. Applications for funds from the second round will need to be received by 31st October 2009. Applicants must be the legal owner or hold a minimum 3-year lease of any building to be refurbished under the provisions of the fund....

<http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/grants/podfw/?lang=en>

First Light Movies Announces New Application Deadlines (UK)

First Light Movies provides grants to projects that enable young people to participate in all aspects of film productions. Since launching in 2001, First Light Movies have enabled over 12,000 young filmmakers to write, act, shoot, light, direct and produce over 800 films. The funding is available to organisations such as schools, youth services, community and voluntary groups that work with young people aged between 5 and 18. Every year approximately £700,000 of grants are available through three funding streams: The Pilot Awards provides grants of up to £5,000 for the production of a 5 minute film. The Studio Awards provides grants of up to £30, 000 for between two and four films of up to 10 minutes. What's the Big Idea Awards provides grants of £3,000 to develop ideas and stories for films. Schools that have received funding include: Balfour Junior School in Brighton received funding to make an environmental documentary 'The Amazing Adventures of the Plastic Bag'. Mousehole County Primary School in Cornwall

received funding for 'School of Fish', a film that looks at how the holiday trade affects the lives of people in Cornwall. Prudhoe Community High School in Northumberland received funding for 'The Legend of Long Lankin', an animated drama retelling the folktale of the local murderous villain Long Lankin and his female accomplice. A crew of 15 13 to 17 year olds will produce the film. The deadline for applications is the 31st March 2009 for the What's The Big Idea? Award and the Pilot Awards. The Studio Award is currently closed but the next deadline will be announced in early 2009....

<http://www.firstlightmovies.com/funding/>

PRS Foundation Grants Programme (UK)

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

<http://www.prsfoundation.co.uk/funding/2009deadlines.htm>

Active European Remembrance (UK)

The EU has announced a new call for proposals under the Active European Remembrance Initiative. The Active European Remembrance Initiative is of the EU's "Europe for Citizens" programme 2007-2013 and supports projects that are linked to the preservation of the main sites and memorials associated with the mass deportations, the former concentration camps and other large-scale martyrdom and extermination sites of Nazism, as well as the archives documenting these events and for keeping alive the memory of the victims, as well as the memory of those who, under extreme conditions, rescued people from the Holocaust; and projects linked to the commemoration of the victims of mass exterminations and mass deportations associated with Stalinism, as well as the preservation of the memorials and archives documenting these events. The closing date for applications is the 30th April 2009....

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/action4/funding_en.htm

The Peer Mentoring Support Programme for Pre and Post 16 Education (England)

The Government has announced a £720,000 National Peer Mentoring programme, run by the Mentoring Befriending Foundation across England to support the development of young people volunteering to become peers in schools and colleges. As part of the National Peer Mentoring Programme, children and young people will: work with groups

or individuals to resolve disputes through conflict resolution; develop befriending schemes which help to encourage friendships for those children who might otherwise struggle to fit in or to be accepted; be trained to listen to problems and support their peers. This scheme is available to all schools and education settings that want them. The Peer Mentoring Support programme will run until March 2011.

http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/pns/DisplayPN.cgi?pn_id=2008_0300

Reciprocal Visit Grant Preparation Seminars (UK)

The British Council has announced the dates for their Grant Preparation Seminars for schools applying for a Reciprocal Visit grant. Reciprocal Visit grants enable staff from each partner school to visit their partner school for a minimum of 5 working days. The visits allow time for staff to meet face to face to plan joint curricular activities with a global dimension theme. Reciprocal Visit grants are for partnerships that are laying the foundations for long term collaborative work that will embed a global dimension in the schools' curricula. These seminars will help prepare applications looking at: features of successful partnerships and curriculum projects; the application process and assessment criteria; and support available. The seminars are aimed at schools that are already in established partnerships with a school in one of our eligible countries. Seminars will be run on the following dates: 28 January in Cambridge; 29 January in Stirling and Reading; 30 January in Newcastle; 2 February in Llandrindod Wells; 3 February in Belfast and Bath; 4 February in Coventry; 5 February in London and Leeds; 6 February in Nottingham; and 9 February in Manchester....

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/globalschools-grant-preparation-seminars.htm>

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