

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

Government Announces Increase in the Number of Career Development Loans (UK)

The Government has announced that the number of career development loans available for people who want to undertake training, develop their skills and realise their full potential will treble under plans announced today as part of the Government's New Opportunities White Paper. The increase over the next two years will mean 45,000 new and rebranded Professional and Career Development Loans will be made available in 2010/11, up from the 15,000 currently available this financial year. The new loans are also being made more attractive by reducing the headline interest rates and allowing people to apply for loans of up to £10,000 to study at colleges, universities and private training providers - an increase from the current limit of £8,000. Anyone aged 18 or over and who is ordinarily resident in Great Britain and has an unlimited right to remain in the United Kingdom can apply for a Career Development Loan....

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/environment/fullDetail.asp?ReleaseID=389474&NewsAreaID=2&NavigatedFromDepartment=False>

Climate Challenge Fund (Scotland)

Communities across Scotland have been awarded over £4 million from the Climate Challenge Fund to help reduce their carbon footprint and save residents money. Launched by the Scottish Government with the Scottish Greens in June 2008, the Climate Challenge Fund totals £27.4 million available over three years (2008-2011). The fund is open to applications from community organisations working in partnership with voluntary bodies, charities, colleges, universities, local authorities and housing partnerships to fund projects which demonstrate a significant reduction in emissions. It is part of a wide range of efforts by the Scottish Government to reduce Scotland's carbon emissions by 80 per cent by 2050. Successful projects include using wool to insulate homes, a local food network in Fife and Community Power Down, the first cross-community project awarded cash from the Fund. The Fund is currently open to applications and projects can involve a range of actions from helping communities to use less energy, walk and cycle more, to local sustainable food production. They can also have an environmental, social and economic dimension to the projects, that give people new skills, improve health, help them to work together or provide better community facilities, but carbon reduction must be at the heart of every proposal and the community at the centre of the decision making....

<http://www.infoscotland.com/gogreener/61.html>

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Announces Changes to its Grant Making Programme (UK)

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, which is a major grant making trust in the areas of social wellbeing, culture and education has announced significant changes to its grant making activities in 2009. Instead of inviting applications, the majority of the Foundation's funding will be proactive and they will identify and work with partners whose activities will best meet their aims for 2009. The only fund open to applications will be a new Innovation Fund. Under the Innovation Fund grants of between £10,000 and £25,000 are available to not-for-profit organisations for R&D activities to scope a new idea which enables them to work together with other organisations or experts outside their usual practice, or to enable them to undertake active research into areas they would not normally have the time or money to explore. The Foundation may occasionally give funding for projects that are developed as a result of an Innovation grant, however the Foundation stress that they do not guarantee continued support. Applications can be submitted at any time and will be considered at one of their three annual Trustee Meetings....

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

Lloyds Charity Trust Donates £50,000 to E-Learning Foundation (London)

Lloyd's Charities Trust has donated £50,000 to the e-Learning Foundation to provide children from low income families with computers at home and access to their schools' online networks for their studies. The e-Learning Foundation is this year's recipient of Lloyd's Special Award 2008, a donation which goes to a charity working to address issues of interest to the Lloyd's market. The Special Award donation from Lloyd's Charities Trust will be directed towards supporting e-learning projects in schools in East London where Lloyd's has long-standing links through Lloyd's Community Programme. The project will provide children in each selected school with laptop computers to use at school and home, enabling over 500 pupils across the project schools to have the e-learning tools they require for their education. East London schools are welcome to get in touch with the e-Learning Foundation by calling Jane Warren on 0782 6844708 or by emailing jane@e-learningfoundation.com

<http://www.e-learningfoundation.com/News.aspx?id=49150eb8-856b-4554-be99-5e4b18337bc3>

The Britannia Building Society Foundation (UK)

Registered Charities and Schools, working within education and who are seeking funding specifically for numeracy and/or - financial literacy projects can apply to the Britannia Building Society Foundation for grants of between £1,000 and £25,000. Over the last six years the Foundation has made grants totalling £3 million. Applications can be submitted at any time and there is a simple application form which is available on request by emailing charitable.foundation@britannia.co.uk or telephoning on 01538 391734. In addition voluntary groups, charities and schools can apply for grants of up to £1,000 through the Britannia Community Fund. The Fund also supports individual members wishing to achieve personal development goals that support the fund's our key priorities

with a donation of up to £100. The Community Fund will support any voluntary organisation, school or charity working within Foundations key priorities of numeracy and/or - financial literacy, that operate within a local community where the Building Society has a high density of members. Whilst the Britannia Community Fund focuses on buying specific items or equipment, eg educational toys, books, it will also support small projects in support of our key priorities. Applications to the Community Fund can be submitted at any time....

<http://www.britannia.co.uk/home/membership/community/index.html>

EU-CANADA Transatlantic Exchange Partnerships Programme (UK)

A new call for proposals has been launched by the European Commission together with Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC) to fund joint study and/or training Programmes allowing transatlantic exchanges between European and Canadian education institutions. The transatlantic mobility activities will be of benefit to higher education students, vocational education and training learners and teachers/trainers/administrative staff. Transatlantic Exchange Programme projects must be student-centred rather than oriented towards research collaboration between partners. The main focus of activities must be on transatlantic rather than intra-European or intra-Canadian interactions. The budget available for the co-financing of projects is estimated at ?1.104 million. It is anticipated that approximately 11 projects will be funded in 2009. The maximum amount of funding on the EU side will be EUR 138.000 for a 3-year consortium project. Projects activities are planned to start in October 2008 and last for 36 months. The closing date for applications is the 1st April 2009....

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