This week’s newsletter bids, grants and Funds come to you in conjunction with our New sponsors KPI DEVELOPMENT Limited going forward. Exciting news on that next week with our newsletter going out to some 3,516 professional’s in the industry. This week we have another Bumper Edition of 50 pages of information News, Bids Grants and Funds.

Ok quick things to get underway
1. Need a HSC Assessor Trainer in or Near Manchester.
2. Need Traineeship funding for two client’s in West London
3. Need Apprentices sub-Contracting for Accountancy in West London 38 Learners.
4. I will be in London Liverpool Street on Tuesday
5. I have spots left of 1.00 to 2.00 and 2.00 to 3.00 free talks and blue sky with Providers.
6. I have the 2020 Vision Event coming up in West London all day with Training on Ofsted ready and other items around compliance. Lunch
8. Well done to TCHC who are one of The Flexible Learning Fund winners. Also our very own EdLounge!
9. Our New Group on Linked In has had some 80 Members join at 2020 Vision at [https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13583610](https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13583610)
10. IV for Workskills Level 2 on Line

The ESFA has confirmed the qualifications that will be eligible for adult funding in 2018/19. There are no changes (apart from one minor one detailed below). They have confirmed as part of this that the QCF Nationals eligible for 19-23 entitlement funding in 2017/18 will remain funded in 2018/19.

1) 19-23 level 2 and 3 legal entitlement - The 2018/19 level 2 and level 3 legal entitlement offer consists of: technical and applied qualifications in the 2018, 2019 and 2020 16 to 19 performance tables; GCSEs; A and AS levels; Access to Higher Education Diplomas, and technical and applied qualifications in the 2017 performance tables which were included in the 2016 to 2017 legal entitlement list. There is a list of these qualifications on the ESFA website - link below - and the funding hub will be updated with this information by the end of March.

2) 19+ English and maths entitlement - GCSEs and Functional Skills are eligible, plus certain other RQF qualifications at entry level and level 1. Apart from any newly regulated GCSEs or Functional Skills, no new qualifications will be added to the list during 2018/19. There is a list of these qualifications on the ESFA website - link below - and the funding hub will be updated with this
information by the end of March.

3) 19+ local flexibility funding, including ESOL - One minor change will be made - First Aid at Work qualifications and components have been removed from the local flexibility offer. A broad offer is available to respond to local skills and community needs. This is to support colleges and training organisations working with adults at lower levels, who want to re-engage with learning and/or their local labour market. No list is available given how many qualifications are available, but all eligible qualifications will be on the funding hub by the end of April. Eligibility rules, qualification lists, can be found here

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/qualifications-getting-approval-for-funding

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Care experts have said tens of thousands of families missing out on state funding for care – because they do not know it exists – will carry on being left in the dark despite a Government promise to raise awareness of the funding package. A recent Public Accounts Committee (PAC) report was highly critical of the lack of awareness surrounding NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC), a package of care provided outside hospitals, such as in people’s homes or in care homes. “The corruption and abuse in the CHC assessment and review process affect some of the most vulnerable people and, despite all the recent ‘noise’ about CHC, the system continues to get worse, not better,” she said. Angela Sherman, Founder, Care to be Different It recommended that the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and NHS England come up with a joint plan to raise awareness of CHC, and that NHS England should hold clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) to account for delays in assessing patients for CHC funding.

In its response to the PAC report, published this week, the Government said the DHSC and NHS England will come up with a joint plan by the summer. The PAC report also concluded that NHS England is “not adequately carrying out its responsibility to ensure CCGs are complying with the legal requirement to provide CHC to those that are eligible”. Read more at https://inews.co.uk/author/paul-gallagher/
Read more at: https://inews.co.uk/news/

The Labour Party has this week launched a consultation on its plans for a National Education Service. Running for 12 weeks, the England-wide consultation is seeking views on the party’s education policies which were officially launched during the general election campaign last year. The NES is Labour’s umbrella term for a raft of pledged reforms, including free adult education and the return of the Education Maintenance Allowance for 16 to 19 year-olds. However, the new seven page consultation document is light on detail and doesn’t include any costings for how these policies would be implemented. Instead, it simply states that Labours “ambition” is of a “National Education Service providing an excellent education for all those who need it, available from cradle to grave”.

The values that will underpin the NES were outlined at Labour Party Conference last year by Angela Rayner (pictured above), the shadow education secretary, during which she also pledged to invest one billion pounds to deliver T-levels. These principles now form the basis of the wider consultation on how this policy will be developed. It asks for any amendments that should be made to the principles outlined in the draft charter, and asks what Labour can do to “reduce the fragmentation of the education system” and move towards an approach that is “integrated and promotes lifelong learning”.

It also asks how “genuine parity of esteem” between academic and vocational education can be achieved, as well as how to improve outcomes for those young people who do not choose to follow
what is seen as the traditional academic route.

Beyond the official education reforms announced by Labour during its election campaign, there have been a couple of big hints at other areas relating to FE that the party would change. Read more at https://feweek.co.uk/2018/04/03/labour-launches-national-education-service-consultation/

Perry tells us AEB Funding Streams & Pearson If you have AEB Funding, several funding streams are available to suit different learner requirements: You can see a complete list of all Pearson qualifications which are eligible for one of these Adult Education Budget funding streams. Qualifications eligible for local flexibility and 19-23 entitlement funding are listed by subject sector

19+ local flexibility funding: Qualifications units and non-regulated learning, up to level 2, can be funded.
19-23 entitlement funding: qualifications on 16-19 performance tables are eligible.
English and maths entitlement funding: GCSEs and Functional Skills can be funded for learners who have not yet achieved a minimum standard in maths and English.

On 6 April 2018, the Government has introduced a number of changes to the fees for applying for patent protection and renewing granted patents. These changes will be introduced by the Patents and Patents (Fees) (Amendment) Rules 2017 (SI 2017/1100).

The Intellectual Property Office (“IPO”) has prepared this guidance so that businesses can familiarise themselves with the fee changes before they are introduced. Please also refer to the above tables. In this guidance, “the Act” means the Patents Act 1977, “the Rules” means the Patents Rules 2007, “section” refers to a section of the Patents Act 1977, and “rule” refers to a rule of the Patents Rules 2007. Details for Business and Guidance at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/new-patents-fees-coming-into-force-on-6-april-2018/new-patent-fees-guidance-for-business

A Northamptonshire college has been slammed with a grade four by Ofsted for delivering “unsafe” training in “highly dangerous vocational areas” such as construction and equine studies. Moulton College is a specialist land-based college with onsite accommodation that also delivers programmes in animal management, sport and food and drink manufacturing.

It was today branded ‘inadequate’ overall, and in four of the eight headline fields, including for its
large apprenticeships provision – meaning it will become the second college to lose the right to offer them under updated government rules.

The damning report will no doubt heap pressure on the college’s principal, Stephen Davies, who has overseen a gradual decline in the college’s rating from ‘outstanding’ when he took the reins in 2011. Moulton, which has two sites across Northamptonshire, was particularly criticised for the extremely poor health and safety environment it has adopted – which puts learners, including those with high needs, in danger.

The curriculum includes a number of highly dangerous vocational areas, and learners are not safe “Inspectors identified a number of serious breaches to health and safety regulations and a number of instances where practice was unsafe or sloppy,” Ofsted said.

“Not all managers with responsibility for health and safety have undertaken appropriate training.” Not all students are “safe” while undertaking activities at the college, the inspectorate continued. “For example, brickwork learners do not wear appropriate eyewear when cutting bricks, and staff do not adequately supervise students with complex needs during water-based activities in the swimming pool.” In equine yards, gates are “left open” and a teacher “demonstrated unsafe practice” when tacking up a horse. In brickwork, under the guidance of their teacher, apprentices “cut bricks without the use of eye protection”. In one animal care lesson, Ofsted said a “poorly conceived” internet research task placed a high needs student “at risk of looking at inappropriate content”. Leaders at the 2,500-learner college have however moved quickly to reassure the community they serve that effective safeguards are now being put in place to protect learners. Read more at https://feweek.co.uk/2018/04/03/college-branded-unsafe-in-damning-ofsted-report/?mc_cid=4f8aae9533&mc_eid=5fee299aba

Look out for the 5th of May in Essex a day of walks & nature activities for all ages, inspired by the nature and history of this amazing space! Meander through the wild wood with oaks and chestnut trees, and then follow the brook which flows the length of the site past two lovely ponds teeming with wildlife.Tucked away on the site you’ll discover the National Trust’s Bourne Mill - the picturesque watermill with working waterwheel! Our costumed characters will take you on a Wild Walk and History Hike to remember! They'll be fun and games along the way with mini-beast quests, the wild workout with our friends from Huathe and Fiona Fox! Proud to be part of the Jane’s Walk Colchester – local walks led by local people on local themes; all given free, in celebration of the late urbanist and activist Jane Jacobs (1916-2006). Meet: Come and find the Welcome Tent - everything starts from there.

Why not make a day of it and bring a picnic? Or you can drop by at any time.
HOW TO GET THERE Walk, cycle or take the bus. There is some Limited parking available. There are 4 entrances, off Bourne Road, Gilberd Road, Old Heath Road and Barn Hall Avenue. By
road: 1 mile south of centre of Colchester, on Bourne Road, off Mersea Road (B1025). Entrance next to Bourne Mill.

ACCESS: Bourne Valley has a wooden boardwalk (approx 1m-1200mm wide) running most of its length, with some short sections of dirt path with light/compacted gravel (manageable for most wheelchair users). There are occasional rest points along the way.
At both ends of the valley however, wooden chicanes (intended to deter motorbikes) DO make access into the valley difficult for chair users (though not impossible with support. Mobility scooters regrettably will not be able to negotiate these barriers.

Perry from Pearson’s has some good news Apprenticeship Standards & EPA
We now have full approval and are in the register for the following new standards:
LGV Driver, Supply Chain Operator, Supply Chain Warehouse Operative
We have also had confirmation that we are finally on the RoEPA for Business Administration Level 3, the official register will be updated on the Gov.uk website soon to show this.

Launch of apprenticeship levy transfer limited to just one receiving employer
Employers who are gearing up to transfer apprenticeship levy funds to other organisations from next month will only be allowed to handover the cash to one other company, the government has revealed. From May, large employers who pay the levy will for the first time be allowed to transfer up to 10 per cent of their annual funds to other organisations. The change will enable large organisations with unspent levy funding to support smaller employers in their supply chain to recruit apprenticeships.

However, the Education and Skills Funding Agency has today announced that initially the transfer can only be made to a single company and not spread across multiple employers. “For the first phase, employers can transfer up to 10 per cent of their annual funds to one other employer,” a government update said. “The number of employers they can make a transfer to will increase over time and after user feedback from the first phase.” It added that levy-paying employers who use the apprenticeship service will be able to see their transfer allowance at the end of April, and the transfer can then take place from May. https://feweek.co.uk/2018/04/04/launch-of-apprenticeship-levy-transfer-limited-to-just-one-receiving-employer/

According to government figures published on 29 March, 194,100 apprenticeship starts have so far been reported for the first two quarters of the 2017-18 academic year, compared to 258,800 starts reported during the same period a year earlier.

Jake Tween, head of apprenticeships at ILM, said the numbers looked “promising” despite the 25 per
cent drop in overall starts, but added that businesses now needed to take proactive steps in making the system work. “Although quarterly starts remain at a lower level than the previous year, promisingly, these numbers also reveal a rise in the number of people committed to starting apprenticeships in January,” he said.

“This follows the positive trend we’ve seen over the previous few months, which is largely down to the fact that businesses have needed time to understand the new levy and how to use it. This is perfectly understandable, but we can’t just sit back and wait for the figures to go up again.” In a CIPD poll of more than 280 HR professionals published on 7 March, more than a third (32.75 per cent) attributed the falls in starts to the bureaucracy of the apprenticeship system. The survey strongly suggested that the time it had taken employers to get to grips with the new processes under the levy was a key driver of the fall in starts, Lizzie Crowley, skills policy adviser at the CIPD, told People Management.

“It’s a very different environment for employers now, as they have to do a lot of work setting up and delivering apprenticeships that might have previously been done by a training provider,” she said. “A lot of employers potentially didn’t have a programme in place before, and it is taking time to establish those.”

More than one in 10 poll respondents additionally cited a lack of available apprenticeship standards for certain occupations or sectors, and changes to off-the-job training requirements, which include a mandatory 20 per cent training provision.

Kathleen Henehan, policy analyst at the Resolution Foundation, described the numbers as an optimistic indicator that the government was “weeding out poor-quality provision”. “While fewer training opportunities for young people is a big concern, the fact that the drop is concentrated among lower-level courses suggest that reforms are having the desired effect of driving up standards and weeding out poor-quality provision. It’s also encouraging to see the number of higher-level apprenticeships continue to grow,” she said.

“The recent reforms are still bedding in so it’s important that government sticks to its guns and presses on. These changes should be part of a wider drive to give high-quality vocational training a far bigger role in our post-16 education system.”

However, previous reports from People Management suggested that organisations may be working around the levy system by rebadging existing graduate-level schemes, or using their levy funds to send senior executives on business MBA courses.

In March, professional services giant Deloitte confirmed that it had transferred “just over 40 per cent” of its 2017 graduate intake into an accountancy/taxation professional level 7 apprenticeship scheme. Crowley stressed that higher-level apprenticeships were not necessarily an indicator of the
quality of training that occurs – but said the government had taken positive steps in ensuring that low-quality apprenticeships were not attractive prospects for employers, and must continue to build on this in the future.

“Some of the overall reforms the government has taken, such as the minimum duration and the off-the-job training rules, are making apprenticeships that are low-quality and low-level unattractive to employers, which is good, because they are not necessarily what we need for filing skills gaps in the UK,” she said. “From a government perspective, this might put their three million targets further out of reach – but there is a real need to ensure that whatever level of apprenticeship is being delivered, it is a quality training route for individuals. These figures have some silver linings, but there is still a lot of work to do.” Apprenticeships and skills Minister Anne Milton said in a statement: “We want people of all ages and backgrounds to get the excellent training they need to secure great jobs, and we want businesses to get the skills they need to grow. Our changes to the apprenticeship system aim to do just that.”

Milton said there had been “a big jump in higher-level apprenticeships” and that the “reforms have fundamentally changed what apprenticeships are, and the long-term opportunities they can provide”. She added that almost “60 per cent of people starting on the new apprenticeship standards are levy-supported”.

The government must “urgently” design a successor programme to the European Social Fund to avoid a “disastrous” post-Brexit funding gap, an influential group of MPs has said. The work and pensions committee, chaired by Birkenhead MP Frank Field, made the call in its report, see this at https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/work-and-pensions-committee/inquiries/parliament-2017/european-social-care-fund-17-19/ Which looked at what would happen if the UK government did not replace the £500 million provided through the fund every year for people in disadvantaged circumstances. Leaving the European Union gave the UK a “historic opportunity” to “design a truly world-class successor” programme that was “entirely in its national interests: plugging skills gaps, boosting productivity and lifting up disadvantaged communities,” the report said.

But it warned the government “must act now to guarantee certainty for providers and communities and avoid a potentially disastrous interruption in funding”. “We recommend the government proceed urgently with detailed design of a successor to the ESF so that there is no gap between existing and new funding streams,” it said. The ESF was cash that the UK received, as a member state of the EU, to increase job opportunities and help people to improve their skill levels, particularly those who find it difficult to get work.

The current funding round is worth about €3bn (£2.3bn) across England over the period from 2014
to 2020. ESF funding for this country is administered through the Education and Skills Funding Agency, the Department for Work and Pensions, and the Big Lottery Fund, which each provide match funding. Many projects co-funded by ESFA, delivered with the involvement of local enterprise partnerships, focused on young people not in education, employment or training. According to the 2016/17 ESFA allocations, 87 providers had ESF contracts worth a combined total of £456 million. But, unlike contracts co-financed by the other agencies, all ESFA match-funded projects have to be delivered by July 2018.


Tip of the week 1: Free Ben and Jerry's ice cream on 10th April. Details

Tip of the week 2: Meals for children for £1 at Prezzo. Details
https://www.prezzorestaurants.co.uk/offers/

Tip of the week 3: Two nights at Disneyland from £169. Details
https://www.groupon.co.uk/deals/ga-weekender-breaks-1147

From me Steve and from all the team have a great week and keep training
Non-Executive Director at Five Companies and MD of East Essex Vocational Training Ltd
2020 Vision is at https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13583610
http://eevt.org/
https://twitter.com/EevtSteve

**Bids, Grants & Funds**

**Young People Pathway Service**
**London Borough of Camden**
This service is being procured using the Regime for Social and Other Specific Services as described in Chapter 3, Section 7 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

The London Borough of Camden is seeking to award a contract for the provision of Camden Young People's Pathway services. The Young People's Pathway approach has operated in Camden since
The aim of the pathway is to provide young people with a seamless journey through
supported housing towards living independently. The Young People's Pathway responds to the
needs of children in care, care leavers, unaccompanied children seeking asylum and young people
who are homeless and have support needs as assessed under the Children's Act 1989 and
Homelessness legislation.

There are 7 lots within the Young People's Pathway Tender. Please note the lot names, process and
tender references for searching on EU Supply:

Lot1: Assessment/Progress Service Male Only [Tender30774] Open Tender
Lot 2: Assessment/Progress Service Mixed [Tender30776] Competitive Procedure with Negotiation
Lot 3: Progress Service South [Tender30774] Open Tender
Lot 4: Progress Camden North [Tender30776] Competitive Procedure with Negotiation
Lot 5: Young Parent High Support Service [Tender30776] Competitive Procedure with Negotiation
Lot 6: Complex Need Mental Health Service [Tender30774] Open Tender
Lot 7: Move Through Service [Tender30774] Open Tender

Value of contract £3.0m

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/eqg/eqnection_s.asp?PID=23361&B=LBCAMDEN

Deadline: 11/05/2018

National Fire Specific Operational Training Framework - Prior Information Notice
This procurement seeks to standardise fire specific training for all fire and rescue services nationally,
in line with National Operational Guidance. Provision of training delivery services shall include the
following:
— Incident Command Levels 1 and 2,
— Fires and firefighting,
— Fires in the build environment,
— Operations,
— Breathing apparatus,
— Transport,
— Wildfires,
— Fires in buildings under construction/demolition,
— Waste site fires,
— Environmental protection,
— Performing rescues,
— Water rescue and flooding,
— Hazardous materials,
— Utilities and fuel,
— Sub-surface, height and structures,
— Industry,
— Major incidents,
— CBRNe,
— Incidents involving animals,
— Incident command – Advanced level 3,
— Incident command – Advanced level 4,
— National resilience.

http://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk

HMPPS Graduate Programme
Ministry of Justice
Opportunity for a provider of the HMPPS graduate programme

Value excluding VAT: 20 000 000.00 GBP

https://ministryofjusticecommercial.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html

Deadline: 08/05/2018

Education Advisers for Education Improvement and Elective Home Education Provider list
Nottinghamshire County Council
Nottinghamshire County Council wishes to improve the educational outcomes of all children and young people, especially the disadvantaged and vulnerable. Its Education Improvement Service (EIS) supports schools across the region to provide a good education by enabling them to improve their effectiveness and resilience by providing Consultation, support, Training & QA.

Through its Elective Home Education (EHE) team the LA, fulfils its duty to ensure that all school age children in its area are being suitably educated, and aims to monitor the effectiveness of children’s home education provision and their safety. The team advises parents/carers, who have chosen to EHE, on the provision of a good education for their children.
The Council is establishing a list of suitably qualified and experienced education professionals Advisers to support to both the EIS and EHE teams. The process will assess the suitability of applicants. Details of the process are set out in the procurement documents.

**Lot 1 Education Improvement Service Associate Adviser**
To enable schools to improve their effectiveness and resilience by providing them with a quality CPD offer, including:
- consultation and support,
- training,
- quality assurance.
- To extend the reach of effective practice in meeting the needs of disadvantaged and vulnerable children and young people throughout the East Midlands.

Supporting schools in Nottinghamshire and across the East Midland to provide a good education for all pupils by:
- providing quality advice support and challenge to school leadership,
- supporting governors to carry out performance management statutory duties for Headteacher appraisal,
- supporting schools with the recruitment of high quality senior leaders.

Value excluding VAT: 2 000 000.00 GBP

**Lot 2 Elective Home Education Adviser**
Through its team of EHE Advisers, the LA aims to monitor the effectiveness of home education provision and home educated children’s safety.

Advising home educating parents / carers in Nottinghamshire on the provision of a good education for the children for whom they are responsible, by:
- exploring all matters relating to home education provision within a family context,
- offering advice and guidance to support parents to put a suitable programme of home learning in place,
- visiting home educating parents/carers and children regularly to consider whether or not the provision is suitable,
- stating when the Local Authority has any concerns about the education provision, what these are and giving the parent / carer an opportunity to address these concerns via recommendations made by the EHE Adviser.

Working with the LA and other relevant agencies to return a child to formal education when EHE has been found unsuitable or a child’s safety is at risk.
Delivery Partner for Basic Maths Centres for Excellence Programme - Prior Information Notice

Department of Education

At Autumn Budget 2017 we announced plans to establish basic maths Centres for Excellence (CfE) across the country to build teaching capacity and spread best practice on what works to improve basic skills. To deliver this, the DfE is seeking a Delivery partner with mathematical expertise to manage the programme. In addition to typical programme management responsibilities, we anticipate that as part of managing this programme the Delivery partner will develop evidence-based basic maths teaching approaches in line with our proposed themes then support, train and mentor the Centres to deliver the approaches, and evaluate their success.

Four teaching methods are proposed, as either standalone or complementary approaches:

i) An adapted ‘Teaching for maths mastery’ for lower attaining students in FE – This is an approach used in Maths hubs to ensure pupils achieve a comprehensive understanding of mathematical concepts and learn how to apply the maths to a variety of contexts using a Shanghai/Singapore approach to teaching maths. The CfE programme could trial an adapted maths mastery approach suitable for the cohort of post-16 low attaining students and relevant to the FE timetable and teaching environment.

ii) Motivating and engaging learners — Evidence suggests that students find re-sitting maths and English qualifications to be a demotivating experience. This approach could research, develop and trial engaging approaches to teaching maths to demotivated learners and practical methods to supporting students to overcome any barriers to their engagement.

iii) Contextualisation of content towards vocational learning - Students are more likely to improve their engagement and attainment when maths aligns to their vocational aspirations. In anticipation of the 15 technical routes for T-Levels, we propose to trial embedding route specific numeracy content in to students’ study programmes.

iv) Use of technology: This theme could research, develop and trial the use of technology, exploring whether there are more efficient or intelligent ways to manage and support teaching and learning.
This theme could explore the use of prior attainment data, diagnostics tools and online/virtual learning.

The Centres will be selected through a competitive application process and directly grant funded by DfE. The Delivery partner will have no role in this process.

The Delivery partner will be appointed following competitive tender and be accountable to the Secretary of state for education for the services provided. They must be able to demonstrate performance and accountability for the services provided by means of a range of management reporting requirements. DfE will welcome bids from a consortia of organisations, from a lead contractor working with sub-contractors, and will accept bids from single suppliers. DfE will issue its final specification of requirements for the Delivery partner at competition launch.

The Delivery partner will provide the service with professionalism, skill, care and diligence in accordance with best professional practices to produce value for money services, offering:
— the ability to provide a comprehensive service nationally while meeting the needs of local providers;
— a proactive response to the DfE’s requirements, including the ability to react to developing policy, liaise with a range of stakeholders, and produce evidence-based approaches to pedagogy;
— a high level of understanding and experience of developing effective approaches to improving attainment in mathematics;
— the ability to support the Centres to deliver the teaching approaches and establish strong networks; and.
— ongoing formal monitoring and evaluation of performance and outputs.

The Delivery partner must comply with the requirements of the HM Treasury publication ‘Managing public money’ as it applies to the service and such other relevant guidance as may be issued by HM The purpose of the basic maths Centres for Excellence programme is to enhance basic maths teaching (up to GCSE or equivalent) so that students 16+ with low prior attainment can improve their skills and secure valuable qualifications. The ambition of the programme is to increase the number of young people leaving compulsory education with the necessary basic maths skills to engage with employment, and to see a marked increase in the numbers of students passing their maths GCSE resit (or equivalent).

Start and end dates of the contract: It is anticipated contract award will be in Autumn 2018 with the successful supplier commencing full service delivery from then. The contract is envisaged to be for an initial period of 3 years with options to extend by periods of 12 months up to a maximum of 24 months.

In line with Cabinet Office best practice, the DfE is seeking expressions of interest from potential...
suppliers and their partner organisations to engage in early pre-procurement discussions with DfE to help the formulation of its requirements for the basic maths Centres for excellence programme Delivery partner.

The DfE envisage that, depending on the number of expressions of interest received, that there will be a supplier event where potential suppliers and their partner organisations are invited to engage in open conversations regarding its plans for the basic maths Centres for Excellence programme Delivery partner.

Subsequently, the DfE will invite potential suppliers to individual and confidential conversations to discuss feedback on their reflections from the supplier event. Expressions of interest to participate at the supplier event should be sent to Centres.forexcellence@education.gov.uk and must be received by 20.11.2018. It is envisaged that the proposed supplier event will be held in early May with subsequent individual supplier conversations held as appropriate prior to contract notice publication.

Estimated date of publication of contract notice: 15/05/2018

**Framework of Training Providers**  
**Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council**

Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council (the Council) is seeking to establish a framework of professional trainers to deliver training and development of staff and volunteers working with adults and children thus ensuring a trained and qualified workforce providing high quality care.

[https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=e5e82b5c-a932-e811-80eb-005056b64545](https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=e5e82b5c-a932-e811-80eb-005056b64545)

Deadline: 14/05/2018

**Alternative Learning Provision**  
**Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead**

Achieving for Children (AfC) has been providing Childrens’ Services for The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM) since August 2017. AfC is now seek to strengthen and improve outcomes for vulnerable children and young people through finding a suitable provider to manage the Alternative Provision in its entirety, with AfC retaining management oversight and scrutiny. The aim will be to narrow the achievement gap for those young people who are at risk of not achieving as a result of being permanently excluded from school or unable to attend school as a result of significant
medical needs. The provider will enable a swift and well-managed response to provide our most vulnerable children and young people with a meaningful and positive education experience. High quality alternative provision aims to keep young people in learning and achieving, so that they can make a positive contribution to society.

The main objective of the new service will be to provide full-time equivalent education for, all permanently excluded pupils living in RBWM from the sixth day and short-term interventions for pupils living in RBWM who are unable to attend mainstream school as a result of a significant medical condition (with appropriate medical evidence).

RBWM wishes to further improve the quality assurance and monitoring arrangements for the provision of alternative education, provide a suitable platform to ensure value for money, reduce the current reactive approach, by ensuring a proactive, timely and appropriate education placement is available to all pupils who are permanently excluded or unable to attend school for medical needs.

https://public.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html

Deadline: 08/05/2018

Integrated Employment & Skills Services - Ongoing PQQ (General & Lots)

Southampton City Council

Southampton City Council is seeking experienced Service Providers to deliver a high quality range of employment, skills and related support services within the city of Southampton. Services may also be sought under this DPS for the city of Portsmouth and the counties of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.


Deadline: 31/12/2020

Advice Skills Academy Accredited Learning Tender

Buyer: THE WOMEN’S ORGANISATION

The Advice Skills Academy are seeking to procure a suitable provider or providers of accredited training at Level 3, for the Advice Skills Academy project, with up to a total value of 23,000. As part of the targets for delivery of the Advice Skills Academy project, we are looking to deliver a minimum of one unit of a Level 3 accredited qualification to up to 112 participants. The accredited training will
be aimed at staff who wish to gain knowledge and an accredited (unit) qualification in an area connected with their role, or in an area where they would like to develop.

http://www.thewomensorganisation.org.uk/about-us/work-for-us

Deadline: 25/04/2018

**Education Advisers for Education Improvement and Elective Home Education Provider list**

Nottinghamshire County Council

Nottinghamshire County Council wishes to improve the educational outcomes of all children and young people, especially the disadvantaged and vulnerable. Its Education Improvement Service (EIS) supports schools across the region to provide a good education by enabling them to improve their effectiveness and resilience by providing, Consultation, support, Training & QA.

Through its Elective Home Education (EHE) team the LA, fulfils its duty to ensure that all school age children in its area are being suitably educated, and aims to monitor the effectiveness of children’s home education provision and their safety. The team advises parents/carers, who have chosen to EHE, on the provision of a good education for their children.

The Council is establishing a list of suitably qualified and experienced education professionals Advisers to support to both the EIS & EHE teams. The process will assess the suitability of applicants. Details of the process are set out in the procurement documents.

http://www.sourcenottinghamshire.co.uk/contracts/show/id/16595

Deadline: 07/05/2018

**Alternative Learning Provision**

Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

Achieving for Children (AfC) has been providing Childrens’ Services for The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM) since August 2017. AfC is now seek to strengthen and improve outcomes for vulnerable children and young people through finding a suitable provider to manage the Alternative Provision in its entirety, with AfC retaining management oversight and scrutiny. The aim will be to narrow the achievement gap for those young people who are at risk of not achieving as a result of being permanently excluded from school or unable to attend school as a result of significant medical needs.
The provider will enable a swift and well-managed response to provide our most vulnerable children and young people with a meaningful and positive education experience. High quality alternative provision aims to keep young people in learning and achieving, so that they can make a positive contribution to society.

The main objective of the new service will be to provide full-time equivalent education for, all permanently excluded pupils living in RBWM from the sixth day and short-term interventions for pupils living in RBWM who are unable to attend mainstream school as a result of a significant medical condition (with appropriate medical evidence).

RBWM wishes to further improve the quality assurance and monitoring arrangements for the provision of alternative education, provide a suitable platform to ensure value for money, reduce the current reactive approach, by ensuring a proactive, timely and appropriate education placement is available to all pupils who are permanently excluded or unable to attend school for medical needs.

https://public.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html

Deadline: 08/05/2018

Provision of a NEETS Tier 1 Tracking Service
Wrexham County Borough Council
The aim of this service is to reduce the number of young people not in Education, Employment or Training across Wrexham. To ensure accurate records are maintained by Wrexham County Borough Council in relation to this.

The Service to be provided
Data collection service to provide an accurate and up to date report (as far as possible) using the methods and performance as detailed below.

How the Service is to be provided
To use the following methods to ascertain Employment, Education or Training of Young People whose details are held by Wrexham County Borough Council.

• Mail correspondence
• Social Media
• House visits
• Door to Door data collection
• Agency networking in relation to identified Young People.
Who the Service is for
The service is for Wrexham County Borough Council, on behalf of Careers Wales to identify young people aged between 16-18 years old who may be identified as not in Employment, Education and Training (NEETS)

When the Service is to be provided
The service is to be provided for 40 weeks per year for a minimum of 12 hours per week shared across staffing requirements.
Where the Service is to be provided
Throughout Wrexham County Borough. This is not a service that requires a fixed base of operation.

Contract Period
Contract to commence on 1st May 2018 and will terminate on 30th April 2019, there is an option to extend for a period of no longer than 1 year subject to Welsh Government funding.

Funding
The funding for this service come from Welsh Government Youth Engagement Progression Framework (YEPF) Grant funding and as such is subject to confirmation on an annual basis.

www.sell2wales.gov.wales

Deadline: 18/04/2018

Associate Trainers (Health and Wellbeing) - ITT
Edinburgh College
The Authority is seeking a Contractor(s) for the supply of Associate Training services
Associate trainers will deliver training programmes on behalf of the Authority, which are designed to meet specific requirements, based upon a range of expertise held across its Faculties. Bidders must evidence that they have proven capability to provide this service.

The Authority conducting a procurement process to select and appoint a number of associates trainers to capacity build and develop its capability in specialist areas where there is anticipated demand by delivering a range of bespoke training provision to businesses chiefly in the Edinburgh & Lothians regions, but also anticipating demand UK wide and internationally.

Value excluding VAT: 100 000.00 GBP

www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk
Deadline: 07/05/2018

**Associate Trainers (Engineering) - ITT**
**Edinburgh College**
The Authority is seeking a Contractor(s) for the supply of Associate Training services

Associate trainers will deliver training programmes on behalf of the Authority, which are designed to meet specific requirements, based upon a range of expertise held across its Faculties. Bidders must evidence that they have proven capability to provide this service.

The Authority conducting a procurement process to select and appoint a number of associates trainers to capacity build and develop its capability in specialist areas where there is anticipated demand by delivering a range of bespoke training provision to businesses chiefly in the Edinburgh & Lothians regions, but also anticipating demand UK wide and internationally.

Value excluding VAT: 80,000.00 GBP

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

Deadline: 07/05/2018

**Associate Trainers (Digital Skills) - ITT**
**Edinburgh College**
The Authority is seeking a Contractor(s) for the supply of Associate Training services

Associate trainers will deliver training programmes on behalf of the Authority, which are designed to meet specific requirements, based upon a range of expertise held across its Faculties. Bidders must evidence that they have proven capability to provide this service.

The Authority conducting a procurement process to select and appoint a number of associates trainers to capacity build and develop its capability in specialist areas where there is anticipated demand by delivering a range of bespoke training provision to businesses chiefly in the Edinburgh & Lothians regions, but also anticipating demand UK wide and internationally.

Value excluding VAT: 60,000.00 GBP

[www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk)

Deadline: 07/05/2018
The 2018 European Social Innovation Competition

European Commission

Innovative solutions can build resilience within communities, address their specific needs and generate sustainable economic activity and employment opportunities. Young people must be involved, engaged and empowered to make the most of new opportunities and supported to develop the skills and capabilities to shape and lead the new economy.

The 2018 European Social Innovation Competition is looking for ideas including, but not limited to:

- Initiatives that use new technologies and ways of working to provide opportunities for youth within their local communities.
- Ideas that assist young people who would not otherwise have become innovators to create their own opportunities in their local environment.
- Ideas co-created with young people to respond to requirements in their local community for skills, experiences and opportunities.
- Solutions to improve the quality of life and financial security of young people in irregular work.
- Innovations that provide information, advice and guidance to young people so they can navigate their options in the new economy.
- Programmes that equip the next generation of workers with skills that allow young people to harness technological change.

The competition is open to individuals, groups and organisations across the European Union and in countries participating in the European Horizon 2020 programme. Three winning projects will be awarded €50,000 each. An additional impact prize for the project that has achieved the most significant results is available the following year worth €50,000.

http://ec.europa.eu/growth/industry/innovation/policy/social/competition/

Deadline: 27/04/2018
The London Family Fund

The new three-year £600,000 London Family Fund is part of London Mayor Sadiq Khan’s strategy to make the capital a more socially integrated city. The funding comes from the Greater London Authority (GLA) and will be administered on its behalf by Groundwork.

The funding aims to:

- Support projects that bring families together to increase social integration.
- Generate more diverse social networks, reduce parental isolation and loneliness, and improve the wellbeing of children.

The primary focus of the Fund will be on family support that takes place outside of formal childcare provision. The ‘innovations’ could be entirely new, evidence-based ideas, trials applying an existing initiative to a new group, or projects to take an existing initiative from other locations and apply it to the distinct context of London.

The Fund would be distinct from parenting programmes that focus on improving the skills of parents through training or support, and instead focus on the networks between parents that can build up this knowledge more informally.

The projects will be evaluated over the course of the year to inform the next round of funding.

The fund will focus on four priority themes: key transitions; new connections; deeper relationship and common purpose.

The following examples are illustrative and applications for any projects that will enhance the quality of life and the environment of communities will be considered.

- **Key transitions.** Examples might include:
  - Ante-natal and post-natal support, especially for parents having their first child, but also for subsequent births.
  - Family-to-family support for parents going back to work and children starting school (for example, looking after each other’s children so parents can attend job interviews, sharing knowledge on supporting children with starting school).

- **New connections.** Examples might include:
  - New apps and websites that enable parents to meet other parents in their local area.
  - Drawing on common interests (for example, sport or language learning) to diversify social networks among families.
  - Building on diverse parental networks to support social integration in the local community more broadly.

- **Deeper relationships.** Examples might include:
  - Activities for families around a nursery or children’s centre, that support unifying experiences and help to form genuine relationships between parents.
Families coming together to host activities in local streets, parks and cafés, which are open to all.

- **Common purpose.** Examples might include:
  - Applying community organising principles to the challenges of parenting and family life in London, to form groups of parents that advocate for change.
  - Developing campaigns and movements that engage parents, carers, professionals and children.
  - Supporting parent-led or family-led models for informal childcare (for example, early years playgroups and crèches, stay and play) that addresses a local need.

The total funding pot is £600,000 over the next three years (2018-2021).
The total amount available for grants in 2018-19 is £365,000.
Grants of up to £85,000 are available for a 12-month projects.

A sample application form and guidelines can be found on Groundwork’s website. Applications are to be made online on the Groundwork website.

There is a two-stage application process:

- The deadline for initial applications (expressions of interest) is 27 April 2018 (noon).
- Successful applicants will be invited to submit an application by 22 June 2018 (noon).

Contact Groundwork for further information.

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 27 April 2018 (noon).

https://glagrants.org.uk/home/london-families-fund/

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**Comic Relief Announces New Fund to Improve the Lives of Young People (UK / International)**

Comic Relief has announced a £4 million fund for initiatives that use sport to improve the lives of young people who don’t have a secure place to live. The ‘Safe, Secure, Settled’ fund is for projects in the UK, India, South Africa, Brazil and Kenya that will help young people who are homeless or living in temporary accommodation to gain skills. It is part of Comic Relief’s Sport for Change programme and has been announced as part of the build up to this year’s Sport Relief fundraising telethon.

Grants of between £100,000 and £500,000 are available for projects lasting between two and four years. The deadline to apply for a grant is 14 June and charities should apply online.

Applications are welcome for a minimum of £100,000 and a maximum of £500,000, over a period of
between two and four years. Applications for work in India, South Africa, Brazil or Kenya can be made by a locally registered organisation directly delivering the project or in partnership with a UK-based organisation.

Comic Relief expect that projects will contribute to a minimum of one of the following outcomes:

- Children and young people increase and/or sustain their engagement with education
- Children and young people have increased pathways into training or employment
- Children and young people increase life skills
- More children and young people have a safe and supportive network or trusted place to go for advice

Useful Links:

**Apply Online**

https://www.civilsociety.co.uk/news/comic-relief-launches-4m-fund-for-sports-projects-to-tackle-homelessness.html#sthash.gobCGDti.dpuf

**Building Better Communities Programme Opens for Nominations (UK)**

Jewson's Building Better Communities programme, which supports community buildings across the UK has re-opened for nominations. The Fund awards a Top Regional prize of £50,000 (split equally between labour and building materials costs) and multiple prizes ranging from £500 to £10,000 from a total pot of £250,000.

Local Trade Heroes (which seeks to celebrate construction workers who play a big role in their community) can also win £50,000 worth of building materials to enable them to complete worthy projects such as new sports club changing rooms, much-needed play area for children or improve community buildings.

Local projects can also apply for building materials worth between £500 and £10,000 to improve their local community building from a regional prize fund.

To participate, entrants must submit all the required details of their nominated community building project via the website below or via Jewson's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/jewsonUK).

Shortlisted projects will be announced on the 6th May 2018. Shortlisted projects will face a public vote. Public voting runs from the 22nd May.
Previous winners include:

- Brookfields Special School Independent Living Skills Centre to convert a former caretaker’s house in Pangbourne into an independent living skills centre where the pupils can learn vital day to day skills such as cooking and cleaning as well as vocational skills such as gardening, online selling and catering.
- North Walsham Gymnastics Club - Dream, Believe, Achieve to move from the hall shared with the high school to a purpose built facility to meet local demand.

https://www.buildingbettercommunities.co.uk/

**Funding for the Restoration of Historic Buildings (UK)**

Funding is available to restore historic buildings through the Heritage Lottery Fund's Heritage Enterprise grants programme.

The programme provides grants to support not-for-profit organisations in partnership with the private sector for the restoration of unused historic building and sites. The programme provides grants where historic buildings have failed to attract enough investment because the cost of their repair has not been commercially viable for private developers. Through the programme, two levels of grants are available:

- Grants of between £100,000 and under £2 million
- Grants of between £2 million and £5 million.

For grant requests of over £100,000 and under £2 million decisions are made every three months.

For grant requests of between £2 million and up to £5 million the next closing date for stage one applications is the 14th June 2018.

Previous projects supported include:

The Globe, an Art Deco ‘super theatre’ in the centre of Stockton on Tees, which will be transformed from a derelict eyesore into a 2500-seater live music and comedy venue with the potential to create 64 jobs.

https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/heritage-enterprise
Funding for Large Heritage Projects (UK)

Grants of over £100,000 are available to support a wide variety of larger heritage projects.

The funding which is being made available through the Heritage Lottery Fund’s Heritage Grant Scheme is available to not-for-profit organisations; and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations for any project relating to national, regional and local heritage. This can include for example:

- Archaeological sites; collections of objects, books or documents in museums, libraries or archives
- Cultural traditions such as stories, festivals, crafts, music, dance and costumes
- Historic buildings; histories of people and communities
- Histories of places and events; etc.

Projects supported in the past include:

A grant of £730,000 to the Richmondshire Building Preservation Trust Limited to transform Richmond Station in North Yorkshire into a self-sustaining heritage and leisure attraction for the local community.

Heritage Grants applications go through a two-round process. This is so that organisations can apply at an early stage of planning their project and get an idea of whether they have a good chance of getting a grant before they send a proposal in greater detail.

The next closing date for applications is the 14th June 2018.

https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/heritage-grants

Funding for Remote Rural Communities (UK)

Communities that are not connected to the Mains Gas Grid can now apply for grants of up to £5,000 through the Calor Rural Community Fund. Projects that can apply for funding could be anything from redecorating community centres or village halls; to new equipment for youth clubs, sports teams or scout groups; etc.

Projects will be subject to a popular vote. Projects that receive the most votes on Calor Rural Community Fund website will be shortlisted then reviewed by a panel of judges, who will select the winning projects for funding.
In 2018 Calor is offering three levels of funding to suit projects of different sizes:

- Up to £1,000
- Up to £2,500
- Up to £5,000

The 20 projects in the £1,000 category and the 10 projects in both the £2,500 and £5,000 with the most votes will go through to the finals.

The closing date for applications will be the 21st May 2018.

https://www.calor.co.uk/communityfund/

**National Churches Trust Repair Grants (England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales)**

The next closing date for applications to the National Churches Trust Repair Grants programme is 2nd July 2018.

Grants of £5,000 to £40,000 are available for urgent and essential structural repair projects to listed and unlisted buildings that were originally built as places of worship and are still open for regular public use. Applicants must have 50% of the total project costs funded already and the project must cost at least £100,000 (including VAT and fees).

Places of worship of any Christian denomination and age can apply but priority will be given to applications from the fund’s priority areas - North East England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, as well as from Baptist and Presbyterian churches.

http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/node/3507

**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 2018 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/

**Funding for Football Equipment and Facilities (England & Wales)**

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to schools, grass roots football clubs, local authorities and professional and semi-professional football clubs and their associated community organisations that are looking to refurbish their existing or develop new football facilities.

The funding is available through the Football Foundation's Premier League & the FA Facilities Fund Small Grants Scheme and can be used to buy capital items such as portable floodlights, storage containers and other equipment; or to refurbish/improve existing facilities. The aims of this scheme are to:

- Support the growth of football clubs and activity
- Prevent a decline in football participation
- Make improvements to facilities to address any health and safety issues.

The grants awarded cannot exceed 50% of the total project cost. The Football Foundation strongly recommend that applicants use the pre-application advice offered on our behalf by The FA and the network of County FAs around England. This will normally involve completing the FA's Football Facilities Enquiry Form (FEF) first, which will help The FA to learn more about a project and determine the best way to support the applicant organisation. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Additional Funding for Music-Making Projects for Children and Young People (England)

Arts Council England is to invest £38.6 million of funding into Youth Music, a national charity investing in music-making projects for children and young people in challenging circumstances, between 2018-2022.

Each year, Youth Music funds around 350 music-making projects nationwide, reaching more than 75,000 children and young people. This work supports the musical, personal and social development of children and young people, as well as developing positive outcomes for the organisations it invests in and their workforce by funding diverse, creative and inclusive music-making projects wherever they’re needed most.

Youth Making’s funding programme is made up of three separate funds:

- Fund A offers small grants (£2,000 to £30,000) for high quality music-making projects.
- Fund B offers medium-sized grants (30,001 - £100,000 per year for up to two years) for larger programmes of work.
- Fund C offers grants (£100,000 to £160,000) for strategic programmes to help embed sustainable, inclusive music-making across a local area.

Charities, not for profit organisations and schools are all eligible to apply, however, schools will however have to show how to activities to be funded do not duplicate Department of Education funding.

Previous projects funded include:

Positive Youth Foundation’s Changing Trax project in Coventry, where young people played a key part in the city’s successful bid to become the UK City of Culture 2021

Tang Hall Smart CIC in York, where young people with learning disabilities are developing their composition and performance skills in rock and rap workshops.

The grants programme is currently open for application with the following deadlines:

**Fund A:**

- Round 12: Friday 6 April 2018, 5pm
- Round 13: Friday 24 August 2018, 5pm
- Round 14: Friday 7 December 2018, 5pm

**Fund B:**
Round 8 Stage 1: Friday 18 May 2018, 5pm

Round 9 Stage 1: Friday 9 November 2018, 5pm

**Fund C:**

This fund is currently closed to new applicants

[http://network.youthmusic.org.uk/Funding/about-youth-musics-grants-programme](http://network.youthmusic.org.uk/Funding/about-youth-musics-grants-programme)

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**Funding to Improve the Water Environment (England)**

The Water Environment Grant scheme provides funding to improve the water environment in rural England. Grants will cover work to rivers and their estuaries; lakes; canals; wetlands; groundwaters; and coastal waters. Ambitious and innovative proposals are welcomed, however funded projects will importantly demonstrate good value for money.

Charities, not-for-profit organisations, land managers (i.e. farmer, forester, tenant, landlord or licensor) and public bodies (local authority, parish council, national park authority) are all eligible to apply where they have the authority to carry out all activities in the proposal to enable the delivery of the project. Tenants of land under public body control must have a representative of the public body to countersign the application.

Project proposals based in urban or coastal areas may be submitted, however they must show how it will benefit a rural area e.g. an urban river restoration project that allows fish to migrate upstream to a rural area to spawn or a coastal or transitional water body. Find relevant information about the project proposal area here

Eligible project activities include:

- Creation / restoration of water-dependent habitats, e.g. a watercourse, lake or wetland
- Restoration of ecosystems in water-dependent habitats
- Removing barriers to fish movement and/or construct a fish pass, bypass channel, or fish easement to restore fish migration
- Managing the source of water pollution, especially diffuse pollution in rural areas
- Remove or reduce the presence of non-native species, where they’re a problem
- Sustainable use of water resources
- Activities/events that help change agricultural practices to improve the water environment
- Feasibility studies for activities to tackle environmental problems in water-dependent
Grants of up to £2 million are available (there is no minimum grant level) and can cover up to 100% of eligible project costs. Up to 15% of the grant can be used to pay project manager salary costs, rent or hire of site offices and compound, including utilities such as gas, water and electricity and communication and postage costs.

The scheme is open for applications until 5pm on the 11th May 2018.


### Funding for Community Facilities (England)

Registered Charities, churches, Parish Councils, Local Authorities and CASC registered sports clubs can 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;
- Museums.

The funding is being made available through the Landfill Operator Wren and is available to projects sited within England in within their operating areas within 10 miles of eligible FCC Environment site.

The closing date for applications is 5pm on the 13th June 2018.

http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/wren-grant-scheme
New £500,000 Fund Launched to Help Young People Change their Lives (Scotland)

The Year of Young People National Lottery Fund, a joint scheme from Scotland’s National Lottery distributors including SportScotland, is offering funding between £3,000 and £10,000 to sports, heritage and community projects that have a distinct focus on improving the lives of young people between eight and 26 years of age.

The £550,000 pot is open to groups across the sporting sector including clubs, Community Sport Hubs, Active Schools networks, Scottish Governing Bodies, young people’s sports leadership groups, local authority sports development or leisure trust teams. The fund will be shared between projects that demonstrate their commitment in any of the following areas:

- Encourage positive mental health for young people;
- Inspire young people to lead active lives;
- Celebrate and share young people’s achievements;
- Involve young people in the development, design and running programmes.

This new funding is aimed at voluntary or community organisations as well as youth groups, youth associations and other non-profit organisations. Schools are also eligible to apply. There are two application deadlines - 30 April 2018 and 18 June 2018 – and groups will get an answer on their application within eight weeks.

The fund will celebrate the achievements of Scotland’s young people during the 2018 – the Year of Young People, with Scotland’s sporting networks urged to apply for a share of the cash. Groups can also contact YOYPFund@hlf.org.uk or 0131 225 9450 for more details or support with their application.


Shetland Islands Council - Community Development Fund (Scotland)

Community Councils and Community Development organisations who are based in Shetland have until the 13th April 2018 to apply for funding of between £500 and £4,000 from round 2 of the Community Development Fund. This funding is being made available by the Shetland Islands Council and aims to support organisations to deliver services, activities and initiatives in the following priority areas:

- Children and young people;
Families at risk;
Older people;
Transport;
Safer and stronger communities;
Reducing offending;
Health inequalities and physical activity;
Employment
Economic recovery and growth.

Examples of the types of activities that will be considered include projects that develop local services, facility upgrades, tourism related projects, environmental improvements and projects that “spend to save” or “spend to earn”.

http://www.shetland.gov.uk/grants/community_development_fund.asp

**Funding for the Development of Feature Documentaries (Northern Ireland)**

Northern Ireland Screen is inviting Northern Ireland based production companies to apply for a grant of up to £7,500 (based on a budget of £10,000) to help with the development of a feature documentary. Supported projects may be of a broadcast hour in duration, a feature length project or, if the rational is compelling, two-parters or mini-series. Successful applicants are expected to deliver a taster tape at the end of the development period.

Priority is given to projects that deliver unique visions and voices on universal stories from Northern Ireland resident filmmakers.

Submissions will be assessed on the following criteria:

- The quality of the proposed story and treatment
- The quality of the director’s previous film(s)
- The track record of the creative team
- The level of interest from potential international distribution partners and the potential international appeal of the project

Applications must be submitted by Friday April 6th, 2018.

Pre-application meetings are encouraged and can be arranged by email or telephone 028 90 232 444.

http://www.northernirelandscreen.co.uk/funding/funding-calls/feature-documentary-development-application-call/
Funding to Support Children’s Health and Wellbeing Services (North East of England)

The Children’s Foundation Regional Small Grants programme (North east of England) aims to give children and young people in the North East the best health and wellbeing services in the UK through grants awarded to support community projects that benefit children and young people.

Recent projects supported include:

8th Blyth Sea Scouts - £659.98 for two paddleboards which will enhance their provision of water activities for children and young people displaying challenging behaviour, and those with disabilities and mental health needs.

Consett Churches Detached Youth Project –£220 to pay for trips and outdoor activities for a new LGBT youth project.

Live Music Now North East- £840 to deliver music sessions and concerts to six SEN schools in Teeside and Darlington working with children with a range of physical, learning and sensory disabilities.

Apply by 31st May 2018 to be considered for the July grants panel meeting.

http://www.thechildrensfoundation.co.uk/we-help/regional-small-grants/

Support for Teachers Returning to Work After a Break (West Midlands and South east of England)

Schools from across the West Midlands and the South East are being asked to take part in a government programme designed to help teachers return to the classroom after a career break.

Proposed as part of the drive to help schools attract and keep the best and brightest people working in their classrooms, this Department for Education initiative will test the best approach to supporting teachers who have taken time out of their careers by providing funding to help re-acclimatise to the classroom.

Building on existing evidence, pilot projects will start in May 2018 in the West Midlands and South east of England areas with teacher recruitment taking place in the Summer term. The package will include support for continuous professional development, funding for National Professional Qualifications and the development of a free website for schools to publish vacancies. The pilot has an initial budget of £298,000 with up to 10 schools in each region being selected to take part.

**Funding to Support Disadvantaged Pupils in State Schools (London)**

The John Lyon’s Charity has announced that its Schools in Partnership Fund is open for applications.

Through the programme, the charity is making grants of between £25,000 and £50,000 to groups of state schools (in partnership with local voluntary organisations where appropriate) for projects aimed at supporting their most challenged pupils, strengthening links with home life and coordinating the support of other available professionals. The funding is available to schools in:

- Barnet
- Brent
- Camden
- Ealing
- Hammersmith & Fulham
- Harrow
- Kensington & Chelsea
- The Cities of London and Westminster.

Previous projects supported include:

- St Anselm’s RC Catholic Primary School which received a grant of £38,000 for a play therapy project with four other schools and the Catholic Children’s Society (Westminster).

- Kingsbury High School which received a grant of £15,000 for a psychotherapy project with Brent Centre for Young People. The Schools in Partnership Fund has a two-stage application procedure.

The Trustee meets in March, June and November. Proposals should be received by the Grants Team at least four months before.


**Grants of up to £5,000 to Improve Green Spaces (London)**

Groundwork London’s Our Space Award aims to help Londoners green their city through active community engagement and participation. It will support Londoners of all ages and backgrounds, communities and schools in improving underused and neglected community open spaces, making them inclusive places for all to enjoy.

Community groups of three or more people who meet regularly (applicants do not have to be formally arranged or constituted), have the motivation to put energy and enthusiasm into the project and are based in London are eligible to apply.
Improvement projects across all types of open space are supported including parks, housing estates, town centres, woodlands and school grounds.

There are three tiers of grants:

- Small grants of £500 up to £1,000;
- Standard grants of £1,000 up to £3,000; and
- Flagship grants of £3,000 to £5,000.

Projects supported will have sought permission from the landowner to work at the site; make a real difference to the current site; and encourage volunteering on the project and in the local community.

The closing date for this round in 30th April 2018. Successful projects will be notified in June 2018 and will be expected to complete their project by September 2018.

For further information and advice contact martin.petry@groundwork.org.uk or call 020 7239 1292.

https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/london/Website/our-space-award

**New Fund Launched to Promote Social Integration (London)**

Grants of up to £85,000 are available to innovative projects that promote a sense of community in London by bringing together families from diverse backgrounds to come together for mutual support and a common purpose.

Bids will be encouraged from parenting organisations, local community groups, early years providers, family services and others who want to promote greater social integration among parents and families.

The fund will:

- Support projects working with hundreds of London’s families to increase social integration
- Generate more diverse social networks, reduce parental isolation and loneliness, and improve the wellbeing of children
- Share and promote best practice in the family services and early years sectors

The London Family Fund is part of the Mayor’s strategy to make the capital a more socially integrated city. Read more about the Mayor’s strategy for social integration.
A total of £600,000 will be available to fund projects over the next 3 years. The deadline for initial applications (expressions of interest) is noon, 27 April 2018.

https://glagrants.org.uk/home/london-families-fund/

Grants to Organisations and Schools Running the Achievement Award Scheme (Greater London and Essex)

The Jack Petchey Foundation makes grants to programmes and projects that benefit young people aged between 11 and 25. The Small Grant Scheme allows those organisations running the Achievement Award Scheme well to apply for a grant of up to £750 to enhance their work with young people. The Foundation

Grants can support a large variety of projects and will be assessed based on need, the benefit they will provide to young people and the involvement that young people have had in their planning.

Previous grants awarded include:

- Bentley Wood High School purchased Kite Making equipment for a Year 7 project
- Bexleyheath & Belvedere held a summer hockey camp with training from an ex Olympic Hockey Player
- Canons High School purchased a telescope and starscope for the thriving Astronomy Club.

The next closing date for applications will be the 31st March 2018 with a second round closing on 30th September 2018.

http://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk/small-grants

Cambridgeshire Community Foundation - Comic Relief Core Strength Local Communities Programme (Cambridgeshire)

The Core Strength Local Communities Programme is offering grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 in response to the growing need of small locally led groups to cover their day to day costs.

The funding, which is being provided by Comic Relief (in association with local community foundations) is available to cover expenditure that is not related to delivering projects but focusing on basic running costs. The funding is aimed at smaller local groups based in areas of disadvantage
that can evidence a sustained beneficial impact on people’s lives.

To be eligible the work of the applicant organisation work must fit under one of the following priorities:

- Connected Communities – working to improve inclusion and cohesion in the neighbourhood;
- Productive Communities – working to provide employment, work support and to help local residents out of poverty;
- Empowered Communities – building the confidence of local people to tackle the issues they face and empower them to make changes.

The closing date for applications is the 1st May 2018.

http://www.cambscf.org.uk/comic-relief.html

\[ \text{Police & Crime Commissioner for Dorset - Safer Dorset Fund (Dorset)} \]

Community Groups and Voluntary organisations who are working to make Dorset a safer place and increasing public reassurance can now apply for between £100 and £3,000 from the Safer Dorset Fund. The fund has been established to deliver projects that meet one or more of the Police and Crime Plan priorities for 2017 – 2021:

- Protecting people at risk of harm;
- Working with our communities;
- Supporting Victims, Witnesses and Reducing Reoffending;
- Transforming for the future.

The fund is particularly keen to enable innovative projects to get started or to ‘pilot’ initiatives that make a positive difference to Dorset communities. Projects that involve co-production with other agencies and/or with users of the service will also be prioritised. Applications can be submitted at any time.

http://www.dorset.pcc.police.uk/working-in-partnership/approach-to-commissioning/community-grant-scheme/
Grants to Support Children Young People and Families (Kent)

Under the theme of Children, Young People and Families, Kent Community Foundation (KCF) is looking to fund local projects that are making a real difference to the lives of disadvantaged children and young people in Kent and Medway. Constituted groups with charitable objects, registered charities, Charitable Incorporated Organisations, and not for profit companies are eligible to apply.

Supported projects will:

- Provide opportunities for young people to participate in enriching activities they might otherwise be excluded from.
- Encourage early intervention work with vulnerable children and families.
- Work with at-risk children and young people to prevent problems developing at a later stage, such as offending behaviour or teenage pregnancy.
- Support disadvantaged young people to raise their aspirations and achievement.
- Help disadvantaged young people on a pathway into further education, training or employment.

Applicants will need to offer evidence of how the young people supported by the project are disadvantaged, for example they may be living in poverty or deprivation, suffering abuse or neglect, have a disability, be young carers or children in care, have experienced bereavement, mental health issues, low aspiration or poor achievement.

KCF is particularly interested in projects that are volunteer-led or make good use of volunteers to support their work, and initiatives that are rooted within the local community and led by local people responding to local need.

Grants up to £5,000 (up to £7,500 in exceptional circumstances) can cover a wide range of project costs including general running costs/core funding for smaller organisations (these are unlikely to be funded for organisations with an average annual income of more £250,000). Salary costs can be requested if part of a specific project.

The deadline for this round is 31st May 2018.

http://www.kentcf.org.uk/apply/cypf-theme

Grants for Community Support Projects (West Kent)

The Gatwick Foundation Fund invites applications from charities, social enterprises, community
groups and voluntary organisations working in West Kent, including the boroughs of Tunbridge Wells, Tonbridge & Malling and in particular, Sevenoaks for projects in the following priority areas:

- Employment, training & skills – helping people to gain confidence and raise aspirations through training and development of new skills.
- Families – supporting families and children in need and projects which combat social isolation and disadvantage.
- Widening horizons / providing opportunities – supporting projects that enable young people to have opportunities that they would not otherwise have and to help them to widen their horizons and aspirations.
- Elderly People - improving access to facilities and reducing isolation for the older generation.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available, however the majority of awards will be for less than this amount. There may also be the possibility for successful projects to receive support from Gatwick employees – either a general volunteering contribution or specific skills.

Grants may be used to fund existing services and facilities or new initiatives with groups who have not applied before particularly encouraged to submit bids.

The Fund is managed by Kent Community Foundation, contact admin@kentcf.org.uk for further information.

The closing date for this round is 1st May 2018.

http://www.kentcf.org.uk/apply/funding-round/

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The SSE Clyde Community Fund (Dumfries And Galloway)

Not for profit organisations operating in Dumfries and Galloway can apply for a share of £155,000 from the SSE Clyde Community Fund. The fund is being operated by Foundation Scotland and supports activities that will enhance quality of life and promote people’s wellbeing, promote community spirit and bring people together and foster vibrant, sustainable communities.

It will do this by making grants to support the costs of relevant projects, services and facilities. These could include –but are not limited to –running costs for local groups, staff or sessional worker costs, consultations and feasibility studies, events and festivals, the cost of purchasing equipment, maintenance or refurbishment of community facilities etc.

The closing date for applications is the 9th July 2018.
http://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/clydedumfriesandgalloway/

**Game-changing Ideas for Products and Services: Apply for Funding (UK)**

Innovate UK has up to £15 million to invest in great ideas for new innovations in a range of technology and business areas.

Projects must work on disruptive ideas that could lead to new products, processes or services that are significantly ahead of others in the field. They can range from short feasibility studies to longer industrial research or experimental development projects. There must be a potential for commercialisation or economic impact.

**Find out more about the open funding programme.**

**Competition information**

- The competition opens on 1 March 2018 and the deadline for applications is 9 May 2018
- Projects must be led by a business working alone or in collaboration with other organisations or researchers
- We expect projects to range in size between £25,000 and £1 million and to last between 6 months and 3 years
- Businesses could attract up to 70% of their total project costs

**Find out more about this competition and apply.**

**Knowledge Transfer Partnerships**

- Businesses also have the opportunity to apply for a share of a further £10 million for Knowledge Transfer Partnerships (KTPs).
- KTPs allow businesses to benefit from a partnership with an academic institution and a recent graduate with relevant expertise to work on a specific innovation project.
- The deadline to apply is the same, but the application process is different. You should speak to your local knowledge adviser, who will help you to apply.

Find out more about applying for a Knowledge Transfer Partnership.

Funding to Protect Endangered Species (UK / International)

Researchers and Conservationists with projects focusing on endangered species, who are working and established in either the UK, UK overseas territories or any country NOT classified by the World Bank as high-income, can now apply for a grant of between £3,000 and £10,000 per annum for up to two years.

Funding is available from the People's Trust for Endangered Species for work that seeks to:

- Find the critical scientific evidence that will facilitate the conservation of a species
- Provide the answer to a key conservation question which will enable conservationists to undertake critical conservation action
- Undertake the implementation of a key local action which will result in a significantly, positive impact for an endangered species.

Priority will be given to projects that gather evidence needed to undertake necessary mitigation work, use scientific evidence to get changes made to local, national or international policy, devise and test a new methodology for monitoring a species or group of species. The trust is no longer accepting applications for work on bird species.

Applications should be submitted in early 2018 with the deadline for applications is the 20th April 2018.

If you have any questions about your eligibility, please feel free to email grants@ptes.org

https://ptes.org/grants/apply-grant/worldwide-grant-criteria/

Pink Ribbon Foundation Grants 2018 (UK)

Grants of up to £5,000 to UK charities which relieve the needs of people who are suffering from, or who have been affected by breast cancer or who work to advance the understanding of breast cancer, its early detection and treatment. 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. The funding is being provided by the Pink Ribbon Foundations

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 2018.

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

**Capital Grants of up to £20,000 Available to Improve Accessibility of Theatres (UK)**

The Theatres Trust's Theatre Improvement Scheme, in association with the Wolfson Foundation, is a capital fund that awards grants of up to £20,000. The scheme will run for three years, and each year will fund projects with a specific theme. The theme for 2018 will be Improving Accessibility.

In 2018 funding will be awarded to projects which make their theatre more accessible through changes to the building or its systems. The scheme will fund theatres and projects of all sizes that demonstrate excellence in the pursuit of becoming an accessible theatre.

Theatres should be accessible for everyone, but the Theatres Trust and Wolfson Foundation are aware that many theatre buildings do not reach the highest levels of accessibility. Priority will be given to projects that could serve as best practice case studies to inspire other theatres. We want to fund excellent projects in excellent theatres.

Projects should serve the needs of your audience and include evidence of consultation with users and potential users of your venue.

Themes for 2019 and 2020 will be announced in due course.

To be eligible to apply to the scheme, applicants must demonstrate that they:

- Own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than 15 years on buildings in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
- Run a year-round programme of live performance, of no less than 30 performances a year
- Have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years.
- Operate theatres that achieve excellence through their producing and programming or architectural significance

For further information about eligibility and the terms and conditions for this funding please review
the Terms and Conditions.

Pre-application conversations are encouraged. As it is expected that some consultation is undertaken as part of the project, we recommend early communication.

To apply complete the application form below and send it to advice@theatrestrust.org.uk by Thursday 13 September 2018.

http://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/how-we-help/grants-funding/theatre-improvement-scheme

£100,000 Opportunity for Ambitious and Start-up Food Businesses (UK)

This Competition Call invites ambitious start-up businesses to apply to take part in The Seed Fund’s Seed Academy. The Academy is a series of summer school events that will take place throughout the country over the course of the summer season. The events are aimed at ambitious small producers and businesses with ideas for new food brands and involve a series of workshops, mentoring sessions and talks covering a wide spectrum of disciplines. Seed Academy attendees are provided with mentoring and invaluable insights into all areas such as raising investment, design and marketing, distribution, social media, marketing, food photography, pricing and finance.

The competition is open to small producers in the UK who have been awarded a great taste award in the previous year as well as start-ups that have been trading for less than four years.

Up to 12 businesses will be selected to participate with one overall winner chosen to receive £100,000 worth of brand development and on-going expert advice to help launch their brand.

The winner in 2017 was FIREPOT. Developed by Outdoor Food, FIREPOT is a selection of backpack-friendly meals with a two-year shelf life that just require hot water to prepare.

The deadline for applications is 30 April 2018.

http://theseedfund.co.uk/portfolio/the-seed-academy/

Schools Invited to Enter the Shell Bright Ideas Challenge (UK)

Secondary school students, aged 11-14 have the opportunity to enter the Shell Bright Ideas Challenge. Now in its third year, the challenge invites young people to use their creativity, problem solving, teamwork and STEM skills to devise innovative solutions that could power cities of the
future. “What will cities look like in 2050? How will they be powered to be vibrant, healthy and clean places to live?”.

Cash prizes of £750-£5,000 are available to boost their schools’ STEM offering. In addition there are:

- Cash vouchers for students;
- Prototyping workshops for students to see their ideas really come to life;
- A funded VIP experience at Make the Future Live in London, where the finalists’ prototypes will be on display and put to a public vote to pick the 2018 champion.

The deadline for submitting entries to the challenge is 5pm on the 27th April 2018.

https://www.shell.co.uk/energy-and-innovation/make-the-future/live/schools/bright-ideas-challenge.html#iframe=L2Zvcm1zL2JyaWdodF9pZGVhc19jaGFsbGVuZ2VfcVnnaXN0cmF0aW9uXzIwMTg=

**Funding for Small Charities for Projects Addressing Social and Educational Needs within their Community (UK)**

Registered charities with an income of less than £100,000 per year can apply for grants of up to £1,000 through the Thomas Wall Trust for projects that meet the educational and social needs of their communities. The Trust is particularly keen on supporting projects that are innovative in some way.

Grant awards are specifically for project costs and the Trust awards grants to approximately 30 organisations each year.

The closing date for applications is the 31st May 2018.

Previous projects supported include:

Devon Development Education which was awarded £1,000 to fund a short intergenerational project about food, with 45 pupils from 2 Exeter primary schools (Wynstream and Montgomery) and 13 members of the older generation.

Campus Children’s Holidays were awarded a grant on £1,000 towards their Residential Project. The project, based in North Yorkshire, provided vulnerable children with the opportunity to participate in activities which would typically not be available to them as a result of poverty or social exclusion.

The Trust can also provide small grants of up to £1,000 to assist people with the cost of training
courses that improve their chances of employment.

http://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/

**Funding for Summer Playschemes (UK)**

Registered charities that want to run summer play schemes for children between the ages of 5 and 16 can apply for grants of between £500 and £1,000.

The funding is made available by the Woodward Charitable Trust which supports about 35 playschemes each year that run for a minimum of 2 weeks or 10 days across the summer holidays. 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 races
- Schemes where past users are encouraged to come back and help as volunteers.
- Grants can only be paid to registered charities. Organisations that are not a registered charity can still apply but need the agreement of a registered charity to accept the grant on their behalf.

The deadline for receipt of applications for the Summer Playschemes is the 15th April 2018.

http://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/childrens-summer-playschemes/

**Funding to Support Vulnerable Migrants (UK)**

Not for profit organisations that promote positive interaction between different groups in order to counter xenophobia, racism and Islamophobia can apply for funding through the Barrow Cadbury Trust’s Migration Programme.

Through its Migration Programme the Trust want to fund grassroots groups working with refugees, asylum seekers, undocumented migrants and other marginalised migrants. The Trust seek to enable grassroots groups to support the most vulnerable migrants as well as empower migrants and ensure they are not excluded from the public debate on migration. Organisations may apply for this programme from anywhere in the UK but most awards will be made in the West Midlands.
No minimum or maximum grant amount is specified. Applications can be submitted at any time.

Previous projects supported include:

- The Bosnia & Herzegovina UK Network (BHN) to expand their work with young refugees, many of whom are experiencing conflicts with family members as they grow up in a culture different to the one of their parents.
- Refugee Youth to build networks and dialogue with young refugees and organisations working with young refugees in the West and East Midlands, many of whom have been funded by the Trust.

https://www.barrowcadbury.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes/migration/

**Music Grants for Older People (England & Wales)**

The registered charity, Concertina which makes grants of up to £250 to charitable bodies which provide musical entertainment and related activities for the elderly has announced that the next deadline for applications is the 30th April 2018.

The charity is particular keen to support smaller organisations which might otherwise find it difficult to gain funding. Concertina has made grants to a wide range of charitable organisations nationwide in England and Wales. These include funds to many care homes for the elderly to provide musical entertainment for their residents. Some of the charities that have received grants from Concertina include:

- Mind Active, Northumberland to help fund a joint social activity inviting residents and supporting care staff from every residential care home in Wansbeck;
- Access to Art, London to help fund operational costs of running trips for the elderly to galleries/museums.

http://www.concertinamusic.org.uk/Grants.php

**Capital Grants for Theatre Improvements (England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland)**

The Theatres Trust's Theatre Improvement Scheme awards capital funding as grants of up to £20,000. The Trust works in association with the Wolfson Foundation and each year funds projects with a specific theme - in 2018 the theme is Improving Accessibility.
Grants will be awarded to projects which make theatres more accessible through changes to the building or its systems. Priority will also be given to:

- Projects that could serve as best practice case studies to inspire other theatres
- Projects that serve the needs of the audience and include evidence of consultation with users and potential users of the venue.

Theatres and projects of all sizes are eligible as long as they can demonstrate excellence in the pursuit of becoming an accessible theatre. Applicants must also:

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- Run a year-round programme of live performance, of no less than 30 performances a year
- Have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and be able to provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years.
- Operate theatres that achieve excellence through their producing and programming or architectural significance

Early stage pre-application conversations are encouraged. Application forms should be downloaded from the website and emailed to advice@theatrestrust.org.uk

Apply by Thursday 13 September 2018

http://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/how-we-help/grants-funding/theatre-improvement-scheme

**Inclusion Champion Governor Training (Norwich Inclusion Charter)**

Norfolk County Council

Young people in Norwich from disadvantaged backgrounds are less likely than their peers elsewhere in England to leave school with a good level of attainment, go on to study for a level 3 qualification (such as A levels), continue with education or employment from age nineteen, or go to university. Rates of exclusion are high in Norwich, leading to high numbers of pupils either being educated in alternative provision, or not being in school at all. There is limited understanding of precisely why exclusions are so high relative to the rest of England, however we know that most exclusions are for persistent disruptive behaviour.

A "Norwich Inclusion Charter" has been developed in consultation with schools, local partners and the local authority. The Charter represents a shared commitment to collaborate to reduce exclusion in the city and will be supported by a range of interventions funded by the Opportunity Area. Inclusion Champion Governor Training is one of these interventions, to enable Governors to support
their school in strengthening a culture of inclusion.

Clarification questions should be sent to Annie Southgate annie.southgate@norfolk.gov.uk no later than 20th April

Final bids should be submitted to Annie Southgate annie.southgate@norfolk.gov.uk no later than 2pm on 25th April. Please ensure you use the reference number of NCCQ41600

An assessment of what factors affect young people's decisions to enter the labour market

UK SHARED BUSINESS SERVICES LIMITED

The final date and time for the submission of bids is 23/04/2018 at 11:00hrs DO NOT apply directly to the buyer. All tender information MUST be submitted through the CCS eSourcing Portal. Brief

Description of Requirement The Low Pay Commission (LPC) invites tenders for research to assess the factors that affect the labour market decisions of young people aged 16-24. This project has two separate, and distinct, requirements.

The first requirement is for a review of the policies affecting young people's participation in education, training and work.

The second requirement is for a qualitative or quantitative exploration of the factors that currently determine whether, and how, young people participate in the labour market, including the importance of the level of wages/minimum wages, education and training policy, and the system of financial and other support for young people.

Please ensure you review all attached information to ensure a full understanding of this requirement. All attachments can be found with the RFx attachments tab within the Emptoris System. This contract will be awarded based on the evaluation criteria set out in the ITQ / RFP document. How to Apply As part of the strategic alliance between UK Shared Business Services Ltd (UK SBS) and Crown Commercial Service (CCS), UK SBS will be using the CCS eSourcing Suite for this procurement. To register on the CCS eSourcing portal please follow the details contained within the Additional Information section of this notice.

If you are already registered on the CCS eSourcing portal and wish to register your interest in this opportunity please email; expressionofinterest@crowncommercial.gov.uk Your email must clearly state:
• the name and reference for the procurement you wish to register for;
• the name of the registered Bidder;
the name and contact details for the registered individual sending the email.

Please disregard any content in this notice that requests your organisation "to apply directly to the buyer" as this unfortunately a system generated error, that is outside of the Contracting Authorities control.

**Adult Care Services, Learning Disabilities, Day, Evening, Weekend and Planned Breaks Framework**

**Suffolk Sourcing**

Suffolk County Council are currently out to tender for the provision of Preparation for Work, Day, Evening and Weekend Opportunities and Planned Breaks Framework for Adults with Learning Disabilities

This opportunity is available in the ‘Current Tenders’ area of portal. Interested parties are invited to express their interest to gain full access to the tender documentation.

The deadline date for submissions of the tender is 8th May 2018 @ 11:00am Please note late returns will NOT be permitted

The deadline for clarification questions is 24th April 2018 which must be generated via the correspondence option on the website

https://in-tendhost.co.uk/suffolsourcing/aspx/