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Newsletter

Dear Members.

This week we have a Bumper Edition of 54 pages of news and views and bids, grants and funds going out to over 3,000 people and Organizations. Thanks to our sponsor Richard at Net Security Training who can be contacted at richard@net-security-training.co.uk

Business to business exhibition at Novotel London Stansted Thursday 20 June 10am - 4pm FREE to visit with plenty of FREE parking. Lots of business opportunities! We're looking forward to seeing you! Just let us know you popping in by registering at

<https://lnkd.in/djCfpna>

<https://www.check-in-stansted.com/register/> [hashtag#BusinessNetworking](#) [hashtag#Essex](#) [hashtag#Hertfordshire](#) [hashtag#Cambridgeshire](#) [hashtag#London](#)

Jamie's Jobs this week

Retail assessor Herts 23k- 28k

Functional Skills Tutor London 22k-26k

Health and social care assesor London 22k-26k

IQA - home based with travel around west and south of England. NEG

Contact jamie@odyssey-recruitment.co.uk

Marie Claire, Jo, David, Hameed and Steve warmly welcome you to join us in celebrating the official launch of 'LLEx-Birmingham'! About this Event

LLEx Birmingham are an alliance of professionals who have used their lived expertise to found & direct organisations that deliver positive social change!

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Come and find out what LLEx-Birmingham can bring to our City & organisation's, and how we can support a movement that is truly centred on engaging and fully utilizing the people and insights we all value! On the day, we will have: Brunch & Networking. Presentations of the work we are doing. **Keynote Speakers, Mark Dawe CEO of the Association of Employment & Learning Providers and Anne Fox CEO of CLINKS charity supporting VSO's in the Criminal Justice System.**

The official launch of LLEx-Birmingham For Parking please copy & paste link below:

<https://en.parkopedia.co.uk/parking/building/the-custard-factory-birmingham/>

We looking forward to seeing you there!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/llex-birmingham-launch-tickets-5859376252>

AWARDS: voluntary sector best practice

The Charity Times Awards are open for entries until 6th June. The awards celebrate best practice in the UK charity and not-for-profit sector. Each individual who submits an entry before the deadline will be entered in to a prize draw to win a £200 voucher to spend at any of Gordon Ramsay's restaurants.

Find out more here

<http://www.charitytimes.com/awards/>

[So even though the ESFA sent out changes and three items around the changes re the 20% off the job training they are now](#) at 6.59pm on a Friday night the ESFA announces they're going to review their clarification of the off the job calculation...again. Back to how we were before with calculation on paid hours that may exceed 30 until otherwise informed with an update next week. It's embarrassing. <https://lnkd.in/gErmDbe>

Just getting started as an employer? Or need a refresher? HMRC can help either way.

Watch our short videos on HMRC's YouTube channel to find out **[how to set up your payroll for the new tax year](#)** and **[how to issue a P60 to your employees](#)**.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cg1eYX_DXnU&index=12&list=PL8EcnheDt1ziNjIGE_vbF8M8XPalgqhHI&utm_source=HMRC-DCS-Apr-2a&utm_campaign=DCS-Campaign&utm_medium=email

There are also live, interactive webinars where you can ask questions using the on-screen text box: **Getting payroll information right:** It's important to give accurate information to HMRC so your payroll runs smoothly – this webinar tells you what you need to know.

[Choose a date and time](#)

Employer filing obligations: Find out about employer filing obligations, including when and how to send a Full Payment Submission (FPS) and Employer Payment Summary (EPS) to HMRC.

[Choose a date and time](#)

Payroll – annual reporting and tasks: This live webinar covers end of year tasks, form P60, your final FPS of the tax year and preparing for the new tax year. We use the Basic PAYE tool to demonstrate what to do, but users of other payroll software will also find this useful.

[Choose a date and time](https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/3231014270599409153?source=Campaign-Apr-2a)

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Ok this week we have a big speech from the head of Ofsted I will however just take this item Apprenticeships and the education inspection framework

I'm sure (or rather I very much hope!) that by now you're aware of the [proposals for our new inspection framework](#). If you haven't already [replied to our consultation](#), you have just a few more days! Please, do let us know what you think.

For a sector that has so much going on, dealing with a new framework may feel like an unwelcome distraction. But, as you may have heard me say before, this will be evolution not revolution. In the main, it is rebalancing what we are already doing to get to better inspection conversations. We want to have the best possible professional dialogue that contributes as much as it can to your future development.

And as I mentioned earlier, the focus will be on the substance of education. Whether that is early years, schools, or post-16, we want to know what young people are being taught, how well are they being taught it, and how it is setting them up to succeed at the next stage. For apprenticeships, as with the new provider monitoring visits, we are going to be paying more attention to whether these foundations for a good curriculum, training, and apprenticeship offer are in place. The new framework will ask providers to be clear about why their curriculum is as it is. In apprenticeships, this means looking at whether the apprenticeship offered meets the needs of local and regional employers.

For example, if a college was training 200 'business fire safety advisor' apprentices, inspectors would want to know about the rationale for delivering such an apprenticeship. **They would want to find out what the medium- and long-term job prospects were for those who have completed their apprenticeship.**

If it's about the upskilling of existing employees for a large local employer to improve their productivity, then we will explore whether the provider and employer know about the knowledge, skills and behaviours that those employees already have.

Then we will look to see if the provider has adjusted the length of the apprenticeship to account for what apprentices already know and can do. And let me be clear – an apprenticeship that does not include enough training and skill development to meet the minimum 12-month duration is not an apprenticeship. It is staff development.

Conclusion: With any new reform, it takes time for change to bed in. But equally, for those young people who are starting apprenticeships, time is of the essence. Their apprenticeship needs to be of the highest quality now, not in a few years' time.

That is why we won't shy away from giving very clear messages where the system isn't working. About those providers who aren't doing enough to get the initial assessment of apprentices right. And those who end up accrediting apprentices for the knowledge and skills they already have. **We should all be able to celebrate what is great about apprenticeships, and the life-changing opportunities they offer to young people from all backgrounds, as well as their contribution to building skills and preparing a workforce for the future.**

There are many reasons why it's essential that we get apprenticeships right. Not just for people who want to get on in life, but for the wider success of the nation. I know all of you here are determined to get the system to where it should be.

To read the whole speech <https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/amanda-spielman-at-the-2019-annual-apprenticeships-conference>

I have two clients looking for small but active companies looking to sell must have ROTO and ROATP and some activity.

My personal thoughts this is good news but the Pay is crazy The chief executive of the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education (IfATE) will step down when his contract is up, FE Week understands. In an email seen by this FE Week paper, the head-hunters Gatenby Sanderson said Sir Gerry Berragan would not reapply for the post he has held for the past 16 months. He refused to tell FE Week in January whether he wanted to stay on. "It's none of your business," he said. A job advert, posted on the Civil Service Jobs website earlier this month, says the post holder will earn an annual £140,000. Applications close on April 29. <https://feweek.co.uk/2019/03/29/ifa-chief-stepping-down-claims-headhunters/>

On Wednesday 27th March, ForSkills became Skills Forward. Here we have a short interview with the Managing Director of Skills Forward, Daniel Howard.
So of course questions were asked?

Changing the name of company is a big thing Dan, why have you done it?

The time is right for change. It's been nearly three years since NCFE brought us into the group and we're making significant investments that will improve every aspect of Skills Forward. And with Functional Skills reform just around the corner, we decided that the best way to represent the innovation, forward thinking philosophy was to change our name and brand as we launch our new products and services.

Why pick Skills Forward as the name?

I believe this truly represents who and what we are. Our mission is to help every learner move forward and be the best they can be, to support every aspect of the learner journey and our sector is most definitely the Skills Sector. So Skills Forward just seems to work!

How have the staff responded at Skills Forward? Absolutely amazing, the staff have been fantastic from the first day I joined, and I'm not just saying that because I have to. Never have I been so welcomed to a new job as when I started in January. Since then, every single person has gone forward and indeed exceeded every expectation to make the change happen and improve every single aspect of our learners and customers experience. I am so proud of what we have achieved so far, and so excited about what we will achieve as we move forward.

What other changes are taking place? There are lots but if I could highlight three. With the launch of Functional Skills reform (September 2019), we have developed a brand new "One Assessment" that combines Maths and English into one assessment to make life easier and quicker for learners and providers. The second is Skills Go and it's fabulous - it's the mobile app that supports all our products and the third is the website www.skillsforward.co.uk It looks so much more modern and

learner friendly. **And finally Dan - What are your ambitions for Skills Forward?**

For me, collaboration and working collectively with the sector to drive quality, innovation and integrity are ever so important. We want to be the company that all training providers, colleges and strategic partners aspire to work with. It's important to have a vision and to back up the vision with the investment, commitment and activity to make it happen. The launch of Skills Forward is the first public step on that journey.

Further questions are being asked about the Education and Skills Funding Agency's recent European Social Fund tender, after FE Week discovered an "unprecedented" amount of tie-breaks in the controversial procurement.

Many providers have alleged that the competition, worth around £282 million in total, was botched after the agency broke tender rules and made "errors".

One aggrieved provider even [threatened legal action](#), as revealed by FE Week last week, but has since decided to drop this because of the likely cost and a fear of repercussions from the ESFA. **It makes a mockery of the scoring process**

Now, however, this newspaper has discovered, via a Freedom of Information request, that 37 of the 95 lots, or 39 per cent, tendered in the three competitive areas of the procurement resulted in a tie-break after the ESFA marked many bids as scoring the maximum. Read more at <https://feweek.co.uk/2019/03/29/alert-raised-on-the-high-volume-of-tie-breaks-in-latest-esf-tendering-process/>

Welcome to Sam's Wall this week.

I'm doing my best not to mention Brexit! Damn! I'll go no further! I think we're all Brexitied out!!! We are, as I write this, officially at the start of British Summer Time and our clocks went forward an hour... I'm personally really excited for the warmer weather and lighter nights.

Now, I have previously mentioned the excellent Nachural Business Awards founded by the incredible Ninder Johal DL (who became Deputy Lieutenant of the West Midlands on 1st February 2019), whilst I included details on how to book these awards and how to apply to be a sponsor the nomination link only became available on 7th March, so here's a reminder of these prestigious awards and why you should enter your nomination.

The Nachural's host four award ceremonies; The Signature Awards (National), Nachural Entrepreneurship Awards (East Midlands), Nachural Summer Business Ball (West Midlands) and The Signature Awards in London (the next one for the latter will be 2020).

More information here: <https://www.nachural.co.uk/>

Entering one of The Nachural Business Awards will bring you innumerable benefits as it can boost both your personal and your organisation's reputation, accelerating and developing new competencies. The Nachural portfolio of prestigious events hosts a diverse group of business leaders, members of government, press, investors, potential mentors and clients for your business. Join us for a unique opportunity to meet, exchange ideas and celebrate with the prime business leaders, judges, finalists and sponsors. The Nachural Awards nights are created to Connect, Influence and Celebrate the high achievers of successful businesses with: Over 65% Of the Nachural Guests are Directors, Founders or Managing Directors Over +220 Companies in the room are from Start-ups to FTSE 250

To enter one or more of any of these awards <https://www.nachural.co.uk/nomination-forms/>

Ayanay Training Retreat: I have also previously mentioned the wonderful organisation Ayanay Training Retreat founded by CEO Siobhain Crosbie (Vonnie) and Managing Director, Dave Sleet.

The Ayanay Training Retreat is like no other company, it provides exceptional CPD with time to relax, get to know peers and enjoy some of the most famous therapists and educators in the field of Psychology. The organisation is for therapists, coaches, psychotherapists and counsellors but it's also for business leaders interested in using CPD practices within their companies.

Ayanay believe that the best professionals should be given the best support. Not only to develop their own best practice and businesses, through increased awareness, but also to grow their business capacity through: facilitation of Elevated Learning Modules, Effective Networking, and Introductions to additional revenue streams. This means members can also have the opportunity to promote their own workshops and presentations and ultimately to be paid for delivering them to Ayanay Elite Members.

More information here in the publication The Counsellors Cafe:

<https://www.thecounsellorscafe.co.uk/single-post/2019/02/05/The-perfect-balance-of-learning-and-rest>

Well, the big news for this organisation is that earlier this month the UK's leading Psychotherapist Windy Dryden interviewed one of the World's leading Psychotherapists Irvin D Yalom on behalf of Ayanay, and as part of the lead up to the three events in April featuring Irvin D Yalom. There is still time to book on one of these events in April and it will be very special indeed, not only for the wisdom that will be shared by Irvin but also because this will be one of the last times he will be appearing publicly due to him retiring (an announcement he also makes in this video).

The interview can be seen here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DH0BKG087co>

EVENT - An Audience with one of the World's leading Psychotherapists: Irvin D Yalom
An audience with Irvin D. Yalom through Ayanay Training Retreat takes place in April on three separate dates and will be held at Edinburgh Zoo, Priory Rooms in Birmingham and The Flowerpot Hoxton in London. Irvin D. Yalom will be live streamed from the USA to the UK and will be interviewed by Siobhain Crosbie MBACP. The event will also include audience interaction and the great man will be answering your questions.

Dave Sleet will also be presenting CPD on Connectivity for Success. This is a series of concepts which help to develop a wider sense of personal core understandings that can increase an individual's resilience and coping capabilities. Allowing them to achieve positive improvements in the outcomes to situations they are either currently facing or may face in the future.

<https://www.hivegroupuk.co.uk/online-store/The-Psychological-Hive-Connectivity-for-Success-p129598879>

I will be attending the event in Birmingham and can't wait to go, book your place here and grab your chance to speak to Irvin before he retires, if you book to go to Birmingham I may see you there!!
Book Tickets: www.ayanay.co.uk See you next week for Sam's Wall

Tip of the week I: Save 30% on a day trip to Guernsey for two. [Details](#)

<https://www.virginexperiencedays.co.uk/day-trip-to-the-channel-island-of-guernsey-for-two-sp7>

Tip of the week 2: 55% discount on a spa day for one, with two treatments, at over 40 Bannatyne locations. [Details https://www.livingsocial.co.uk/deal/london/10987524/bannatyne-spa-day-2-treatments-39](https://www.livingsocial.co.uk/deal/london/10987524/bannatyne-spa-day-2-treatments-39)

All from me Steve and from all the team have a great week and keep training

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<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13583610>

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Bids, Grants & Funds

Online Learning and Upskilling for Digital Data and Technology Professionals

HM Revenue & Customs

The requirement is for access to online learning technology for HMRC's Chief Digital Information Office technology professionals. The learning must be accessible online and offline via multiple devices; and allow 'bite sized' and full course consumption.

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/delta/respondToList.html?noticeId=385136412>

Deadline: 05/04/2019

Leadership Programmes Tender Opportunity

Skills for Care help create a well-led skilled and valued adult social care workforce. Our practical support helps leaders and managers recruit, develop and lead their staff, retaining them from entry level right through to senior leadership and management roles.

We would like to appoint organisations or individuals with appropriate expertise, to deliver the following programmes in 2019/20:

- Moving Up
- New Directors
- Top Leaders

If you would like to find out more, please download the information document below. To receive the full invitation to tender and specification document, please email leadership@skillsforcare.org.uk.

The closing date for submissions is 12.30pm on Friday 10 May 2019.

<https://www.skillsforcare.org.uk/Getting-involved/Tender-opportunities/Tender-opportunities.aspx>

**Leadership Development Programme
South Lakeland District Council**

South Lakeland District Council (SLDC) are seeking requests for quotation for the provision of a Leadership Development programme to coincide with a new Leadership Team in the organisation. The Programme aim is to support the establishment of the new team including the formation of the team as a unit, to create a sense of one team within the Leadership population and to develop the team to work collaboratively to resolve organisational issues.

www.the-chest.org.uk

Deadline: 12/04/2019

**Young Victims of Crime
South West Police Procurement Department (SWPPD)**

Provision of support services for young victims of crime in Devon and Cornwall below the age of 25.

Due to the nature of the funding for this project, all information regarding how the funding will go to help Young Victims of Crime to support each question, should be detailed in the bidders response.

The grant funding available for this requirement is £100,000 per year, for a minimum of 2 years. There is potential for this to be extended by a further 2 x 12 months.

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlentrance_s.asp?PID=27779&B=BLUELIGHT

Deadline: 12/04/2019

**Dyslexia Services for Doctors and Dentists in Training on behalf of Health Education England
working across the West Midlands
Health Education England**

Applications are invited to provide a Dyslexia and Specific Learning Need Service for doctors and dentists in Postgraduate Training within Health Education England working across the West Midlands (HEEWM).

The aim of the service is to reduce exam failure through effective identification of dyslexia and other learning needs by providing effective therapy and support through an initial screening for Dyslexia and other Specific Learning Needs. Where there it is deemed appropriate following this initial screening complete a full psychological assessment and face to face support for all grades of doctors and dentists in training within HEEWM who after a referral to the Professional Support Unit it is deemed would benefit from this intervention.

This service will cover approximately 80 Doctors and Dentists in training per year for initial screening using the most appropriate evidence-based methods/software. Following this initial screening

trainees should be contacted with the outcome of this result with a copy of the outcome provided to the trainee and the Professional Support Unit.

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Opportunities/Index?p=40bb618e-0a24-e611-8114-000c29c9ba21&v=2>

Deadline: 08/04/2019

Provision of Curriculum Consultants - Pseudo Dynamic Purchasing System South Gloucestershire Council

Curriculum consultants provide development, support and challenge for leaders, teachers and support staff in schools across South Gloucestershire and in neighbouring local authorities. This can be on an individual school basis or can involve working with staff from across a group of schools. Schools purchase curriculum time from Integra, which they use to request specialist support from our consultants. This can be on a subscription or pay as you go basis.

Requests for support come in to the central team and are allocated to staff with the required expertise. Support is generally delivered at a school and so the ability to travel to different locations is important, including neighbouring authorities to South Gloucestershire. The delivery mechanism depends on the focus of the support. At times, consultants work with senior leaders or individual subject leaders. They also work with whole staff or on a small group or one-to-one basis. A range of approaches are needed to provide support, with the majority of this being through training or professional development events. Support may be provided through the training of whole staff or individuals or through leading courses as part of our central CPD programme. Mentoring, coaching, interview and facilitated discussion are all also used.

We require consultants who have a subject specialism, such as English or maths or who are specialists in a school improvement area, such as assessment or teaching and learning. This role would suit: excellent teachers / leaders who are working in a school and can be released from their school for a number of days across the year (typically 10+ days) excellent teachers / leaders who are part time and looking to supplement this or consultants who have experience of working in an advisory capacity.

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=89758f1c-06ec-e811-80ef-005056b64545>

Deadline: 26/04/2019

T Level Professional Development offer: Organisational Readiness

The Education and Training Foundation

This tender relates to Strand 5 of the T Level Professional Development offer. The focus of this work is to provide CPD on leading and managing change for T Levels and will be aimed at middle managers and governors, across the sector. The Education and Training Foundation are seeking to appoint a tenderer(s) to deliver three workstreams of activity:

- 1 - CPD for Middle Managers Workstream
- 2 - Mentoring for Middle Managers Workstream
- 3 - CPD for Governors and Board Members

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/show/search_view.aspx?ID=MAR156859

Deadline: 29/04/2019

Children and Young People Education Mental Health Practitioner Programme, Health Education England

Health Education England

NHS South of England Procurement Services (SoEPS), acting on behalf of Health Education England (the Authority) are commencing a tender for the provision of a children and young people education mental health practitioner programme.

Health Education England (HEE), in partnership with NHS England by 2020/21, commit to a significant expansion in access to high-quality mental health care for children and young people, with at least 70 000 additional children and young people each year receiving evidence-based treatment.

As part of the initiatives to support expansion there is a commitment to create a network of support for children and young people, and their educational settings (DHSC 2017). This includes establishing mental health support teams who will have the responsibility for delivering schools' overarching approach to providing mental health and wellbeing support for children and young people from January 2019. As part of the mental health support teams a new role called the Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) is being established.

The implementation of the EMHP role will be underpinned by practitioners undertaking an accredited post graduate/graduate certificate programme of education and supervision in clinical practice. On successful completion of the programme, the learner will be equipped with the necessary skills, knowledge and capabilities to work as a qualified EMHP providing early intervention support for children and young people with mild to moderate mental health problems and signposting to NHS and other appropriate services for further support.

This provision will split over 6 geographic lots.

The maximum value of this programme is 15 120 000 GBP inclusive of any applicable VAT over a 3-

year period across all 6 lots. The Authority reserves the right to extend the contracts by up to a further 2 years, to be determined on a lot basis.

The first year programme value will be up to 2 520 000 GBP across all 6 lots (420 000 GBP each lot for tuition and supervision).

The funding is set at tuition costs of 11 500 GBP, inclusive of any applicable VAT, per learner in respect of the delivery of a postgraduate/graduate certificate completing the programme over a maximum period of 12 months. The amount of 5 000 GBP, inclusive of any applicable VAT, will be available for training each supervisor, with the expectation that supervisors can support up to two EMHP Trainees (1:2 Supervision trainer ratio). However, this may be adjusted for future cohorts as the training numbers increase.

Value excluding VAT: 2 100 000.00 GBP

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/soepscommissioning>

Deadline: 26/04/2019

Adult Learning in Community Settings Pseudo-Framework Sheffield City Council

Sheffield City Council's Lifelong Learning, Skills and Communities receive an annual grant from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA), of which a proportion is used to commission adult learning, from mainly Third Sector providers to deliver in their communities. We are seeking to procure provision funded by the Adult Education Budget in each of the seven Locality Lots, based on National and Local priorities.

Value of contract **£780k**

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Opportunities/Index?resetFilter=True&applyFilter=True&p=1c381835-7581-e611-8114-000c29c9ba21&v=1>

Deadline: 26/04/2019

Autism training for Children's and Adult's Services Kirklees Council

Kirklees Council are seeking to procure autism training for staff to enable them to:

- Explain what an Autism Spectrum Condition is in relation to undertaking the assessment
- Make reasonable adjustments to carry out social care assessments
- Undertake person centred assessments which respond to the specific needs of people with autism including effective support planning

- Explain the transition pathway into adult social care
- Explain what support is available to help someone with autism into employment.

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Opportunities/Index?resetFilter=True&applyFilter=True&p=1c381835-7581-e611-8114-000c29c9ba21&v=1>

Deadline: 12/04/2019

Torbay Council Corporate Training Providers

Torbay Council

Torbay Council is seeking imaginative responses for the provision of corporate face to face training, to a group of diverse employees based at a variety of locations. The Authority is looking for experienced Training Providers who are flexible in approach to training delivery and with demonstrable experience of providing a range of training and development solutions.

The procurement opportunity is being divided into 2 Lots:-

- Lot 1 - Core Management Training, a range of workshops to provide core management skills training, both to be delivered by a single supplier; there may be multiple requirements for different training courses during the life of the Contract.

And -

Leadership Programme Training, to develop existing and aspiring Leaders.

- Lot 2 - Corporate All Staff Training, a range of workshops to develop a range of skills and knowledge across the workforce, to be delivered by a single supplier. There may be multiple requirements for different training courses during the life of the Contract.

The purpose of this Tender process is to identify successful training organisations as single suppliers for both Lots 1 and 2, as above.

www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk

Deadline: 29/04/2019

Advice Skills Academy Learning Delivery Tender

THE WOMEN'S ORGANISATION

We are seeking to procure a suitable provider or providers of training between May 2019 and end July 2019, for the Advice Skills Academy project, with up to a total value of £6,500.

Lot a Deaf awareness and practical disability awareness

Lot b Care homes - paying for care - for advisers

Lot c Universal Credit and homelessness - for advisers

The Advice Skills Academy (ASA) is a European Social Fund (ESF) funded project, funded October 2016 to September 2019 (subject to change control approval), which will develop a co-ordinated approach to identifying learning and development needs of staff within local Citizens Advice services and other partners in the Liverpool City Region (LCR). The project will: develop a calendar of training opportunities to meet the needs of staff, including internal Citizens Advice delivery, and externally procured delivery; identify other learning and development opportunities, including e-learning, coaching and mentoring; and support the development of learning organisations that are responsive to the needs of staff, volunteers, and their learning, development and progression goals.

The project has been developed to:

- Address higher level skills shortages in specialist advice services
- Provide training and support for people within the workforce to improve skills, knowledge, progression and productivity
- Provide a training and support route for disadvantaged groups seeking to access further job opportunities in the sector
- Improve management, leadership and progression capacity
- Promote equality by improving the progression prospects of women within the workforce

Deadline: 10/04/2019

Hackney Council Voluntary & Community Sector Grants Programme

Hackney Council is pleased to launch the Hackney 'A Place for Everyone' Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) Grants Programme for 2019/20. The Council is committed to ensuring that the grant investment continues to increase opportunities for Hackney residents and delivers services which make a difference to people's lives. 2. Grants available through the Hackney Council VCS Grants Programme 2019/20 As in previous years, the following grants are available through the 2019/20 grants programme. Please see the timetable on page 6 for details on when each funding stream is open for applications.

- Main grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 for 1 year projects which contribute to the programme's priorities and equality objective. Funding for Holiday Play schemes should be made through the main grant.
- Small grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 for projects which contribute to the programme's priorities and equality objective. There are two rounds of small grants during the year.
- Community Chest Grants are available for local groups to deliver short term or oneoff activities. Organisations can apply for up to £1000 to deliver projects which contribute to the Hackney Equality Objective 'To foster good relations by building a strong sense of community, neighbourliness and

pride’.

<https://hackney.gov.uk/community-grants>

Deadline: 15/04/2019

£3 Million Available to Fund Veterans’ Community Centres (UK)

A £3 million funding programme to fund renovations and improvements to veterans’ community centres has been launched by the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust.

Grants of up to £30,000 are available to fund renovations, refurbishments and improvements to existing community centres being used by veterans. A small number of grants of up to £150,000 will be made to more complex projects.

Items of expenditure that can be applied for include:

- General repairs – e.g. replacing flooring, windows, mending roofs, drainage, damp proofing, pointing, cladding.
- Plumbing upgrades, including new boilers.
- Electrical work, such as rewiring, to meet safety standards.
- New fixtures and fittings to enable extended or new activities – e.g. kitchens, storage, recreational equipment.
- Updated technology – e.g. WiFi connectivity or a sound system.
- Building work and equipment, which enhances a user’s access requirements – e.g. toilets, car park, disabled ramps, etc.
- Cosmetic/aesthetic improvements, such as general decorating - but ONLY where you can show how this will make a significant difference to veterans’ use of the space, or in cases where redecorating is required as a result of damage caused, necessarily, as part of the refurbishment.
- Fees to architects, surveyors, engineers and local authorities, for planning permissions and adherence to building controls.
- Project management fees - related to the capital works only, not to the organisation’s activities.

Eligible organisations will be Charities or Community Interest Companies supporting the armed forces community that own or have a long lease on an existing community centre used by veterans that is in need of renovation, refurbishment or improvement.

There will be three rounds of funding; and applications for the next round need to be received by 3rd June 2019.

Case study from a previous scheme:

The Royal British Legion Grangemouth Branch received a grant of £20,000 through the Armed Forces Covenant Local Grants programme, to refurbish the building, improve the electrics and make the building more accessible for people with disabilities.

Useful Links:

[Programme Guidance](#)

[Apply Online](#)

<http://www.covenantfund.org.uk/veterans-community-centres/>

Paul Hamlyn Foundation ‘More and Better’ Grants (UK)

Through the Shared Ground Fund, The Paul Hamlyn Foundation (PHF) supports organisations to explore opportunities and address challenges in the area of migration and integration. Funding is offered to organisations that contribute to one of the following aims:

- Staying safe– ensuring that young people who have migrated can address the significant barriers that affect their ability to thrive.
- Living well together– supporting work which helps communities experiencing migration become stronger and more connected.

Each year, up to 20 ‘More and Better’ grants are offered to Charities, community organisations, social enterprises and not-for-profit companies. These are longer-term, larger grants to help develop and embed established activities for organisations with a strong track record of achievement. PHF will invest in the organisational development and capacity of organisations, enabling them to, for example:

- Sustain and develop excellent work with communities that has the potential for wider application or impact
- Develop and sustain specialist support to young people who have migrated in greatest need and which can influence the work of others (other support providers or policy makers)
- Explore, capture and communicate the distinct experiences of (particularly young) people who migrate or communities, and share this with others (for example, policy makers, commissioners, service providers)
- Contribute to policies and processes that support (particularly young) people who migrate or communities effectively, address their needs, and build on their assets
- Contribute new thinking and strategies to the debate about migration and integration

It is expected that most grants will be in the range of £100,000 – £300,000 for up to four years work. Larger grants will be considered on an exceptional basis and usually by invitation.

Grants can cover any or all of the costs of the proposed activity (up to the maximum grant level for the fund). It is expected that a proportion of the funding will support organisational development priorities to strengthen and grow the impact of the organisation this will include improved evaluation and learning. Up to 20 per cent of the grant may be allocated as a contribution to organisational running costs.

There are no application deadline and applications can be submitted at any time.

<https://www.phf.org.uk/funds/shared-ground-fund/#more-and-better-how-to-apply>

Pink Ribbon Foundation Grants 2019 (UK)

The Pink Ribbon Foundation has announced that it is currently accepting applications to its grant making programme.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to UK charities:

- To relieve the needs of people who are suffering from, or have been affected by, breast cancer by providing, or assisting in the provision of, information, care or emotional, practical and financial support.
- To advance public education in the understanding of breast cancer, its early detection and treatment, in particular but not exclusively by commissioning, or conducting, research into the causes, detection and treatment of breast cancer and by disseminating the results of such research.

Higher grants may be awarded if the trustees feel there is a special reason to do so.

Any charity working in the field of breast cancer can apply for a grant.

Applications from general cancer charities must demonstrate that the grants requested will be applied to benefit those affected by breast cancer. Where applications relate to general services, details must be given of how many (and what proportion) of the total number benefiting from the charity's work are affected by breast cancer.

The closing date for applications is the 31st May 2019.

Useful Links:

[Download the Application Form](#)

<http://www.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk/who-we-help/#apply-for-a-grant>

Funding for Housing Projects that Cater for People with Special Needs (UK)

The Quaker Housing Trust has announced that the next deadline for applications is the 14th June 2019.

The Quaker Housing Trust provides grants and interest free loans to housing projects that cater for people with a wide range of needs, including:

- mental & physical health problems
- learning difficulties
- would otherwise be homeless
- escaping domestic violence
- single parents
- young families
- moving out of institutional care
- addiction problems
- refugees, asylum seekers, migrants
- survivors of trafficking.

To be eligible for funding, applicants need to have legal charitable status and be a small organisation (with an annual turnover of not more than £1 million and without access to sufficient income, reserves, nor other fundraising, to pay for the work).

Previous projects supported include:

- Hope into Action, Bilston which received support for turning a property into a home for three people who are, or are at risk of being, homeless, and are in need of some support.
- The Bridgnorth Housing Trust, Bridgnorth, which received support towards building 22 new almshouses, to increase the number of homes they have to offer.

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

Funding for Hospital Parent and Carer Rooms (UK)

The True Colours Trust has established the Breathing Spaces Fund to improve parent/carer rooms in hospitals. For the purpose of this programme a parent/carer room is defined as ‘a non-clinical space within a hospital set aside for the exclusive use of the parents and carers of a paediatric patient. It should create a ‘home from home’ environment but is not overnight accommodation’.

Eligible hospital charities where the hospital has a PICU (wards specialising in the assessment and comprehensive treatment of children with a broad spectrum of acute and enduring mental health needs) can apply for grants of up to £20,000 to renovate or create parent/carer rooms on any in-patient paediatric ward. A list of eligible hospitals can be found [here](#)

Applicants may request up to £1,500 in advance towards the costs of designing a parent/carer room in line with the Breathing Spaces guidelines, this sum will be deducted from the total £20,000 grant available. Any changes to parent/carer rooms funded by Breathing Spaces must be sustained and maintained for a minimum of five years and 10% of each grant should be ring-fenced for annual maintenance costs.

Successful applicants with well-maintained rooms will be eligible to apply for a further one-off grant of £2,500 to update the room at the end of the five-year period.

The programme will run from until March 2020.

<http://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/children-and-young-people-uk/breathing-spaces-fund-for-parent-carer-rooms-in-hospitals/>

Grants of up to £5,000 Available for Projects that Help the Homeless (UK)

Help the Homeless makes grants of up to £5,000 to small and medium sized charitable organisations (with a turnover of less than £1million) whose aim is to help homeless people return to the community and enabling them to resume a normal life. The grants are available for capital costs and examples of previously supported projects include:

The Booth Centre, an advice and activity centre for homeless people in Manchester, where people undertake education and training courses as well as receiving advice and food, received a grant of £1,500 to transform the centre with new lighting, a new water heater and new decoration.

A grant of £3,000 to the Amber Foundation to enable the Foundation to buy new bedroom furniture for their residential centre in Devon, where every year over 60 unemployed, homeless young people are able to rebuild their lives and gain the motivation, confidence, self-esteem and skills for independent living.

The closing date for the next round of funding is the 15th June 2019.

Useful Links:

[Download application form.](#)

[Previously funded projects](#)

<http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

Grants for Projects Supporting Young Children (UK)

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust has announced that Grant Round 2 for 2019 will open on 1st April 2019. To apply for this grant round, applicants must be seeking funding for projects relating to children aged between 0 and 11 years that meet the following criteria:

- Child exploitation
- Mentoring and support
- Clubs and activities

Priority will be given to projects that address mental health.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for revenue projects only.

Only Registered or exempt Charities may apply. For this Round, eligible charities will have an operating income of a minimum of £1,000,000.

Grant Round 2 for 2019 will open on 1st April and close on 30th April 2019.

Grants have previously been awarded to:

- Beanstalk - £3000 towards a reading project
- After Adoption - £1000 towards TalkAdoption project

Useful Links:

[FAQs](#)

[Terms and Conditions](#)

<http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/>

Small Grants for Summer Playschemes (UK)

The Woodward Charitable Trust primarily funds charitable organisations (charities, social enterprises and community interest companies) in the UK and can make grants for overseas projects usually via UK charities. Each year the trustees of the Woodward Charitable Trust set aside funds for summer playschemes for children between the ages of 5-16 years.

Trustees only fund programmes that run for a minimum of 2 weeks or 10 days across the summer holidays.

Grants can only be paid to registered charities. Non-registered organisations must give the full name and address of a registered charity who has agreed to accept a grant on their behalf.

Most grants awarded are in the range of £500 to £1,000. Around 35 grants are made each year with preference is given to:

- Small local playschemes that provide a wide-ranging programme of activities
- Schemes that involve a large number of children
- Schemes catering for those from disadvantaged backgrounds or that have a disability
- Schemes that are inclusive such as projects that work with children from a range of backgrounds, abilities and race
- Schemes where past users are encouraged to come back and help as volunteers

Priority is given to projects make good use of volunteers and encourage past and current users to participate.

Applicant charities annual income must be under £100,000.

The trustees will review applications in May.

All application forms must be submitted by the 5th April 2019 and must be accompanied by the applicants Child Protection Policy. The policy should be emailed to contact@woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk

Useful Links:

[Download Application Form](#)

[Recent Awards](#)

http://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/portfolio/diary_page/

Grants Available to Small Charities and Community Groups for Projects that Increase Physical Activities (UK)

Localgiving has once again partnered with the Postcode Community Trust to offer grants of £500 to small charities and community groups across the UK through its Magic Little Grants Fund.

Grants will be awarded to projects that meet either of the following themes:

- Overcoming barriers to participation in physical activities in creative ways
- Increasing social cohesion through developing access to sports and other recreational activities

Grants can be used to support the general running costs of new and existing sports and physical activities. For example, this could include:

- Facilities hire
- Kit & equipment
- Coaching qualifications
- Other volunteer expenses

The fund is open to Localgiving registered charitable organisations operating within Great Britain (excluding Northern Ireland) that are running or planning to run a project that will encourage people to engage in some form of physical activity to help to improve their physical and mental health and well-being.

Organisations that are not already a member of Localgiving are required to complete the Localgiving registration process before completing the application. Those awarded a grant will also receive an annual Local Giving membership worth £96.

The following criteria apply:

- Organisations must either be in their first year of operation or have an annual income under £250,000.
- Preference will be given to projects that encourage social cohesion and help vulnerable people to overcome barriers to participation in physical activities.
- Funding can be used to launch new projects, support existing ones, or cover core costs associated with ongoing work

The application process is open until the 30th November 2019.

Previous grantees included:

- The 2000 Club, a disability focused sports group in Heston
- London Exercise Group for Stroke (LEGS)

Useful Links:

[Guidance Notes](#)

<https://localgiving.org/what-we-do/magic-little-grants/%C2%A0>

Grants to Promote Participation in Canoeing (UK)

The Canoe Foundation is a grant making trust that aims to 'positively change lives through canoeing'. The Foundation now focuses on projects aimed at promoting participation for youth and disability.

However, projects funded have also included expeditions, strategic riverbank purchase, and supporting the heritage of canoeing.

For the years 2018/19 the Foundation ('CF') is focusing on smaller tactical level projects, these can be new facilities or repairs to existing installations that have deteriorated over time or by an "act of god". Grants are not likely to be awarded for routine maintenance and larger projects will be considered on a case by case basis.

Grants of £2,000 to £20,000 are available.

Not-for-profit organisations, charities, clubs, schools and other interest groups based in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands who work with young people and/or people with disabilities can apply.

Examples of [Projects Funded](#) can be found on the website.

The next application deadline is the 31st August 2019.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidelines](#)

<https://www.canoefoundation.org.uk/online-funding-applications/>

Funding for Community Radio Stations (UK)

Ofcom, the UK's telecommunications regulator has announced that the next funding round of the Community Radio Fund will re-open for applications from the 7th April 2019 until 5pm on the 7th May 2019.

The Fund has been established to help support the core costs of running licensed community radio stations. Grants can be awarded to support:

- Management
- Fundraising to support the station
- Administration
- Financial management & reporting
- Community outreach
- Volunteer organisation and support.

Grants can only be made to community radio licensees in the UK, who are broadcasting under a community radio license. Grant awarded in the past have ranged from £2,160 up to £19,717 with the average grant being £14,292. These awards included: £16,500 for a Deputy Station

Manager/Promotions Manager at GTFM, Pontypridd: £7,504 for a fundraiser at Eden FM, Penrith and £2,160 for a Listener survey at KCR, Keith.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on the 6th November 2018.

Useful Links:

[Guidance Notes, Background and eligibility information for the application and award process, updated April 2018 \(PDF, 126.9 KB\)](#)

[Application form, Updated April 2018 \(DOCX, 79.9 KB\)](#)

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/information-for-industry/radio-broadcasters/community-radio-fund>

Collaborative Research and Development Grants for Emerging Artists (UK)

Help Musicians UK is looking for exciting collaborations that create work across art forms, creative sectors and other disciplines. Applications to the Fusion Fund must be music-focused and projects should include contributions from at least one non-music discipline for example storytellers, lighting designers, choreographers, technologists, scientists, gaming designers, theatre directors, visual artists etc. Applications that consider unusual and extraordinary spaces to show work to new audiences are also of interest.

There should be tangible results of the collaboration, such as a body of work created for an upcoming recording or a new performance. Overall, the project should push the boundaries of what the artist does as a music creator or performer, exploring or testing something that they are not currently able to achieve without support.

Grants of £2,000 to £5,000 can cover reasonable costs associated with the project including:

- Venue and rehearsal space costs
- Recording costs (live or documentation)
- Travel costs
- Access costs
- Accommodation costs
- Subsistence
- Fees for musicians, artists or collaborators time to allow for the project to happen

The fund is open to professional and emerging professional musicians of all genres and disciplines with an active career including: Solo instrumentalists, conductors, composers, vocalists, singer songwriters or multidisciplinary artists. Bands or ensembles with six members or less can also apply.

Applicants must be:

- Aged over 18 (no upper age limit)
- Based primarily in the UK and be eligible to work here
- Have been resident in the UK for at least three consecutive years
- In financial need and without significant backing

The Fund closes for application at 9am on the 10th June 2019.

[Fund Guidelines](#)

[Application Form](#)

<https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/current-opportunities/fusion-fund>

Artistic Career Development Grants (UK)

Emerging and professional musicians of all genres and disciplines can apply for grants of £500-£1500 to help them access opportunities that will allow them to focus on developing their artistic and professional development at a crucial point in their career.

The Transmission Fund is designed to help emerging and professional musicians of all genres and disciplines to build their careers by supporting the costs of formal and time limited training and mentoring opportunities. Eligible artists may for example be a solo instrumentalist, composer, vocalist, singer songwriter or a multidisciplinary artist. Bands or ensembles with 6 members or less can also be supported.

All artists supported must have an active career and be able to demonstrate the following:

- Exceptional ability within their discipline
- High quality musical output
- Regularly working (performances, commissions, releases) at a professional level (getting paid for your work)
- Achievement or the potential to achieve a national or international impact
- An impressive trackrecord
- Demonstrates an entrepreneurial spirit and dedication toward their career

Group applicants must have 50% of their members meeting the criteria shown above and have been established and playing together regularly for at least 2 years.

Grants of £500 - £1500 are available and can support opportunities such as short courses, workshops, training and time limited periods of coaching with an expert in the artists chosen field both in the UK or internationally. Travel, accommodation and access costs can also be funded.

Eligible applicants will be:

- Aged over 21
- Based primarily in the UK and be eligible to work here
- Have been resident in the UK for at least 3 consecutive years
- In financial need and without significant backing

Applications to the Transmission Fund will re-open for applications on the 2nd April 2019 and close for applications on the 8th July 2019.

Useful Links:

[Fund Guidelines](#)

<https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/current-opportunities/transmission-fund>

BBSRC Enterprise Fellowships Scheme Opens for Application (UK)

Funded by BBSRC (part of [UK Research and Innovation](#)) and delivered by The Royal Society of Edinburgh, Enterprise Fellowships are designed to encourage the development of a new business, building on previously funded BBSRC research, around a technological idea developed by the Enterprise Fellow (either individually or with others) and within which the Enterprise Fellow would be expected to play a leading (though not necessarily the leading) role. This award is of particular relevance to individuals and ideas who previously received BBSRC Follow-on Funding (although not exclusively).

This call is open to all who are seeking to build on BBSRC-funded research (PhDs, PDRAs, Fellows, Lecturers, Professors etc.). A part-time option is also available.

Applicants will need to be able to demonstrate that their application draws substantially on the outputs of a previous peer reviewed research grant or other type of substantial BBSRC investment.

Enterprise Fellowships provide:

- A year's salary to provide time to develop a full business plan and seek investment
- Access to mentors, business experts and professional advisors
- Tailored business training to help develop the required skills
- A part-time option is also available; please see the application guidelines document available on the Royal Society of Edinburgh website for more detail.

All Enterprise Fellows become part of the RSE Entrepreneurs Club, an exclusive group that includes investors, past awardees, business experts, professional advisors and RSE fellows.

All current Enterprise Fellows are asked to deliver two presentations during their Fellowship year, where they are able to provide an outline of progress made on their business development plans and to receive feedback from the club members.

The closing date for this call is the 17th April 2019.

<https://bbsrc.ukri.org/funding/filter/enterprise-fellowships/>

Funding to Train as a Chemistry Teacher (England)

The Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) is offering tax free funding of £28,000 to 130 individuals entering chemistry teacher training in England. Scholars also get free membership of the Royal Society of Chemistry for two years.

Eligible applicants will:

- Be taking up a training place on a secondary teaching course that leads to QTS (pre-16).
- Hold a chemistry or related degree with a proven or predicted grade of a 2:1 or above, a relevant PhD or Master's degree or recognised equivalent or have completed a subject knowledge enhancement course in chemistry before September 2018.
- Meet the bursary eligibility criteria as set out in the [National College for Teaching and Leadership's](#) bursary guidance.
- Be a 'Home' student as defined on the [UKCISA](#) website.
- Be eligible to draw down a tuition fee loan from the [Student Loans Company](#)
- Have not previously applied for a scholarship in the same academic year.

The RSC run a rolling application process with application deadlines staggered throughout the academic year. Individuals can apply at any time in the year, but the number of scholarships are limited, so early application is recommended.

Applications for this year will close on 28th July 2019.

The scheme is run in partnership with the Department of Education.

<http://www.rsc.org/awards-funding/funding/teacher-training-scholarships/>

Useful information:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/608029/170329_Training_Bursary_Guide_AY_2017_18.pdf

Applications will close on 31st July 2018. The RSC are run a rolling application process and individuals can apply at any time in the year, but the number of scholarships are limited, so it may benefit individuals to apply earlier.

The scheme is run in partnership with the [Department of Education](#).

<http://www.rsc.org/awards-funding/funding/teacher-training-scholarships/>

The Ouseley Trust (England, Wales & Ireland)

Cathedrals, choral foundations, parish churches, choir schools and other relevant institutions which promote and maintain to a high standard the choral services of the Church of England, the Church in Wales and the Church of Ireland have until the 30th June 2019 to apply for funding from the Ouseley trust.

Grants are available in the following areas:

- Courses for individuals or groups
- Endowment grants for scholarships or bursaries
- Fees for individual choristers having places at recognised choir schools
- Purchase of liturgical music
- Other projects (e.g. outreach) of an innovative kind that are likely to further the object of the Trust in a direct and effective way. In very exceptional circumstances, these may include music commissions.

No maximum grants size is specified.

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

Innovation Voucher Scheme - Follow on Funding (Scotland)

The Scottish Funding Council has announced that the next deadline for applications under its Follow on Innovation Voucher Scheme is the 26th April 2019.

The awards are specifically intended to encourage existing partnerships that have previously collaborated and jointly received funding. This can include the Scottish Funding Council Innovation Voucher awards scheme or any other funded activity. Businesses in partnership with Higher Education Institutes can apply for funding of up to £20,000. The grant requested must be matched in cash by the company.

Applications for the follow on scheme can be submitted to continue a previous or to develop a collaboration in a new area with a research group drawn from a different department or institution.

Useful Links:

[Application Pack](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

<http://www.interface-online.org.uk/how-we-can-help/funding/follow-innovation-vouchers>

The Weir Charitable Trust (Scotland)

Small community groups and charities based in Scotland can apply to the Weir Charitable Trust for funding of up to £25,000 to support projects relating to:

- Sport i.e. encouraging and increasing public participation in sport
- Health i.e. the prevention or relief of sickness, disease or human suffering
- Culture i.e. supporting heritage through participation projects
- The advancement of animal welfare
- Recreational Facilities i.e. the provision or organisation of recreational facilities that are primarily intended for people who need them due to age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage and are available to members of the public at large.

The Trust accepts applications from new or established community groups and small charities, based in Scotland and providing services in Scotland, who are struggling to secure funds through mainstream funders or who have unsuccessfully explored all the statutory sources of funding. Eligible applicant organisations will have an income of £100,000 or less per year.

Projects supported in the past include:

- Farmersfield Rest-home for Elderly Donkeys (FRED) - £2,000 for this rest-home for elderly donkeys.
- Plains Senior Residents Club - £1,797 for this volunteer-run Club offering over 20 senior residents a weekly home-cooked meal and a friendly place to meet.
- Inverness Foodstuff - £10,000 to support the Volunteer Manager role at this drop-in-centre for people in need.

The next deadline to apply is the 30th August 2019 at 5pm.

Useful Links:

[Guidance Notes](#)

[FAQs](#)

<http://weircharitabletrust.com/apply-now>

Funding for Community Sports (North-East Scotland and The Highlands)

Grants of up to £500 are available to sports clubs, schools, religious organisations; and Scout and Guides groups, etc in North-East Scotland and The Highlands to run sporting activities for the benefit of people in the local community.

The funding is being made available through the Aldi Scottish Sport Fund and applicants need to be based in the vicinity of an Aldi supermarket. In 2017 the Fund awarded a total of £50,000 to 115 projects. The Fund operates on a regional basis in Scotland with each region having their own deadline.

Previous projects supported include:

Glasgow Panthers Wheelchair Sports Club, which promotes Rugby 7's to disabled and able-bodied players of all ages. With the help of the Aldi Scottish Sports Fund, the club were able to pay their hall hire fees for 10 weeks and set out a 5-year plan for the sport in Scotland.

Special Olympics Grampian Area Ski Group, which provides weekly ski instruction to athletes with learning disabilities. The club used their Aldi Scottish Sports Fund contribution to subsidise travel costs for the yearly regional skiing competition in Birmingham.

The deadline for this funding round is the 29th April 2019.

Useful Links:

[Frequently Asked Question](#)

<https://www.aldi.co.uk/scottishsportfund>

Funding for Projects Supporting People with Dementia (Highlands of Scotland)

A £150,000 funding boost for local dementia projects in the Highlands has been announced by the Life Changes Trust. Local grassroots organisations can apply for funding to support projects that deliver work which will support people affected by dementia living in the Highland area.

Grants of £2,000 up to £15,000 are available to cover ongoing running costs, some one-off costs, and some start-up costs, for example:

- Staffing –salaries including employer’s costs and staff expenses e.g. travel, mobile phone
- Advertising for, recruiting and training staff and volunteers
- Buying equipment and furniture
- Promotional material and publicity
- Licences and permits e.g. you may need a licence to play music publicly
- Volunteers e.g. recruitment, training, expenses and support
- Travel and accommodation for collaborative meetings
- Premises-related costs e.g. rent, utilities, telephone/internet
- Consumables e.g. printing, stationery, postage

Projects can last up to 18 months and grants must be used wholly for the benefit of people living with dementia and their unpaid carers/families. It can be used to support new or existing work.

Applications are welcomed from projects and organisations which are based in, and working in, their local area in the Highlands of Scotland.

The closing date is 5pm on the 26th April 2019

Useful Links:

[Guidance Notes](#)

<https://www.lifechangestrust.org.uk/people-affected-by-dementia/funding-opportunities-0>

Funding for Small Scale Wales-Africa Projects (Wales)

The Wales for Africa grants scheme is a flagship initiative of the Welsh Government's Wales for Africa programme. The scheme enables community groups and organisations in Wales to access funding at two levels to support small-scale projects that contribute to Wales' delivery of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) and deliver benefits to Wales and Africa. This round is for applications to the medium grants programme.

Managed by Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) a total of £150,000 is through the Main Grants programme. A wide range of organisations based within Wales and demonstrating a benefit in Wales can apply including:

- Constituted groups
- Registered charities
- Community Interest Companies, Charitable Incorporated Organisations and Companies limited by guarantee
- Private limited companies
- Community Councils, Town Councils and Local Authorities

Grants will support new and existing Wales for Africa projects under four under 4 thematic areas:

- Health - projects that contribute to the physical and mental health and wellbeing of communities in sub Saharan Africa
- Sustainable Livelihoods - projects that work to tackle financial poverty, enabling economic resilience in families and supporting small-scale enterprise and employment
- Lifelong Learning - projects that support individuals and groups in Wales and/or Africa to develop new skills and knowledge
- Climate Change and Environment - strategic and practical climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives using Welsh expertise

The deadline for applications is 28th April 2019

Useful Links:

[Application Guidelines](#)

<https://www.wcva.org.uk/funding/wales-for-africa>

Grants for Sports Kit (Wales)

The Game On Gear Grant is offered by the [Coalfields Regeneration Trust](#), the leading regeneration organisation dedicated to improving the quality of life in Britain's former mining communities.

Applications from new and existing community sports clubs delivering any UK recognised sport are eligible to apply. Youth sections of sports clubs are welcome to apply but permission must be sought from the 'host' club.

Game On Gear will fund sports kit to maximum value of £500.

If approved, clubs will be referred to the [preferred supplier](#) to order their kit.

Useful Links:

[Application form and Guidance Notes](#)

<https://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/the-game-on-gear-grant>

Funding to Deliver Specialist Services to Victims of Crime (South Wales)

South Wales Police and Crime Commissioner's Victims Fund is now open for applications. Third sector organisations who deliver specialist services to victims of crime in South Wales are eligible to apply for grants of between £1,000 and £30,000 under two schemes:

- Small Grants of £1,000 - £10,000 are available to small or new third sector organisations or groups looking to expand or trial ideas or looking to explore delivery in another city, town or community.
- Large Grants of £10,001 to £30,000 are available to established third sector organisations with experience of working with victims of crime or with individuals who present similar support needs.

All applicant organisations will be operating within one or more of the seven local authorities across the South Wales Police Force Area – this covers the communities of Cardiff, Swansea, Neath Port Talbot, Bridgend, Vale of Glamorgan, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil.

The Fund is managed by the Community Foundation in Wales and the closing date for applications is 12 pm on Wednesday, 12th April 2019.

Please contact the Grants Team at the Community Foundation in Wales on 02920 379 580 or email grants@cfiw.org.uk if you have any queries.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidelines](#)

<http://cfiw.org.uk/eng/grants/57-south-wales-police-and-crime-commissioners-victims-fund>

Grants for Projects to Help Prevent, or Reduce, the Risk of Heart Disease (Northern Ireland)

The Heart Research UK (HRUK) and Subway® Healthy Heart grant scheme has re-opened for applications in Northern Ireland.

Not for profit groups, voluntary organisations and registered charities across Darlington, Seaham and Newcastle are able to apply for up to £10,000 for projects that actively promote Heart Health and help to prevent, or reduce, the risk of heart disease.

Grants are awarded to innovative projects that run from 6 to 12 months and can cover equipment costs up to the lesser of £2,000 or 50% of the budget.

Previous projects supported include:

Errigal Ciaran GAC received a grant of £7,998 for a project that helped isolated adults in the most deprived and remote areas of Northern Ireland access GP and leisure services, whilst building their confidence to exercise through a range of diverse and exciting activities including spinning, kettlercise, yoga and running.

To apply, first register on the website and fill in the online application form.

This Round will close to applications on the 25th April 2019.

Useful Links:

[Other projects supported](#)

<https://heartresearch.org.uk/healthy-hearts/>

The Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust - Commissioner's Community Action Fund (South West)

Community and other local voluntary organisations in the Avon and Somerset police force area can apply for grants of up to £3,000 through the Avon and Somerset Police Community Trust - Commissioner's Community Action Fund.

This grant is funded by the Police and Crime Commissioner for Avon and Somerset to enable communities to come together and tackle issues in their local area relating to the priorities set out in the Police and Crime Plan.

These priorities are:

- To protect the most vulnerable from harm;
- Strengthen and improve local policing teams;
- Ensure Avon and Somerset Constabulary has the right people, right equipment and right culture;
- Work together effectively with other police forces and key partner agencies to provide better services to local people.

The closing date for applications is the 1st June 2019.

Useful Links:

[Online Application Form](#)

<https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/services/police-community-trust/commissioners-community-action-fund/>

National Express Foundation Grants (West Midlands, East London & South Essex)

The National Express Foundation is central to National Express Group's support for the wider community in which it operates in the UK. For 2019, National Express has awarded a total of £500,000 to the Foundation to distribute as grants.

Two grant streams that aim to tackle issues of boredom, lack of motivation and unemployment among young people aged 15-24 are available:

Charitable and Community groups can apply for grants of £10,000 or £20,000 to support sustainable projects that provide beneficial and developmental activities for young people in deprived areas. For example, Kids In Communication, based in Walsall and Wolverhampton, used a £20,000 grant to support their social impact programme. Through learning and applying new skills in photography, digital citizenship, web development and audio production, recording and editing, 99 young people aged 8-18 achieved awards demonstrating their commitment, development and engagement with their course.

Colleges and Universities can apply for a grant of £10,000 per annum for up to three years for Universities and two years for Colleges) towards innovative bursary schemes that help students from disadvantaged backgrounds continue in further or higher education. For example, Coventry University is using funding of £10,000 per year for three years to support 10 students each year (30 across the three-year bursary programme) that are care leavers or that have a disability; two underrepresented groups in higher education.

Eligible organisations will be located in the West Midlands area served by the National Express bus business (i.e. the seven West Midlands council areas within the county boundary Birmingham, Coventry, Dudley, Sandwell, Solihull, Walsall and Wolverhampton) and the Medway, Gravesend and Longfield areas of Kent served by the Kings Ferry and Clarke's commuter coach services (i.e. postcodes ME1-12, ME14, DA3, DA11, DA12 and DA13).

The deadline for applications is no later than Thursday 18 April 2019.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidance Notes - Community Groups](#)

<https://www.nationalexpressgroup.com/our-way/national-express-foundation/>

Funding Available for Community Health Projects (Hull, East Riding, Knowsley, St Helens, Wigan)

City Health Care Partnership Foundation provides a small grants scheme for local, voluntary and community groups and/or other not for profit organisations, to contribute to the health and wellbeing of people living in the areas in which CHCP provide services. Funding is available for

volunteer led activities and projects or one-off events related to health or wellbeing such as dance, drama or football, etc.

To be eligible, applicants must be not for profit organisations, community or voluntary groups with annual incomes of under £30,000.

Grants or donations of up to £1,000 are available to towards activities, projects or one-off events requiring an element of sponsorship.

Examples of recently funded projects include:

- East Hull Rugby Club provides young children with three weekly training sessions and game time. The grant will enable the team to purchase kit and to support with a team building trip to Butlins.
- Brandesburton Scout Group's grant will introduce a new and varied programme of indoor and outdoor physical activities for all ages.
- Creative Minds Organisation Ltd, a non-for-profit company in Hull will use their grant to support the group with their current sewing project.

The next closing date is the 1st June 2019.

Useful Links:

[Small Grants Application Form](#)

[Small Grants Guidance Note](#)

<https://www.chcpcic.org.uk/pages/small-grants>

Funding for Personal and Social Development Projects for Young People (London)

The Mayor's Young Londoners Fund will help children and young people to fulfil their potential, particularly those at risk of getting caught up in crime. It will support a range of education, sport, cultural and other activities for children and young people.

Grants of up to £50,000 are available per project to community groups, small charities and voluntary sector organisations to deliver the programme in their area of London. Applications are welcomed from organisations that can deliver the programme in multiple areas where they demonstrate a track record of local delivery and an understanding of local needs and challenges.

Activities should be delivered in Southwark, Newham, Lambeth, Haringey, Tower Hamlets, Croydon, Westminster, Hackney, Brent or Lewisham and will:

Provide aspirational and positive activities to help support young people to make positive choices and reach their potential

Give new options to children and young people most at risk of taking the wrong path and stop them getting involved in violence and criminal activity

Improve coordination and capacity of London's youth offer so more children and young people can access services

More information and up to date guidance will be available when the programme re-opens in May 2019.

Useful Links:

[Previously Funded Projects](#) (will download as excel spreadsheet)

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/education-and-youth/young-londoners/mayors-young-londoners-fund>

Small Grants Programme for Projects Benefitting Children and Young People (London)

The John Lyon's Charity gives grants to benefit children and young people up to the age of 25 who live in nine boroughs in North and West London i.e. Barnet, Brent, Camden, Ealing, Hammersmith &

Fulham, Harrow, Kensington & Chelsea, Westminster, City of London. Since 1991, the Charity has distributed over £100 million to a range of organisations that seek to promote the life-chances of children and young people through education.

The Small Grants Fund enables organisations to access smaller amounts of funding outside the main Trustee meetings. Requests to the Small Grants Fund are considered at least six times a year and there are no deadlines.

Since 1991, the Charity has distributed over £100 million to a range of services for young people, including youth clubs, arts projects, counselling initiatives, childcare and parental support schemes, sports programmes and academic bursaries.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for small one-off projects for one year only.

Organisations eligible to apply are: State schools; Independent schools with charitable status; Local authorities; Exempt charities (i.e. churches); Registered charities including CIOs (charitable incorporated organisations); and national organisations with a track record and reputation of working to benefit children and young people in one of the Charity's nine boroughs.

Previous projects supported include:

- Haverstock School – Camden. £5,000 towards the Haverstock Journalism Project
- London Children’s Ballet – Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham. £5,000 towards the Ballet for £1 programme
- Primary Shakespeare Company – Multiple boroughs. £3,000 towards the Annie Williams Prize 2016/17
- Stream Skills – Brent. £4,870 towards helping local youth to get back on track

There are no deadlines and applications can be submitted at any time.

Useful Links:

[Previous Projects Supported](#)

<http://jlc.london/schools/what-we-fund-in-schools/small-grants-fund/>

Royal Victoria Hall Foundation (London)

Professional Theatre Companies in London can apply for grants of £250 - £2,000 through the Royal Victoria Hall Foundation.

Each year, the Foundation awards between twenty and thirty grants to smaller scale professional theatre projects based in London. There are two rounds of funding, with deadlines in February and August.

The Foundation has two major aims:

- To help professional productions in need of financial support.
- To introduce high-quality live performance to groups who are not traditional or regular theatregoers.

The next closing date for applications is the 5.30 pm on the 30th August 2019.

<http://rvhf.org/grants/>

Grants for Small Grassroots Organisations (Kent)

Managed by Kent Community Foundation, Brook Trust Fund supports local community groups and charities working to achieve positive social outcomes, using early intervention where possible,

tackling disadvantage, deprivation and social exclusion. This fund is specifically seeking to fund small grassroots groups with an annual income of below £100,000.

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for work that covers prevention, hard to fund, and lower income groups.

The Fund is open all year round and decisions are made every quarter. The next closing date to apply is the 31st May 2019.

<https://kentcf.org.uk/funding#Kent>

Funding for the Repair and Conservation of Churches (Yorkshire)

Christian churches of any denomination that are used for public worship and situated in Yorkshire have until the 23rd August 2019 to apply for funding to the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust for:

- Repairs to the church fabric;
- The conservation of fixtures and fittings;
- Repairs to bells, clocks and organs.

In the last 10 years, grants to individual churches have ranged in size from £250 up to £112,492. In order to be eligible for funding applicants must demonstrate a focus of mission and care for their building and have had their scheme prepared by a qualified architect/surveyor.

Preferred projects will be able to demonstrate active fundraising for the project and show that there is a genuine shortfall in funding.

Useful Links:

[Grant application form 2018](#)

[Grant guidance notes 2018](#)

<http://www.yhct.org.uk/grants/>

Funding for Holiday Activities Grant (Bristol)

Quartet Community Foundation is managing the Bristol Youth & Community Action Holiday Activities Grant – a grants fund that will support holiday activity programmes for children and young people aged 8-12. Funding is offered in one annual grant round for activities taking place in the Summer, October and/or Easter 2019 school holidays.

Applications are invited for holiday activities that offer young people aged 8-12 opportunities and positive experiences and reduce risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour. Programmes should add value to existing provision or create new provision where there is an identified need. Successful applications will demonstrate that a small amount of funding from BYCA will make a significant difference.

In this round, the maximum grant is £2,500 within which there is a maximum offer of £100 per session (morning, afternoon or evening).

Local voluntary and community organisations based in one of the following areas of Bristol are eligible to apply:

Area A – Avonmouth/Lawrence Weston

Area B – Henbury

Area C – Seamills/Shirehampton

Area D – Windmill Hill/Bedminster/Ashton/Bishopsworth

Area E – Brislington/Stockwood/Hengrove

Area F – St Pauls/Easton/Ashley

Area G – Southmead/Lockleaze

Area H – Hartcliffe/Knowle West

Applications will only be accepted from groups working in formal or informal partnerships of two or more organisations – individual groups are not eligible to apply.

The closing date for applications is the 21st April 2019.

Useful Links:

[Essential Information before Applying](#)

<https://quartetcf.org.uk/grant-programmes/bycag-holiday-2/>

Grants for Projects to Help Prevent, or Reduce, the Risk of Heart Disease (Tyne Tees)

The Heart Research UK (HRUK) and Subway® Healthy Heart grant scheme has re-opened for applications the Tyne Tees region.

Not for profit groups, voluntary organisations and registered charities across Darlington, Seaham and Newcastle are able to apply for up to £10,000 for projects that actively promote Heart Health and help to prevent, or reduce, the risk of heart disease.

Grants are awarded to innovative projects that run from 6 to 12 months and can cover equipment costs up to the lesser of £2,000 or 50% of the budget.

Previous projects supported include:

Women Today who received a grant of £9,000 for their Power to Change project. This grass roots community project will empower Black African Women to embrace a heart healthy culture. The funding will allow Black African Women in Darlington to access bespoke nutrition and health education and a variety of fitness classes delivered by specialists. 'Power to Change' also aims to change opinions that rich foods which are high in fat are a danger to people's health rather than being symbol of wealth and success.

To apply, first register on the website and fill in the online application form.

This Round will close to applications on the 8th April 2019.

Useful Links:

[Other projects supported](#)

[FAQs](#)

<https://heartresearch.org.uk/apply-for-grants/healthy-hearts/>

European Democracy Action Grants (UK & Europe)

The European Cultural Foundation has issued a call for proposals for action grants to fund ideas, projects, and experiments that breathe new life into European democracy. Grants will fund creative, cultural actions prior, during and after the EU parliamentary elections (May 23-26) that can breathe life into Europe, and democracy at large.

Priority is given to proposals that are innovative and provocative ideas that:

- Are related to the European Parliamentary elections
- Are related to the theme Democracy Needs Imagination beyond the European Parliamentary elections
- Are innovative and provocative ideas that challenge the negative discourse and are able to become inspiring examples from the local to the European levels
- Involve a broad group of people (both in size and in diversity of backgrounds).

Organisations or individuals over 18 years can submit a proposal, as long as it has a clear cultural and European dimension and fits the above themes and urgency. There are three grant levels:

- Large grants of 30,000 – 50,000 euro are available for organisations only
- Medium grants of 15,000 – 30,000 euro
- Small grants of 5,000 – 15,000 euro

Grants can cover start-up funding, co-funding or filling a budgetary gap for activities ranging from HR costs, to material or travel costs where the project and budget is clear and concrete.

The call is ongoing with no deadlines and will run until the available resources have been awarded to the most inspiring and imaginative projects.

Useful Links:

[Application Guidelines](#)

[FAQs](#)

<https://www.culturalfoundation.eu/democracy-action-grants-european-elections>

Funding to Help Regenerate Historic Buildings (UK)

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) which supports the conservation and regeneration of historic buildings, has announced that the next closing date for applications to its Project Development Grant scheme (up to £30,000) is 9am the 23rd April 2019.

Charities, not for profit companies, CICs, Parish and Town councils can apply for funding to assist with the costs of developing and coordinating a project which helps to find a sustainable use for a historic building and takes it towards the start of work on site.

The grants are intended to support project development costs only and not for on-site capital works. The AHF also makes:

Project Viability Grants (PVG) of up to £7,500 to fund studies to look at potential uses for a building and at its current condition.

- Cywaith Legacy Fund of up to £30,000 which is open to community-led organisations operating Gwynedd, Anglesey and Conwy to find sustainable new uses for historic buildings.
- Scottish Community Development Grant (SCDG) which provides grants of up to £50,000 for community led projects.

Useful Links:

[Online Application Form](#)

[Guidance Notes](#)

<http://ahfund.org.uk/grant/>

Grants to Support Animal Welfare Charities (UK)

The objectives of the Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust are to donate to UK registered charities whose purposes are to:

- Benefit or protect animals
- Relieve animals from suffering
- Conserve wild life
- Encourage the understanding of animals

Eligible applicant organisations will be a UK registered charity; have independently examined up to date annual accounts and an active re-homing and rehabilitation policy for animals taken into care.

Organisations involved with conservation of wildlife, the rescue, rehabilitation and (where possible) release of animals are also eligible to apply. The funding can be used for general running costs or capital purchases.

Donations usually range from £1,000 to £10,000. Smaller donations may be awarded between the meetings at the discretion of the Chairman and Administrator of the Trust. Larger donations have exceptionally been made.

Repeat applications from charities are encouraged, when further financial support might be given if funds allow.

Examples of [Charities supported](#)

The next deadline to apply is the 1st May 2019.

Useful Links:

[Policy Guidelines](#)

<https://www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk/applications/>

Foyle Foundation Schools Library Programme (UK)

State funded schools as well as dedicated schools that do not have or want to improve their libraries can apply for funding through the Foyle Foundation Schools Library Programme. Priority will be given to primary schools and to funding library books. The Foundation will also consider contributions towards e-readers, library software, necessary IT equipment and specialist seating/desks.

Preference will be given to schools which can clearly demonstrate that their library can be maintained and renewed in the future. Applications can be made for grants of between £1,000 and £10,000. Applications will be strengthened if the PTA/Friends group can support the project.

Past projects funded by the Foundation include:

- Milton School, Mexborough which received £20,000 towards improving and extending the learning facilities.
- Forest Fields Primary and Nursery School, Nottingham which received £10,000 towards a literacy project across a partnership of 13 primary schools in Nottingham to engage reluctant boy readers in year 3.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Useful Links:

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Foyle School Library Scheme application form](#)

[Grants made in 2017](#)

<http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/state-schools.php>

New £7 million Heritage Impact Fund Launched (UK)

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has announced the launch of its new £ 7 million Heritage Impact Fund. The Heritage Impact Fund is a partnership between the Architectural Heritage Fund, Historic England, Historic Environment Scotland and Rathbone Greenbank Investments.

The fund offers tailored loan finance of between £25,000 and £500,000 for up to three years to charities, social enterprises and community businesses across the UK seeking to acquire, reuse or redevelop buildings of historical or architectural importance.

To apply, applicants must be a formally constituted and incorporated charity, community business or social enterprise whose members have limited liability.

Applicants should in the first instance speak to a member of the AHF's [Investment Team](#) for advice and guidance. If the project is one which the AHF would like to support, applicants will be encouraged to apply and then supported throughout the application process throughout.

Applications can be made at any time.

Useful Links:

[Initial Enquiry Form](#)

<http://ahfund.org.uk/hif>

Next-generation Digital Healthcare: Apply for Funding (England, Scotland and Wales)

Innovate UK, part of UK Research and Innovation, has up to £5 million to invest in projects through the digital health technology catalyst – a programme that aims to accelerate the development of digital health innovations.

The competition is for collaborative research and development projects that span a variety of technologies, markets and healthcare needs and demonstrate the potential for significant innovation.

Projects must either improve health and wellbeing, transform care to improve quality or control costs and enable change. The technologies used could include:

- Virtual and augmented reality
- Artificial intelligence and machine learning
- The Internet of Things
- Data analytics and security

Ideas could be for use in a clinical or non-clinical setting. This could include digital technologies to:

- Support clinical decision-making
- Improve access to healthcare, support treatment compliance or patient-led management
- Improve the patient experience from disease prevention through to diagnosis, treatment, recovery and long-term care
- Overcome privacy challenges with managing, sharing and exploiting data
- Create significant improvements in quality, speed, costs and outcomes

Eligible applicants will be UK-based small or medium-sized business (SME) working alone or in collaboration with others, including other businesses, NHS organisations, universities, research and technology organisations, public sector organisations or charities.

Total project costs can be between £300,000 and £1 million with up to 70% of the costs awarded as a grant. Projects can last up to 18 months, must start by 1st October 2019 and be completed by 1st March 2021.

The deadline for applications is midday on 10th April 2019.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/leading-edge-healthcare-industrial-strategy-challenge-fund#medicines-manufacturing-projects>

Grants to Support Children's Health and Education (UK and Ireland)

The next deadline to apply to the DM Thomas Foundation Central Grants Programme is the 7th May 2019. The Foundation distributes a total of around £200,000 per quarter.

Grants of up to £30,000 are available per year for up to two years to registered charities for projects that improve education and health for young people in three key areas:

- Children and young people with disabilities
- Children and young people who are sick in hospital
- Children and young people who are life limited (requiring palliative care)

The Foundation is a small charity and generally will not make awards of over £30,000 (per year). Funding can be requested for one-off projects or for up to 2 years work.

Applications from schools and hospitals are welcomed as long as they are made through an appropriate registered charity.

If favored, grant applications for up to £5,000 can be approved by the Director, up to £10,000 can be approved by the Grants Committee, and applications for more than £10,000 are recommended to the Trustees for final approval.

Additional Information:

[Application Guidelines](#)

[Previous Grants Awarded](#)

<https://dmthomasfoundation.org/what-we-do/grants/dmtf-central-grants/>

Late additions

[Funding to Support the Education of Young People with Physical or Learning Disabilities \(Scotland\)](#)

The John Watson Trust has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 24th May 2019. Schools, charitable organisations and other groups supporting young people under the age of 21 who have a physical or learning disability or who are socially disadvantaged can apply.

Previous awards of around £1,000 have been made to schools for items such as dyslexia tuition or books and equipment. For example, Castleview Primary School, Edinburgh received a grant of £1,000 to support field trips and days out for eligible pupils; and Women's Aid East and mid Lothian received £1,000 towards their summer programme.

[Combating Food Shortages in Africa: Competition Opens Soon \(UK\)](#)

A competition aimed at increasing the rate and scale of development in ground-breaking agricultural and food systems technology in Africa opens on 1 April 2019. UK-based businesses of any size and based within any sector or discipline may apply in collaboration with a partner from one of the eligible African countries. A share of £3 million is on offer for early stage feasibility studies costing £100,000 - £500,000; mid stage industrial research costing £250,000 - £1 million; and late stage experimental development projects costing £150,000 - £800,000.

Grants will cover 50-100% of eligible project costs depending on the type and size of business applying. Registration with Innovate UK closes on Wednesday 29 May 2019 at 12:00pm

[Free Trees for Community Groups and Schools \(UK\)](#)

Schools across the UK, nurseries, colleges, universities, and other groups such as resident associations, sports clubs, parish councils, scouts, guides are amongst the organisations eligible to apply for up to 420 trees to improve their local environment. Tree packs available include hedging, copse, wild harvest, year-round colour, working wood, wild wood and urban trees.

The Woodland Trust is currently taking applications for trees to be planted in November 2019.

[Funding to Engage People with Science and Technology \(UK\)](#)

The Spark Awards programme has re-opened and will close at 4pm on the 2nd May 2019. Grants of up to £15,000 will fund high quality programmes of novel public engagement that inspire and involve audiences with stories of science and technology. Activities must focus on astronomy, solar and planetary science, particle physics, particle astrophysics, cosmology, nuclear physics or accelerator science. Well-planned proposals for novel or innovative approaches towards engagement are welcomed.

Grant funded researchers, STFC scientists and engineers, facility users, schools, museums, science communicators and amateur astronomy groups are all eligible to apply to the Science & Technology Facilities Council.

[Collaborative Research and Development Grants for Emerging Artists \(UK\)](#)

Professional and emerging professional musicians of all genres and disciplines can apply for a grant of £2,000 to £5,000 to undertake a project that will enable them to develop and test new work, ideas or potential career directions through inspiring periods of collaborative research and development. Eligible musicians will be over 18 based primarily in the UK and be in financial need and without significant backing. Solo instrumentalists, conductors, composers, vocalists, singer songwriters or multidisciplinary artists are amongst those eligible to apply. Bands or ensembles with six members or less can also be supported.

The deadline to apply to the Fusion Fund for this round is 9am on the 10th June 2019.

[Funding to Develop the Sustainability of Organisations Supporting the Rehabilitation of Offenders and Ex-offenders \(UK\)](#)

Not for profit organisations working to support the rehabilitation of offenders or ex-offenders have the opportunity to apply for grants from £10,000 up to £80,000 over three years to help them to implement a step change in their development. The aim is to provide core funding to support organisations to build increased sustainability for the future.

Applicants must be a registered charity, not-for-profit social enterprise or community interest company working within the UK with a UK office. Apply by 22nd October 2019 to the Triangle Trust.

[Funding to Develop the Sustainability of Organisations Supporting Unpaid Carers \(UK\)](#)

Not for profit organisations working to support unpaid carers have the opportunity to apply for grants from £10,000 up to £80,000 over three years to help them to implement a step change in their development. The aim is to provide core funding to support organisations to build increased sustainability for the future. Applicants must be a registered charity, not-for-profit social enterprise or community interest company working within the UK with a UK office.

Apply by 7th May 2019 to the Triangle Trust.

[Funding to Prepare for Brexit \(Scotland\)](#)

Small and medium sized businesses in Scotland can apply for a share of £2 million to help them to prepare for Brexit. Grants of up to £4,000 are available to businesses employing up to 250 staff and can be used for activities including consultancy support, professional fees, external training, and international market research.

The funding is being made available through Scottish Enterprise and applications can be submitted at any time.

[Grants for Small Charitable Organisations Working in Disadvantaged Neighbourhoods \(North East of England\)](#)

Charitable organisations working in disadvantaged neighbourhoods in the North East of England can apply for grants of up to £15,000 per year for up to 3 years to increase their capacity to deliver quality services. Grants can cover running costs and core salaries for not for profit organisations with a turnover of less than £300,000 who work in the counties of Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Durham and Teesside.

This is Round 3 of the Greggs Foundation's North East Core funding programme. The closing date for applications is the 8th June 2019.

[Societe Generale UK Foundation Fund \(Hackney, Newham and Tower Hamlets\)](#)

Not for profit organisations with a track record of delivering projects that successfully meet the needs of the local communities in the Boroughs of Hackney, Newham and Tower Hamlets are invited to apply for funding to support young people aged 13-25 on their journey into the world of work. Grants of between £10,000 and £15,000 are available for projects lasting up to one year. Successful bids will be innovative and effective initiatives that support beneficiaries in gaining essential employability skills.

The next application deadline is 12 noon on Monday 8th April 2019. Apply via the East End Community Foundation to the Societe Generale UK Foundation Fund.

[£200 Million Youth Endowment Fund to Tackle Violent Crime Will Open for Applications Later this Year \(England & Wales\)](#)

A charitable foundation has been chosen to help deliver a £200m fund that will focus on early intervention to reduce knife crime. Part of the government's long-term plan to tackle serious violence, delivery will focus on partnership working with a range of organisations supporting young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. Charitable foundation Impetus will manage the programme working in partnership with the Early Intervention Foundation and the Social Investment Business across England and Wales.

The Youth Endowment Fund, a new grant scheme, will be launched soon with the aim of distributing the first grants in the Autumn of 2019.

[Community Led Homes Start-Up Support Programme \(England\)](#)

Up to £10,000 of revenue funding is available to early stage voluntary and community organisations exploring community led housing England. The aim is to help groups of local people to develop their

own community led housing solutions and become ready to apply for further pre-development revenue grants from other programmes. Seed corn grants of up to £4,000 or support grants of up to £6,000 are available depending on the stage of development of the group and the level of local support needed.

The funding is being made available through Community Led Homes which is a partnership project between the Confederation of Co-operative Housing, Locality, the National Community Land Trust Network and UK Cohousing. Applications will be accepted until mid-February 2020 to Community Led Homes.

[Funding for Community Facilities \(England\)](#)

Registered charities, churches, parish councils, local authorities and CASC registered sports clubs are able to apply for grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 for the provision, maintenance or improvement of community facilities. This can include village halls and community centres, public play areas; publicly available multi use games areas, skate parks and BMX tracks; sport and recreation grounds including pavilions and clubhouses with full public access; churches – community spaces only; nature reserves; public gardens, parks, country parks and woodlands with at least dawn to dusk access; and Museums. The funding is being made available through the Landfill Operator Wren’s FCC Community Action Fund and is available to projects located within 10 miles of an eligible FCC Environment site.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on the 12th June 2019.

[Funding for Projects that Support the Education and Development of Children and Young People \(England\)](#)

Schools, colleges and community groups in England can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to support the education and development of children and young people through educational, cultural, sporting and other projects. Of particular interests are projects which will help enhance the self-confidence, team working skills and future employability of children and young people. In most cases grants will be made on a relatively small scale. Many grants will be under £2,000, most will be under £5,000 and only in a few cases will grants exceed £10,000.

The funding provided by the BlueSpark Foundation and can be for physical assets (such as iPads, sports equipment, or lighting for stage productions) or for services or facilities (such as sports coaching or music or drama tuition) or simply for the provision of experiences (such as theatre visits). These examples are intended to be illustrative and not restrictive as to the funding which BlueSpark may provide to support projects.

Applications can be submitted at any time and must be made online on BlueSpark Foundation's standard Application Form.

[Grants for Projects Aiming to Strengthen Communities \(Scotland\)](#)

Registered charities and CICs Ltd by Guarantee registered and working in Scotland have until midday on the 14th June 2019 to apply for grants of £500 upwards to support work that aims to reduce inequalities and strengthen communities. Projects that respond to identified needs and disadvantage and/or work directly on the delivery of services and activities to address disadvantage may be supported.

Under the themes of reducing health and social inequalities, supporting people and communities or empowering communities, main and major grants from the Robertson Trust offer match funding of up to 50% depending on the size and nature of the project.

[School Library Improvement Fund \(Scotland\)](#)

School Library Managers can now apply for funding from the Scottish Library Improvement Fund (SLIF). The funding is administered by the Scottish Library and Information Council on behalf of the Scottish Government. A total of £150,000 is available to innovative projects in Scotland's school libraries. There are no minimum or maximum grant amounts but projects must be completed within twelve months.

The deadline for applications is Friday 31st May 2019. Collaborative bids are welcomed, these may be from two schools or a school and another organisation e.g. the Scottish Book Trust.

[Grants to Enable Disabled People to Play Tennis \(UK\)](#)

Special schools as well as coaches, clubs, disability groups, associations and individuals can apply for grants from the Dan Maskell Tennis Trust for equipment and specialist wheelchairs to enable disabled people to play tennis. Funding of up to £1,500 is available for groups and clubs and up to £500 for individuals. Individuals can receive support for a sports wheelchairs, tennis rackets, coaching lessons with an Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) licensed coach or course fees for official LTA development/Coaching courses. Groups can apply for wheelchairs, court hire, coaching fees and equipment packages which will include, rackets, balls, mini net, and coaching aids such as cones and throw down marker lines.

In the case of wheelchairs a deposit will be required; for individuals the amount of deposit required will depend on the wheelchair type requested, clubs will need to provide a deposit of around £250 per chair.

The next closing date for applications in this round is the 29th July 2019.

[Funding for Projects That Improve Local Life in Rural Communities \(England, Scotland and Wales\)](#)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available for projects that will provide an on-going service for rural communities in an off-grid location (any location that is not connected to a mains or natural gas grid and uses an alternative energy source). Grants can support a wide range of projects that benefit the

wider community from redecorating a community centre or village hall to new equipment for youth clubs, schools, sports teams or scout groups. Initial application is followed by a public vote on the Calor Rural Community Fund website.

The 2019 competition is now open for applications and voting for projects start on the 2nd May 2019.

[Funding Support for Former Mining Communities \(East & West Midlands, North East & North West of England and Yorkshire\)](#)

Community and voluntary groups tackling key challenges that still affect the top 30% most deprived coalfield communities in England can apply for a grant of up to £10,000 for projects that address one of three themes: Skills; Employment; or Health. Grant requests can include a maximum of £2,000 capital costs. A total of £125,000 will be available in this funding round for projects. To apply, organisations need to complete an eligibility survey to determine whether they meet the criteria to apply for funding from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust.

The Eligibility survey opens on 18th March 2019 and closes at 5pm on 7th June 2019.

[Funding for Work with Disadvantaged Young People \(Bath & North-East Somerset, North Somerset or South Gloucestershire\)](#)

Organisations with charitable aims based and working with children and young people in Bath & North-East Somerset, North Somerset or South Gloucestershire can apply for grants of between £2,000 and £10,000 for work responding to sudden, new, emerging, or unmet needs and emergency situations. Work funded may, for example, include funding for a project in danger of closure; a response to a particular need that has recently emerged within a community; or a pilot project for new approach to a specific issue. Partnership applications are welcomed. The programme will be open for applications until all the available funds have been awarded. Apply to Quartet Community Foundation.

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[Football Foundation – Respect Scheme Now Open \(England\)](#)

The Football Foundation has re-opened the Respect scheme which offers FA affiliated clubs, leagues and schools the opportunity to purchase packs of Respect equipment (captains’ armbands, marshals’ bibs and Respect Signage) at a 75% discount. The scheme aims to tackle issues around aggressive, sarcastic and disrespectful spectators and players and promote football. This year’s campaign is called “We Only Do Positive” and focuses on parents and coaches.

The FA and Football Foundation aim to ensure that all grassroots footballers are able to play in a safe, fun and inclusive environment. Packs are available whilst stocks last.

[Creating the 5G Network: Apply for Funding \(UK\)](#)

Collaborations of UK based businesses can apply for a share of up to £1 million for 5G collaborative R&D projects that will enable them to take part in the EUREKA CELTIC programme, a long-term strategic industrial initiative. Eligible projects will cost between £400,000 and £2 million and will attract grants representing 25-70% of the total. Applications and services can be about the Internet of Things (IoT), the tactile internet, mission critical applications, infotainment mobile services or immersive technologies.

The competition opens on Monday 1st April and will close on Wednesday 29th May 2019.

[Resilient Communities Fund \(North of Scotland\)](#)

Constituted community groups, not-for-profit organisations and registered charities working in the north of Scotland can apply for grants of £1,000 up to a maximum of £20,000 to improve local resilience to poor weather conditions. Priority will be given to projects which support communities who are particularly remote or isolated and have experienced emergency events due to poor weather in the past; demonstrate innovative approaches to improving the resilience of vulnerable community members; support areas which can be difficult for emergency services to respond to events in; and from communities which have not applied before and have been identified as having especially low resilience.

Apply by the 23rd May 2019 to the Scottish and Southern Electricity Network's Resilient Communities Fund.

[Resilient Communities Fund \(Central Southern England\)](#)

Constituted community groups, not-for-profit organisations and registered charities working in the South Central England area can apply for grants of £1,000 up to a maximum of £20,000. Priority will be given to projects which support communities who are particularly remote or isolated and have experienced emergency events due to poor weather in the past; demonstrate innovative approaches to improving the resilience of vulnerable community members during emergency event; support areas which can be difficult for emergency services to respond to weather or other emergency event; or provide advice on or improve the energy efficiency of vulnerable households.

Apply by 23rd May 2019 to Scottish & Southern Electricity Network's Resilient Communities Fund.

[Police & Crime Commissioner's Property Fund \(Cumbria\)](#)

Local community groups, neighbourhood watch schemes, parish councils, charities, voluntary groups, and schools across Cumbria can access grants of up to £2,500 to undertake specific projects that aim to reduce crime and disorder and link with one or more of the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan. Projects funded will include those that help to prevent crime and anti-social behaviour

within the local community or create opportunities for children and young people to get involved in extra-curricular activities that will help keep them active and safe.

The funding is being made available through the Police & Crime Commissioner for Cumbria's Property Fund and the next deadline to apply is the 31st May 2019.

[Funding for Tourism Marketing Projects \(Scotland\)](#)

Visit Scotland has announced that it is accepting expressions of interest from groups of tourism businesses for the next round of the VisitScotland Growth Fund. Grant awards from £10,000 to a maximum of £40,000 are available for up to 50% of approved marketing activity. Of particular interest are applications that have a strong focus on content creation that is created for online use i.e. that is high quality and sharable on digital channels. Any legally constituted group formed of a strong mix of businesses from different tourism sectors can apply.

Expressions of Interest as the first stage are invited by 24 April 2019.

[Places of Worship Security Funding Boost \(England & Wales\)](#)

The Home Secretary has announced a boost in funding for the Places of Worship Security Funding Scheme. A total of £1.6 million will be available to reassure communities and safeguard places of worship, this represents a doubling of the amount awarded for 2018/19. The scheme currently provides grants of up to £56,000 for protective security measures to places of worship that have been subject, or may be vulnerable to a hate crime attack including (but not limited to) Churches, Gurdwaras, Mosques and Temples. In addition, a new £5 million fund will be opened to provide security training.

Application deadlines will be published soon for the 2019/2020 programme.

[Grants for Community Projects \(Harwich\)](#)

Voluntary and community organisations are being encouraged to apply for grants from offshore wind farm Galloper's community fund to support their local projects and activities. The Galloper's Community Fund aims to support Harwich-based charitable, educational and environmental initiatives that otherwise might not go ahead due to a lack of funding. A total of £10,000 is available each year. Previous recipients have included We are Music, the rock school in Harwich, which received £2,000 to help them keep student fees down.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday 30 April 2019, apply to Essex Community Foundation.

[Childs Charitable Trust \(UK\)](#)

The Childs Charitable Trust has re-opened for applications with a closing date of the 31st May 2019. The Trust offers grants to registered and excepted charities based in the UK but operating in

countries worldwide. Projects will be considered that fall into the following categories: Working in schools and with vulnerable and disengaged young people in the UK: All aspects of Christian outreach: Society i.e. social action and justice: All areas of Christian education.

No minimum or maximum grant level is published, awards are made according to the values of the Trust and are based on the Christian faith.

[Grants of Up to £10,000 Available to Support People with Mental Health Conditions \(London\)](#)

Registered charities who are working in London with people with long term health conditions, mental ill-health or addictions have until the 25th May 2019 to apply for a grant of up to £10,000. To be eligible to apply charities must be working with an expert health agency/provider and priority will be given to groups with an annual income of less than £250,000. Examples of the type of project that have previously been funded include a programme of community-based art therapy workshops to support clients of a local Drug and Alcohol Service.

The funding is being made available through the from the Partners for Health Grants Programme.