

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

Government Announces Funding for Seaside Resorts (England)

The Government has announced that four Seaside Towns are to receive £12 million of funding through the Sea Change Programme. Southport, Great Yarmouth, Bridlington and Hastings are the latest towns to receive grants from the scheme. Sea Change which is managed by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) is a three year grants programme that will run until 2011 and aims to regenerate deprived sea side towns. There are two funding streams. Through Open Programme Local Authorities can apply for grants of between £200,000 and £1,000,000 to fund innovative and inspirational cultural projects. These can include cultural projects which will contribute to local place-making; arts projects which provide new opportunities for local communities and visitors; improving the quality and the experience of the historic environment; and natural and built environment and public space projects. Feasibility grants are also available for projects that are at an earlier stage in their development with a view to developing a full application for a later round. In addition to the open programme, CABE will also provide grants of up to £4 million through a proactive commissioning process (applications by invitation only). A further funding round will open in early 2009. Deadlines for submitting applications will be the 30th April 2009 for Large Grants and the 30th June for Open Application Grants....

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/default.aspx?contentitemid=2442>

£500,000 for Cultural Heritage Workforce Development (England)

The Museums, Libraries and Archives Council (MLA) has committed £500,000 to fund new Creative Apprenticeships, a scheme spearheaded by Creative and Cultural Skills in partnership with MLA and the Museums Association (MA). The funding commitment was announced at the launch of an action plan for the UK cultural heritage sector that will see up to 50 Creative Apprenticeships across England, predominantly in the museum sector, from next year. The funding backs up a key finding of the action plan - the need to increase entry-routes into the sector and to ensure that the workforce reflects the diversity of the UK - and is aimed specifically at young people who do not have a higher qualification who would like an opportunity to work in the cultural heritage sector. The funding is additional to the £100,000 that MLA has already provided to support ten Creative Apprenticeships at museums in England. The MLA is also offering to pay tuition fees to assist up to 20 people already working in the sector to undertake Foundation Degrees....

http://www.museumsassociation.org/17663&_IXPOS_=manews1.2

One Million Euros for Humanities Research (UK)

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humanities academics access to up to one million Euros funding for collaborative research projects. Organised by HERA (Humanities in the European Research Area) and facilitated in the UK through the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) this Joint Research Programme (JRP) call is intended to enable trans-national Collaborative Research Projects in two humanities research areas; Cultural dynamics: Inheritance and identity; and Humanities as a Source of Creativity and Innovation. This call is open to all UK humanities and arts academics and to ensure as many UK academics as possible have an opportunity to participate in this research call the AHRC will be holding two briefings at the end of January in London (29th) and Glasgow (30th) on how best to put an application together. Outline Proposals need to be submitted electronically via the HERA website by the 7th April and it is expected that Full Proposals will be invited in May 2009 with the 1st September 2009 as expected deadline for submission..... Just launched is a unique research funding opportunity that could allow UK arts and humanities academics access to up to one million Euros funding for collaborative research projects. Organised by HERA (Humanities in the European Research Area) and facilitated in the UK through the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) this Joint Research Programme (JRP) call is intended to enable trans-national Collaborative Research Projects in two humanities research areas; Cultural dynamics: Inheritance and identity; and Humanities as a Source of Creativity and Innovation. This call is open to all UK humanities and arts academics and to ensure as many UK academics as possible have an opportunity to participate in this research call the AHRC will be holding two briefings at the end of January in London (29th) and Glasgow (30th) on how best to put an application together. Outline Proposals need to be submitted electronically via the HERA website by the 7th April and it is expected that Full Proposals will be invited in May 2009 with the 1st September 2009 as expected deadline for submission.....

<http://www.heranet.info/>

Community Foundation Launches Express Grants Scheme (Scotland)

The Scottish Community Foundation has launched a new grants scheme aimed at community groups based in Scotland looking for funding. The new Express Grant scheme replaces the the small grants scheme and offers grants of up to £2,000 to groups where small amounts of funding to make big differences in their communities. As the name suggests, Express Grants have a straightforward application process, and a short turnaround time, meaning that within six weeks, applicants will know if they've been successful. Applications can be submitted at any time....

<http://www.scottishcf.org/resources/news/view/66/introducing-scottish-community-foundation-express-grants/>

Coalfields Regeneration Trust Temporarily Closes Revenue Funding Streams (UK)

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT), which aims to revitalise the former coalfield areas in the UK, has announced that it is vastly oversubscribed with requests for revenue funding and therefore cannot make any further awards for revenue funding at this time. In

the meantime the Trust can still award capital grants of £10,000 or more through its Bridging the Gap Scheme. The CRT will support projects that fit into one or more of the following funding themes: Access to employment; Education and skills; Health and wellbeing; and Access to opportunities. CRT offers quick access to funds and aims to make a decision within 12 weeks of receiving an application. The funding programme is due to run for three years from April 2008 to March 2011. Since being founded, the CRT has awarded £150 million through its grant-making programmes. In addition to the Bridging the Gap programme, the CRT can award capital grants of up to £300,000 through its main grants programme to bigger voluntary, community and statutory organisations. Applications can be submitted at any time....

<http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/>

RoSPA Offers Funding Opportunity to Safety Researchers (UK)

Researchers into safety and accident prevention can now apply for funding through a £500,000 scholarship scheme established by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents. The scheme has been launched following a bequest from BNFL (British Nuclear Fuels Ltd) which will fund two to three scholarships a year for a decade, including for example, PhDs and shorter research projects. The scholarships aim to enable individuals and teams, both in the UK and overseas, to carry out research into safety and accident prevention issues that will produce defined, practical and influential outcomes to help save lives and prevent injuries. Applications are invited for projects in the range of £6k to £20k which address key safety themes including improving standards of driving and reducing home and leisure accidents. As well as general safety activities, other themes include raising the standards of health and safety management at work, reducing injuries in water, and enhancing risk understanding and awareness through education. The closing date for the first round of applications is April 17, 2009....

http://www.rospace.com/news/releases/2009/pr652_09_01_09_general.htm

Knowledge Exchange Call (UK)

The Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) , the UK's main agency for funding and managing research, training and knowledge exchange in the environmental sciences, has launched a new call for proposals under its Knowledge Exchange Call (KE Call). The aim of the KE Call is to support activities and projects that enable the sharing and flow of knowledge, people, skills and expertise between the UK's research base and the user community (public and private sector organisations). The types of activities that can be funded under this call include, but are not limited to; special data management; formation of networks; employment of KE translators or facilitators; special publications; workshops; training for Industry or the public sector; and secondments, fellowships or interchanges. Awards are open to UK Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), NERC Research & Collaborative Centres, and Independent Research Organisations (IROs) approved by NERC. And are usually made for up to three years, but can be longer. The closing date for applications is 4pm on the 3rd March 2009....

<http://www.nerc.ac.uk/using/schemes/kecall.asp>

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 has now been extended to the 1st March 2009....

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/action1/towntwinning/funding_en.htm

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