Newsletter

This week’s newsletter bids, grants and Funds come to you in conjunction with our New sponsors KPI DEVELOPMENT Limited going forward. Our newsletter goes out to some 3,516 professional’s in the industry and this week we have some 62 pages of information News, Bids Grants and Funds.

The Workforce Development Trust has bought up the apprenticeships division of People 1st, after it went bust earlier this week, FE Week can reveal.
The deal, which is set to be announced on Monday, means that People 1st will continue to deliver apprenticeship external quality assurance under its new owners.

The employment and learning consultancy charity’s demise, confirmed on Thursday morning, sent shockwaves across the sector. It was one of five EQA providers approved by the Institute for Apprenticeships, and covered ten popular standards in the retail, hospitality and travel sectors.

FE Week revealed on Friday evening that the WDT, which includes Skills for Health and Skills for Justice, was in talks with the Institute for Apprenticeships to take over this important activity. But, according to an announcement from the trust seen by FE Week, the deal goes even further than that. It says that WDT has acquired “key strategic elements” of People 1st which will allow the employment and learning consultancy charity to “continue as a standalone organisation”. This is another crazy situation but one of many to hit the industry read more at; https://feweek.co.uk/2018/04/28/charity-set-to-announce-purchase-of-people-1st/

If you’re an EEVT connection some of the 3,500 plus then indeed this could be for you? The Independent Safeguarding Service CIC is a social enterprise with a very singular vision, to enable a transformation in the quality of safeguarding in the UK. Our belief is that organisations that come into contact with children and adults should have access to everything they need in one central resource to keep staff, and those using their services, both safe and compliant with safeguarding responsibilities. Included within membership is access to policies and procedures, tailored to organisations, unlimited attendance to over 60 CPD certified live online training courses covering statutory and regulatory requirements. Membership for an organisation of up to 50 staff is £195 (excl VAT). For all EEVT members a 10% discount is offered using the code EARLYBIRD10 Go to www.isscic.org

The Education and Training Foundation (ETF) collects workforce data from across the FE sector in England to inform government policy and provide data for representative sector bodies. ETF collects this data through the national FE workforce data service, SIR Data Insights. All ESFA-funded learning providers are required to register on the service to receive relevant information
about annual workforce data returns. Please check if you are registered. If your organisation is not already registered, please register as directed. 
https://www.sirdatainsights.org.uk/register

Once registered, you will be able to access management dashboards for your organisation which you can use if you submit data. You will also receive information about making an annual FE workforce data return. The window for the submission of 2017/18 workforce data is from 1 August to 31 October. In return for contributing workforce data, you will be able to compare your data to national benchmarks. Your data will also ensure that the national evidence base for the sector is as representative as possible.

The 2016/17 annual workforce data report has recently been published. It provides the most comprehensive and independent source of data on the latest trends in demographics, staffing numbers and pay across all provider types in the FE and training sector.

Access the 2016/17 workforce data report and find out about key findings. If you have any queries, please contact our friendly help desk service either by email on support@sirdatacollection.org.uk or by phone on 0345 833 9040.
Charlynne Pullen Head of Data and Evaluation EDUCATION & TRAINING FOUNDATION

Leading businesses are being urged to grasp the opportunity of working with the government to develop prestigious new T level qualifications. Skills Minister Anne Milton has called on industry experts from agriculture, environmental and animal care; business and administration; hair and beauty; creative and design; and catering and hospitality to join the influential T level employer panels and help develop the outline content for new qualifications.

T levels are new courses, which will be on a par with A levels and provide young people with a genuine choice between technical and academic education post 16. The first subjects in digital, education and childcare, and construction will be taught from 2020.

Skills Minister, Anne Milton said: T levels are about giving greater choice to young people to get the skills they need to achieve good jobs. It is also about businesses - we know they are crying out for a skilled workforce and T levels will create the next generation of talented employees for them. We are already working with top industry leaders and want even more to join us to make this a success for individuals, businesses and the economy. T level content is already being developed with the help of top firms like Rolls-Royce, IBM, Lloyds and Morphy Richards, among others.
The Department for Education wants business representatives to step-up and help design the new qualifications in T level routes which will be delivered from 2022:

- agriculture, environmental and animal care
- business and administration
- hair and beauty
- creative and design
- catering and hospitality

Businesses can apply to be part of the T level qualification panels. The closing date for applications is 5pm Tuesday 8 May 2018. Applications at https://publicappointments.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/appointment/11817-2/

The Young Review Independent Advisory Group (IAG) was established three years ago to improve outcomes for black and/or Muslim young men aged 16-24 in the criminal justice system. Baroness Lola Young has been integral to the review’s activities and chaired the IAG for the past three years. She has decided to step down as chair and it is now seeking a new chair to lead the third phase of the work. It is looking for a senior individual who can be an effective advocate and lead the IAG through this next phase.

The work of the IAG over the last three years has included working with the Ministry of Justice and other government agencies. The successful candidate will be a leader and a successful, high achieving individual in their own field and with the ability to navigate a complex political environment with high level personal influencing skills. The chair must share and champion the values of the IAG https://www.bteg.co.uk/content/opportunity-chair-national-independent-advisory-group

We have been asked to provide more spaces so yes we will be able to take more people. 2020 Vision -Training Workshop Day on the 9th and 10th of May West London. This is not a Peer meet Up this is a Training workshop day.  
10.00 Until 4.00 with Lunch Cost Free what is the Catch? Introduction to the day  
Work Shop 1 hour Introduction to the Ofsted and the Common Inspection Framework  
Ofsted Inspection Process and Standards required and 20% off the Job Training  
11.5 Break  
11.30 Workshop 2 1 Hour Performance and Data Management Workshop  
12.30 Lunch  
1.30 E-Learning the types available how to use it for your AEB or Apprentice Programmes.  
2.30 Break  
2.45 Workshop 3 SAR and QIP Development
Hi I am Ray Quintal. I am writing to introduce myself and provide you with more information regarding our course and the forthcoming Assessment Day. My role is Head of Business Development and Programme Lead for our exciting new NCFE CACHE Level 2 Certificate in Careers Information, Advice or Guidance.

Our course is free and funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). The course is specifically designed to appeal to both employed and unemployed learners and provide a vocational qualification to underpin knowledge and professional expertise in Information, Advice or Guidance. Those successfully completing the course not only benefit from a recognized professional qualification but also the potential to progress to higher level courses and work or progress in the field of the information, advice or guidance sector.

Assessment for this course is through a series of four one-day workshops, which are Tutor-led and cover 5 modules, totaling 15 Credits. Details of the modules are included in our attached flyer and FAQ, which I hope you find informative. I would be grateful if you could circulate this among your contacts and networks.

Should you know any potential learners now who may wish to enroll on our next course, which will be held in Brixton, I would like to invite them to attend our Assessment Day, details of which are below:

Assessment Day Time and Date: Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} May 2018 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Location: 
Madinah College, 4 Tunstall Rd, Brixton, London SW9 8BN

Please ask them to bring the following documents on the day:
1. Your passport or birth certificate
2. If you are unemployed, we will need some proof that you are claiming a benefit

What to expect at the Assessment Centre:
1. We will provide a short presentation giving you an overview of the course and how it is delivered
2. You will be asked for your identity documents to establish that you are eligible for the course
3. If you are eligible, you will be asked to sit a short Literacy and Numeracy Assessment
4. If you meet the criteria and wish to register, we will complete some paperwork for you to get you enrolled
We are also holding other assessment days in Tottenham in June and other locations across London throughout the year.

I hope that this all makes sense should you need any further information whatsoever, please do not hesitate to contact me by email. I look forward to hearing from you or any potential learners that you refer soon. ray.quintal@newchallenge.org

JOBS
We have a requirement for 2 Health and Social Care Assessors trainers in London for one organisation
We have 2 National Manger / Operations Apprentices London, Peterborough or Leeds
We have 3 Care / Health and Social Care Assessors Trainers National.
E-mail Steve@eevt.org

The ninth Festival of Education at Wellington College is now only 2 months away and this year’s event is shaping up to be another inspiring occasion.
Tickets are available, from only £28 with our early bird rates. Our early bird offer expires on 12th May 2018 and applies to our group booking options. Click here to view ticket options.

This year we are incorporating new strands to the Festival including SEND, #WomenED and a Literary Festival. These will take place alongside around 200 other sessions at the premier education event of the summer. Hundreds of speakers and sessions have already been announced. And there is still plenty more incredible content to be announced. Across two days over 4,000 education professionals will attend hundreds of thought-provoking sessions from some of education’s leading thinkers. The Festival is no ordinary education event. Taking inspiration from other well-known art and entertainment festivals, we provide outstanding content within a Festival environment.

If you are involved in or passionate about education, this inspirational event is for you. The festival particularly beneficial for people working in primary and secondary schools, further education colleges, training providers, and Universities.
At the heart of the Festival is an understanding that learning should be inspiring and fun. This is no ordinary education event for teachers. From challenging debates to inspiring headliners and from sunbathing to making new friends – the Festival of Education is where those who inspire find their own inspiration.

Festival of Education Director Shane Mann, shane.mann@summerhouseea.com
We have clients looking for companies who wish to sell must have ROTO and ROTAP.
E-mail Steve@EEVT.org
I am awaiting information from three companies and will get these out ASAP.

The National Information Centre on Children of Offenders, formerly i-HOP, has been established to provide an information service for all professionals who come into contact with the children and families of offenders, as well as academics and those responsible for strategic development and commissioning. The Centre is delivered by Barnardo’s in partnership with Her Majesty’s Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS).
https://www.nicco.org.uk/

At least 1,000 learners that failed their courses last year are now being told they’ve passed, after a government U-turn over the rules for two major vocational qualifications.
Under the original rules for reformed level three applied general and tech level qualifications, introduced for teaching from 2016, learners had to pass all their externally-assessed exams to achieve their qualifications.

But that requirement has now been scrapped, leading Ofqual to write to awarding organisations last month to ask them to create a “safety net” for learners that had narrowly failed one or more of their exams. Awarding giant Pearson, whose BTECs account for the majority of the qualifications affected, has confirmed to FE Week that some learners are having their previous failures reversed. “Some learners who sat externally-assessed units in 2017 and 2018 are now eligible to achieve a qualification when previously they weren’t,” a spokesperson said.

“We have communicated with all providers about this change to ensure that all learners receive the qualification they deserve.” This includes learners on the two-year courses, who are due to complete their qualifications this summer, as well as those on one-year foundation courses who finished their courses last summer.

FE Week understands that around 1,000 learners studying BTECs last year have been affected by the rule change. However, the actual number could be higher as other awarding organisations, including OCR, AQA and City and Guilds also offer their own versions of the qualifications. An assessment expert, who did not want to be named, told FE Week that the Department for Education had been behind the original rule – but was forced to give way to pressure from Ofqual and awarding bodies.
after seeing the initial exam results.

The rule change would affect both providers and learners, he said. Providers’ achievement rates would have been affected by learners that failed under the previous rules, and for some the hit could have been “quite substantial”. But he said the biggest impact was likely to be on the learners that have “lost out” on a year of education or training, having previously believed they’d failed. Some would have dropped out of their courses after the first year, or are now needlessly repeating a year. Others would have been unable to progress onto other forms of training, including apprenticeships, he said. According to Ofqual statistics, there were 144,855 tech level certificates issued in 2016/17, and 222,445 applied general certificates.

Pearson, through its BTECs, has by far the largest share of both: 79,970, or 55 per cent, of the tech levels and 180,225 or 81 per cent of the applied general.

Other awarding bodies to offer them include University of the Arts London and OCR, which had a nine and six per cent share respectively of applied general qualifications in 2016/17. And City and Guilds was the second largest awarding body for tech levels, responsible for 31,945 or 22 per cent of certificates. An Ofqual spokesperson said it was “pleased” that Pearson had applied the change to BTECs “to address the unfair disadvantage for students, in comparison with those taking older versions of the qualifications or A levels, when applying for university places”.

“In weighing up the need to make changes to their qualifications, we asked awarding organisations to ensure appropriate standards were achieved in these new qualifications.”

Read more and the Rule change at: https://feweek.co.uk/2018/04/28/more-than-1000-16-to-18-year-olds-that-failed-courses-last-year-now-told-they-passed-after-government-u-turn/

Also it appears No employer groups have taken advantage of the Institute for Apprenticeships’ new rules for including qualifications in apprenticeships, FE Week can reveal. The IfA announced in February, as part of its reform programme to make the approval of standards “faster and better”, that off-the-job technical qualifications could now be included in apprenticeships – news that was welcomed by many across the sector.

But the first window for employer groups to request a revision to an existing standard following the rule change closed on April 11 without a single bid to add a qualification, a spokesperson for the IfA has said. One employer group asked for a qualification in a standard that’s still in development, although it’s not clear if it was one that wouldn’t have been allowed under the old rules. The IfA refused to comment on the lack of applications, claiming that it is “very early days”. However, Mark
Dawe, the chief executive of the Association of Employment and Learning Providers, suggested a lack of promotion by the IfA could be behind the absence of submissions. “We simply didn’t know this was happening, so if we didn’t know, would other stakeholders know?” he said.

Paul Eeles, chair of the Federation of Awarding Bodies, expects there to be far more interest in the coming months. “As this change beds in and employers become more aware of what is now likely to be acceptable when they are submitting their apprenticeship standards, we believe that the inclusion of qualifications will become more commonplace,” he said.

He pointed out that the change is “not a move to allow all types of qualifications to be included in apprenticeship standards” which means employer groups “still face restrictions on what they can include” in apprenticeships. FE Week exclusively revealed in early February that the IfA would overturn previously strict rules that limited the types of qualifications that could be included in apprenticeship standards.

The change was confirmed the following week, as part of the institute’s “faster and better” reform programme. Qualifications could formerly only be mandated in a standard where it was a regulatory requirement required by a professional body, or such a “must-have in the labour market that an apprentice would be disadvantaged in job applications without it”.

The new rules now allow “an off-the-job technical qualification that does not accredit full occupational competence and would either add breadth to the apprenticeship or provide structure for the off-the-job training” to be made mandatory in an apprenticeship.

And a bar on including qualifications still in development, introduced last summer, was overturned. These changes applied to both new standards and those still in developments.

Read more at https://feweek.co.uk/2018/04/28/apprenticeship-qualifications-no-uptake-under-new-rules/

Tip of the week 1: Free Krispy Kreme donut. Details
Free Krispy Kreme Chocolate Glazed doughnutAt 11 stores in Eng and Scot. 5pm-6pm at weekends
Ongoing Selected Krispy Kreme stores in England and Scotland (find your nearest) are giving away free Chocolate Glazed doughnuts every weekend until Sun 20 May.
Visit one of the 11 participating stores below between 5pm and 6pm every Saturday and Sunday to get a free hot doughnut (norm £1.55). It's one doughnut per person per visit, while stocks last.
Participating stores: New Malden, Enfield, Bluewater, Slough (Saturdays only), Manchester, Bristol, Leeds, Peterborough, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Gateshead.
https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/deals/krispy-kreme#deal39765

Tip of the week 2: Some 74 lavender plants for £5.45. Details
https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/deals/van-meuwen#deal39772

Tip of the week 3: Seven nights in Croatia with flights from £79. Details https://www.groupon.co.uk/deals/ga-bargain-late-holidays-754

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
https://www.facebook.com/EEVTLtd/?fref=ts
http://eevt.org/
https://twitter.com/EevtSteve

Bids, Grants & Funds

Specialist Adult Education Services for Learners with Learning Difficulties or Disabilities
London Borough of Merton
The Service Provider will be required to provide specialist Adult Education Services for Learners with Learning Difficulties or Disabilities (LDD) to support the main provision which is currently delivered under contract by South Thames College

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=d6ae44d8-ac44-e811-80eb-005056b64545

Deadline: 14/05/2018

Who Dares Works Onsite Childcare
ACTIVE PLUS COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY
Active Plus Community Interest Company wishes to bring an onsite, flexible childcare provider into the Who Dares Works partnership in order to help overcome barriers to parents' participation in the Who Dares Works project and to support its Equal Opportunities and Gender Equality Action Plan. The service must be delivered onsite or near to Who Dares Works delivery in community-based venues across the whole of West Cornwall and be flexible enough to cater for fluctuating numbers of children according to the number of participants attending. There may be occasions where service requests are made at short notice, but most of the activities within the project are scheduled in advance.
Who Dares Works is a project funded by the European Social Fund and the National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund. It is led and managed by Active Plus Community Interest Company and delivered through a partnership of 17 social enterprises.

The aim of Who Dares Works is to help and inspire people aged 18 and over who are not working, who live in West Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly and who have a range of needs or barriers to overcome, to reconnect with education, training and work. The project is funded until 31 December 2019. Delivery is likely to finish by 31 October 2019.

Specific requirements and additional project information is set out in the application pack available from communities@activeplus.org.uk

Deadline: 10/05/2018

Future Talent Fund
DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

The purpose of the Future Talent Fund (Fund) is to test and evaluate 'what works' to support the Most Able, Disadvantaged pupils in non-selective, state-funded secondary schools in England to fulfil their potential. The Fund will build an evidence base of good practice for this cohort, identifying clear delivery mechanisms for provision and encouraging more evidence-led interventions, including interventions that could be funded by schools using their Pupil Premium funding.

This procurement is to appoint a Fund Manager who will manage the Fund. This procurement is being carried out in accordance with the open procedure as set out in the Regulations.

https://education.bravosolution.co.uk

Deadline: 28/05/2019

National Centre of Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics
DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION - Open early engagement
The Department for Education (DfE) intends to undertake a procurement exercise in Autumn 2018 for the National Centre of Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM).

The National Centre forms part of the overall drive to reinforce the importance of mathematics education, improve the teaching of mathematics and increase the mathematical attainment of
young people. The contractor will work with and coordinate the work of the Maths Hubs network to enable all schools to implement the curricula and qualifications, and improve the quality of mathematics teaching more generally through strong leadership and a range of informed expert advice, resources, support and training. The contractor will drive the continued implementation of the Teaching for Mastery programme in primary and secondary.

Prior to the release of the invitation to tender, the DfE will undertake market engagement activity for interested providers to learn more about the services, network with other providers, and input into the development of specification.

Estimated Value:

The total funding available for these programmes will be made clear during the procurement process, however it is estimated to cost £3m annually.

The DfE will administer the procurement process electronically via the Bravo Solution portal. No hard copy documents will be issued; all communications with DfE (including final tender submission) will be conducted via the portal.

A supplier event will take place in London in the autumn of 2018, for organisations to gain a better understanding of the DfE's requirements. This will also provide an opportunity for networking and possible consortia discussions. If you are interested in hearing more about this opportunity, please email Maths.Programme@education.gov.uk to express interest. You will then be added to a direct mailing list for further information.

Bidders who are not already registered on the Bravo Solution portal can register here: https://education.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login/shtml

For any assistance with the portal, bidders should contact the Bravo helpdesk: help@bravosolution.co.uk

To register interest, please email: Maths.Programme@education.gov.uk.

START AND END DATES OF THE CONTRACTS:
Start Date: 1 August 2019
End Date: 31 July 2021 with the option to extend another 2 years.
City Connect - Cycles & Training for the cycling to work fund
West Yorkshire Combined Authority

CityConnect Cycles is an existing project which is delivering cycle training to people of West Yorkshire and access to a bike interventions to jobseekers and apprentices.

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

Deadline: 31/05/2018

Digital discovery and alpha of school experience for teacher training candidates
Department for Education

DfE require a highly skilled, collaborative supplier with experience delivering digital services that meet users’ needs and is in line with the GDS Digital Service Standard to deliver the discovery and alpha of the School Experience Programme. DfE reserves the right not to proceed to Alpha following the Discovery phase.

Budget range  £288,000 - £432,000

https://www.digitalmarketplace.service.gov.uk/digital-outcomes-and-specialists/opportunities/6767

Deadline: 10/05/2018k

Security Screening

DEPARTMENT FOR WORK AND PENSIONS - Open future opportunity

The Regulator is seeking a Provider for pre-employment security screening to commence 2018; however set up and training elements maybe required in advance resulting in the contract commencing prior to this date. Contract duration will be for an initial three [3] year period, with the option to extend the contract for two further 12 month periods (i.e. a maximum of five [5] years).

A tender is required to cover the capabilities we are seeking from Potential Providers. The specific areas to be addressed within the tender are detailed below and reflected in the evaluation criteria.

A presentation may also be required from Potential Providers; the specific areas to be addressed in the presentation are also detailed below and reflected in the evaluation criteria.
As a public body the regulator is mandated to comply with the pre-employment controls which address the problems of identity fraud, illegal working and deception which may pose serious risks to reputation, integrity and financial assets.

The BPSS describes those pre-employment controls the regulator is mandated to apply to direct employees, direct temporary staff and direct interim staff. These security checks provide one criterion upon which the decision to employ will be based.

https://thepensionsregulator.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml

Approach to market date-08 May 2018

Foundation programme for working with learners with autism, dyslexia and hearing impairments

Education and Training Foundation

The Education and Training Foundation wants to commission CPD for all staff in the post-16 sector that will raise awareness and build capacity of individuals and organisations to better meet the needs of learners with specific impairments. We are aware that there are many organisations with specialist knowledge in the following areas and we invite tender responses which build on existing effective practice to provide an offer to the FE sector. We want to commission CPD on 3 subject themes:
1. Dyslexia
2. Autism
3. Hearing impairments/deaf

www.mytenders.org.

Deadline: 11/05/2018

Comic Relief - Tackling Violence against Women and Girls

The new £4 million Tackling Violence against Women and Girls funding programme is provided by Comic Relief, and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and the UK’s Devolved Administrations. The Government funds have been raised through the Tampon Tax. The funding aims to support organisations that are working to end violence and abuse experienced by women and girls across the UK.

The focus for the funding is on meeting the needs of women who are at risk or experiencing violence and who have multiple and complex needs. This could include women and girls experiencing poor mental health, substance misuse, are homeless, or are from less well-served communities or groups
such as BAMER (Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic and Refugee) and LBTI (Lesbian, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex) communities, or women who are older and/or disabled.

There is a total funding pot of £4 million. Grants of between £60,000 and £120,000 for between one and years are available. It is anticipated that up to 40 grants will be awarded. Grants exceeding £120,000 may be awarded to organisations bidding in partnership with others.

It is expected that this will be a ‘highly competitive funding initiative’. https://www.comicrelief.com/funding

The deadline for applications is 2 July 2018 (midday).
Training for Governors
L.E.A.D. Academy Trust
The trust is looking for quotes for training for governors. the training needs to be for the below three areas
Complaints (two sessions)Exclusions (two sessions)Admission appeals (two sessions)

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=febfb911-2849-e811-80eb-005056b64545

Deadline: 09/05/2018

3SC invites expressions of interest from organisations who want to work in a consortium to deliver the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA), Employment Support Pilot

Programme Information
The Employment Support Pilot will run for three years commencing June 2018, engaging with 3825 out of work customers across the nine Lot areas, of which 34% of customers will be supported into sustainable employment. Additionally, the service will engage a further 675 customers who are in work but who wish to progress in their employment.

The service will be delivered through 9 lots and each lot targets a specific ward in the WMCA area. It is our judgement that 4 of these lost are large enough to lend themselves to effective consortium delivery. 3SC are therefore seeking interest from organisations that have a footprint in the wards of: Binley and Willenhall (Coventry); Birchills Leamore (Walsall); Shard End (Birmingham); and Washwood Heath (Birmingham).

Customers whose primary residential address is in a contract Lot area, or who are connected to the community through a WMCA named community hub will be eligible to access the provision
as long as they are over the age of 16. There is no requirement for customers to be on a particular benefit to access services.

It is an essential aspect of the programme that activity is conducted within the community, establishing and building upon existing community links, with a commitment to attend and participate in established cross contract provider meetings where established (i.e. local Employment and Skills Boards) to support contract alignment with existing provision.

The contracts will be for a three-year period commencing June 2018 with the expectation that customer engagement (unemployed) occurs within the first two years of delivery.

There are four distinct cohorts: Hardest to Reach, Hard to Reach, Rapid Progression Group, In Work.

The provision will involve:

- Engagement
- Employability Support
- In Work Support

Payment will be linked to a set of outcomes that demonstrate: engagement, progression, job entry, job retention and career progression.

If you are interested in joining 3SC’s delivery partnership please download and complete the EOI linked below:

3SC-WCMA – Employment Support Pilots EOI

http://www.3sc.org/expressions-of-interest/

Training – Delivery of School Business Manager Level 4 Apprenticeship

Liverpool City Council

Liverpool City Council would like to procure a training provider to deliver up to 10 School Business Manager Level 4 Apprenticeships over the next 24 months to staff within maintained schools.

The City Council is an Apprenticeship Levy paying employer with responsibility for approximately 75 maintained schools.

Due to the recent approval of the School Business Manager Level 4 Apprenticeship Standard, we would like to appoint a training provider to deliver the qualification to up to 10 staff within our maintained schools over the next 24 months.
School Business Professionals (SBPs) perform a role which is unique to schools, administering and managing the financial, site and support services within the school context. They provide essential support to school leadership teams, implementing their financial and business decisions. The staff will work in Liverpool City Council maintained schools including primary, secondary and special schools.

Please note this contract is none committal and enrolments will be led by demand.

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=f78a0602-d547-e811-80eb-005056b64545

Deadline: 08/05/2018

Apprentice Training
London Borough of Camden
Prior to April 2017, Camden Apprenticeships started approximately 40 apprentices in the Council each year. With the introduction of the apprenticeship levy and public sector apprenticeship targets the Council will increase its apprenticeship starts up to an estimated 75 in 2017/18. These starts will be made up of apprenticeships for existing staff as well as people newly recruited to the Council. As well as managing the apprenticeship levy account for Camden council, Camden Apprenticeships manages the levy funds paid by community schools in Camden adding a further estimated 20 apprenticeship starts per year.

It is vital for apprenticeships in Camden and in Camden's community schools to be as inclusive as possible and for the apprenticeship training provided to be highly supportive to both learners and managers wherever required. We anticipate that many members of staff being trained as apprentices will not have been in formal training for a long time and will need support to adjust. In particular we are keen to receive good support with functional skills training.

Camden is a timewise Council which means we are committed to offering flexible work time arrangements including part time employment. We are keen to engage with providers that can support these working arrangements by offering flexibility in the duration and hours of training. Camden is responsible for ensuring there are development opportunities for residents and that no resident gets left behind. This means the Council’s recruitment of new apprentices has a strong local focus, providing opportunities almost entirely for residents that live in the borough. We are keen to engage with providers that are able to train people locally, where possible minimising difficult journeys to training centres. We are keen to ensure all residents in Camden can access apprenticeships where possible and that no unnecessary barriers are put in place to access training.
Targeted Information, Advice and Guidance Services- Prior Information Notice
London Borough of Havering
The London Borough of Havering is inviting expressions of interest from organisations that are able to provide targeted careers information, advice and guidance services for young people aged 13-19 (up to 25 years of age for young people with special educational needs and disabilities). The London Borough of Havering is also inviting expressions of interest from organisations that are able to provide a client caseload information system that supports the tracking of young people’s destinations and provides reports to the Department for Education and Havering Council.

Lot 1 Targeted Careers, Advice and Guidance Services for Young People
Targeted Careers, Advice and Guidance Services for Young People. The London Borough of Havering will be seeking suitably experienced organisations to bid for these services. This experience is likely to be set as a minimum of 2 years’ experience of delivering similar services for young people. The procurement will be an open procedure and is likely to commence in January 2019 with the contract beginning on 1.9.2019 for a 5 year period. The first lot will enable the Council to award a contract for a targeted careers information, advice and guidance services for young people. This service will need to work closely with schools, colleges and training providers to deliver targeted support to encourage, enable and assist vulnerable individuals and groups (e.g. young offenders, looked after children) to participate in education, employment or training.

Estimated total contract value = 3 000 000 GBP.

Lot 2 Client Caseload Information System
Client Caseload Information System. The London Borough of Havering will be seeking suitably experienced organisations to bid for these services. This experience is likely to be set as a minimum of 2 years’ experience of delivering similar services for young people. The procurement will be an open procedure and is likely to commence in January 2019 with the contract beginning on 1.9.2019 for a 5 year period. The second lot will enable the Council to award a contract for the provision of a client caseload information system. The system will need to support the tracking of young people’s destinations and provide reports to the Department for Education about young people’s characteristics, participation and achievements and present regular reports to the Council regarding its progress towards and the achievement of the Not in Education, Employment or Training (“NEET”) targets.

Estimated total contract value for Lot 2 = 250 000 GBP.
Estimated date of publication of contract notice: 07/01/2019

Greater Manchester (Working Well) Early Help Programme
Greater Manchester Combined Authority
The Greater Manchester Combined Authority wishes to establish one contract for the delivery of an early intervention service to support people in Greater Manchester who are at risk of falling out of the labour market, or who are newly unemployed with a health condition or disability. This will be a 3-year contract commencing in March 2019 and will aim to support around 14 000 people over the duration of the contract.

This programme will support two groups of people:
- In-work: People who are employed but off work due to a health condition or disability, and who are at risk of falling out of the labour market.
- Newly unemployed: People who have recently (within the last six months) fallen out of work, and face barriers returning to work, due to a health condition or disability.

The maximum value of this contract is 6 500 000 GBP for the duration of the contract. We estimate this to cover in the region of 14 000 programme participants over the duration of the contract.

The core minimum components of the service are expected to be:
- Condition management, patient activation / motivation and self-care advice.
- Rapid access to musculoskeletal and mental health support.
- Occupational Health Advice.
- HR and Employment Advice.
- Careers advice and job brokerage.
- Support for psycho-social issues, e.g. debt, housing, relationships etc.

The Procurement relates to health, social and related services which are listed in Schedule 3 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 as a social service. This Procurement is Conducted under the Light Touch Regime, therefore subject to Limited regulation and will be conducted in accordance with regulations 75 to 76

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Deadline: 29/05/2018
Contract for the provision of the training and assessment of apprentice learners recruited in 2018 in the ECITB’s Offshore Region - Electrical Maintenance

ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY TRAINING BOARD

This contract relates to the training and assessment of ECITB OGTAP Modern Apprentices being recruited in the ECITB Offshore Region for September 2018. The services required will result in the successful completion of the ECITB Modern Apprenticeship in Engineering Construction. This will be achieved through a combination of off-the-job training and work based activity over a 4 year period. These contracts are reliant on the successful organisation accessing funding through the relevant Government Funding Body which should be sufficient to fund the mandatory components of the Modern Apprenticeship Framework

https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/d842a0bc-801f-4611-97ff-44edfb03e548

Deadline: 18/05/2018

The Provision of Coaching Conversation Training

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council

The Council is seeking to commission training in relation to coaching conversations for our managers, employees and elected members to enable them to empower our workforce, customers and residents.

We are looking for a provider who can partner with us to develop and deliver a high impact, challenging and interactive workshop for roll out across the Council which enables coaching style conversations in both formal eg Performance and Development Reviews (P&DRs) and informal settings to encourage self-development both internally and externally.

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Deadline: 01/05/2018

Provision of Learning and Skills Training on behalf of Birmingham Adult Education Service (BAES)

Birmingham City Council

Birmingham City Council are inviting tenders for the Framework Agreement to enable Birmingham Adult Education Service (BAES) to deliver the required learning and development programmes
related to the lots detailed overleaf in line with grants and funding received by the SFA for a period of 3 years. The framework will be split into four lots with sub-lots. It is an ESFA funding requirement that all training providers awarded a framework agreement for opportunities over £100,000 are registered on the ESFA Training Register.

Lot 1a - 16 -18 Study Programmes - Opportunities under £100,000
Lot 1b - 16 -18 Study Programmes - Opportunities £100,000+
Lot 2a - 19+ Career Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) - Opportunities under £100,000
Lot 2b - 19+ Career Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) - Opportunities £100,000+
Lot 3a - 19+ Classroom based provision; including non-regulated provision - Opportunities under £100,000
Lot 3b - 19+ Classroom based provision; including non-regulated provision - Opportunities £100,000+
Lot 4a - 19+ Pre-employment training - Opportunities under £100,000
Lot 4b - 19+ Pre-employment training - Opportunities £100,000+

https://in-tendhost.co.uk/birminghamccc

Deadline: 24th May 2018

HCC04/18-Provision of Apprenticeship Levy Training Provider-Lots 1,3,5,7,9
Supply Hertfordshire
The Employer (Council) wishes to procure a Framework Agreement of external Training Providers who are accredited to RoATP (the Government’s approved Register of Approved Training Providers) to deliver quality apprenticeships across a variety of areas throughout Hertfordshire and adjoining counties (Participating Bodies) as identified in the PIN Notice placed on 18th April 2018.

THE FRAMEWORK IS BEING RE-OPENED WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO:
Lot 1- Business, Leadership and Management
Lot 3- Technology
Lot 5- Health and Community Services
Lot 7- Environment and Property
Lot 9- School
Framework Agreement Commencement Friday 1st June 2018

The estimated total value of the Framework Agreement is £12,000,000 and is for the core period inclusive of the approximate value for extensions.

The Framework Agreement will be awarded for a core period of 2 years, with the option to extend
this up to 2 further years, year on year. Please note that the requirements of the Framework Agreement will be subject to available financial resources, supplier performance and flexibility to meet changing demands. In addition, there will be no form of exclusivity or volume that is guaranteed under the resultant Framework Agreement and the Council and other Participating Bodies will be entitled to enter into other Contracts and arrangements with other suppliers for the provision of any, or all, of the requirements which are the same as, or similar to those specified under the established Framework Agreement.

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

Deadline: 02/05/2018

National training contract

Children's Hearings Scotland

Children's Hearing Scotland (CHS) is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced Service Provider, to undertake the provision of Training for Children’s Panel System volunteers or Children’s Hearings Scotland volunteers. The Service Provider will be responsible for the effective and efficient delivery of all training related operational requirements and the delivery of high quality, cost effective training that represents value for money and facilitates learning and development.

Services shall include providing a virtual learning environment, the use of a blended learning approach, the design, delivery and evaluation of large-scale, high volume, training and the development of technical course materials and supporting resources.

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/

Deadline: 31/05/2018

Employment Support Services (Lot A HAC5314 and Lot B HAC5315)

Tower Hamlets

The Council is seeking an innovative, creative, flexible and committed provider prepared to work in close and effective partnership with adults with learning disability and their family/carers and with a wide range of local partners, including the Council, to provide employment support to 110 adults with learning disability each year so that 55 people start a job and 55 people participate in employment skills development relevant to their job plans.
The focus of the specification for Lot A (employment support) is on supporting adults with learning disability to get and keep real jobs. The skills development and preparation people with learning disability need to enable them to obtain a job, such as advice and information, training, volunteering and work experience is the focus of Lot B (employment skills development). The services specified in Lots A and B may be delivered by the same provider or by different providers who bid separately, as a joint bid or in a subcontracting arrangement. If the providers are different, they will need to work closely together to ensure that people are well prepared for work and supported to obtain employment.

The key requirements of the specification are as follows. The overall outcome to be delivered is that more adults with learning disability work. The target is that 11% of people who receive long-term adult social care support will be in paid employment in three years time (by October 2020).

For Lot A, the objectives are that each year 110 new people (different to those in previous years; some of whom receive long-term social care and some who do not) have a vocational profile completed each year and that 55 start a competitive paid real job with an employer, 28 of whom remain in post for 3 months and 22 for 12 months.

For Lot B, the objectives are that each year 55 new people (different to those in previous years; some of whom receive long-term social care and some who do not) participate in employment skills development opportunities (some directly provided; some provided by other organisations). This can be early on in their employment journey so that they are referred for completion of their vocational profile after participation in skills development. Alternatively, they could be referred for skills development support when their vocational profile has been completed in order to develop relevant skills that will assist them develop and achieve their job plans.

The provider/s are required to directly deliver support and skills development. In addition, as the experts and champions of employment for people with learning disability, the provider/s are required to work in close partnership with other local organisations providing general employment support and skills development and engaging employers to develop job opportunities so that those services also support people with learning disability and people with learning disability access general community employment support resources. The provider/s are required to identify and furnish their own office space and to use a wide range of local venues to engage and support people.

The anticipated contract start date is: 1st October 2018. The estimated total value of the contract is in the range of: The range for Lot A is £1 million - £1.21 million over 5 years. In addition, a performance reward payment is payable annually. For people not receiving long term social care support, this is £500 for each new person who starts a real job and a further £500 for each of those still in a job 12 months after they started. This is capped at 30 people per year. A payment of £2,000
will be made for each new person receiving longterm social care who starts and stays in a job for 12 months and so becomes independent and does not use adult social care funding to attend day opportunities.

The range for Lot B is £260,000 to £290,000 over 3 years.

No uplifts will be awarded over the period of the contracts. For a period of: HAC5314 – three years with option to extend for two one year periods (3+1+1) and HAC5315 – two years with an option to extend for one year (2+1).

If you require any further information please contact: Procurement at: procurement@towerhamlets.gov.uk

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Deadline: 16/05/2018

Provision of All Wales Healthcare Support Worker Induction Training
NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership
PTHB is committed to delivering a range of induction programmes to new starters and has previously delivered clinical induction using its own in house training team. However since the launch of the accredited All Wales NHS Induction Programme for Healthcare Support Workers in 2016 PTHB wishes to appoint an independent provider capable of undertaking all aspects of delivering the All Wales NHS Induction Programme for Healthcare Support Workers from the 1st August 2018 in line with our recruitment requirements.

PTHB is looking to commission a service provider capable of delivering, assessing, undertaking internal and external validation and claiming earned credits from Agored Cymru in line with the new All Wales Health Care Support Worker Induction Training Programme.

https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/home.html

Deadline: 18/05/2018

Building Better Opportunities (Staffordshire) - Call for delivery partners
STEPS TO WORK (WALSALL) LTD
Building Better Opportunities (BBO) is a multi-million pound funding programme which matches money from the European Social Fund and the National Lottery, through the Big Lottery Fund to to
tackle poverty and social exclusion faced by the most disadvantaged people in England.

Steps to Work have been the lead organisation for the BBO Programme across Cannock, Tamworth, Lichfield and East Staffordshire since January 2017. We have identified additional areas of need and are therefore inviting organisations who feel they can deliver community based skills development-related activities and/or employability-related activities to people who have a health condition and/or disability (Depression/Learning Difficulties/Mental Health) within the Tamworth District.

We are seeking one delivery partner that can commence delivery on the 4th June 2018. Projects must be completed by the 31st December 2019. The maximum amount of allocated funding for this service is £85,0000.

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Deadline: 08/05/2018

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Deadline: 08/05/2018
Learning and Development Interventions DPS for AGMA and it’s Associate Members
Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council
This DPS is being managed by the AGMA Procurement Hub, with Trafford Council as Lead Authority. Do not express an interest in this advert as it will do nothing. You should follow the link below to see further details, review the application form, and to apply to the DPS: https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=2fb00fbe-77d6-e611-80da-005056b64545

The DPS will consist of 5 Lots

Lot 1 - ICT: ICT Systems and Applications to cover the training of hardware and software applications either cross-cutting or specific to particular systems. May include, but not be limited to, generic learning and development interventions such as those around the Microsoft Office suite, or more bespoke interventions related to new and existing hardware, software and its associated functionality.

Lot 2: Health, Safety & Wellbeing To include any learning and development interventions relating to Health & Safety compliance. This will include, but not be limited to, statutory training interventions and refreshers, accredited courses, and also more bespoke courses around health and safety. Areas may include, but not be limited to, First Aid, Manual Handling, Infection Control, Fire Safety, Working at Heights, Food Hygiene &Safety, Risk Assessment, CoSHH, Stress Management, Asbestos Awareness, Personal Safety, Wellbeing.

Lot 3: Children, Adults, Health and Community Sector-specific technical and professional learning and development interventions applicable to roles and or legislative compliance within the Children, Adults, Health & Community arenas. Training may include, but not be limited to, courses as part of induction, accredited courses and refresher training to meet legislation, plus bespoke packages as required. Areas of delivery may include, but not be limited to, Safeguarding (Adults and Children), Court Skills, Report Writing, Epilepsy, Autism, Dementia, Mental Health Physical Intervention, and DoLS training.

Lot 4: Technical and Professional Technical and professional training applicable to specific roles, and/or legislative compliance, in all sectors outside of Children, Adults, Health and Community sector. This may include, but not be limited to, statutory learning and developments intervention and refreshers, accredited courses, and also more bespoke courses as required. In areas such as Highways, Environmental Services, Waste, Buildings Services. Finance, Legal, Project Management, Human Resources, Procurement, Commissioning and more.

Lot 5: Generic People Development Learning and development interventions which enhance the productivity, effectiveness and skill-sets of staff, individuals, groups, managers and leaders. These courses may be accredited, within certain fields, or bespoke packages as required. The subject areas within this category may include, but are not limited to, Leadership and management development,
coaching, soft skills training, personal development and change management.

Please note: Suppliers not on the DPS will not be able to bid for learning and development interventions that become available and competed through the DPS.

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Deadline: 08/01/2021

Delivering Autism Education Trust (AET) Post 16 Training
Leicestershire County Council
Leicestershire County Council are looking for a provider to deliver Autism Education Trust (AET) Post 16 training across the Post 16 sector throughout the East Midlands (Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Leicestershire and/or Northamptonshire) on behalf of the Leicestershire Autism Outreach Service

http://www.eastmidstenders.org/

Deadline: 18/05/2018

Information and Advice Service for Carers and Families of People with a Learning Disability and/or Autism Spectrum Condition
Wokingham Borough Council
Wokingham Borough Council is pleased to announce that it is inviting tenders for the provision of an:

Information and advice service for carers and families of people with a learning disability and/or autism spectrum condition

'The service' will provide information and advice for carers of people with a learning disability and/or autism spectrum condition and their families.

'The service' should be adequately staffed to ensure that information and advice can be provided to carers and families in line with demand.

Staff should possess a wide range of knowledge and skills and be responsive to the needs of carers of young people of transition age and adults with a learning disability and/or autism spectrum condition.
Carers and families are able to access support that meets their needs but the service should aim to increase the independence of carers as well as empowering carers to do things for themselves.

'The service’ will also be responsible for the delivery of activities/clubs and meetings that provide social and leisurely activities; promoting the wellbeing of the people attending.

The activities should aim to develop people’s social networks, allow them to learn new skills that they may not have had the opportunity to learn otherwise as well as provide a short break for Carers.

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Deadline: 20/06/2018

**Framework for the Provision of Learning & Development Training**

**Dorset County Council**

To develop a Framework Agreement for the Provision of Learning & Development Training to meet the requirements of Adult and Community Services and Children’s Services Directorates and Pan-Dorset Local Safeguarding Children’s Board (Pan-Dorset LSCB).

The context for Learning and Development Training focuses specifically on the following areas:

* Core training subjects including, but not exclusively; Market Traded Services, Effective Partnerships, Time Management, Customer Care, Facilitation Skills, Assertiveness, Project Management, Advanced Negotiation, Budget Management and Managing Complaints
* Social Care subjects including, but not exclusively; Risk and Decision Making, Modern Slavery, Evidence Based Practice, Care Planning and Permanency, Introduction to Childcare Law and Tribunals Training
* Specialist Training including, but not exclusively; Safeguarding Children and Adults, Safer Recruitment and Serious Case Review.

Initial Framework for 12 months with the option to extend for 3 further periods of 12 months.

www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk

Deadline: 02/05/2018
Provision of an Apprenticeship Training Provider for Property Maintenance Apprenticeship (level2)  
**Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust**

Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust provide physical, mental health and social care for people of all ages across Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire, Swindon, Wiltshire, Bath and North East Somerset. Its services are delivered at community bases, hospitals, clinics and in people's homes.

The Trust's vision is to deliver outstanding care for the entirety of its service users regardless of geographical location in line with Trust values to be caring safe and excellent. As such OHFT aims for its services to be delivered to the highest standards of safety and that it services are provided within a safe environment for patients and staff including the built environment.

As part of its future needs, OHFT's Estates and Facilities department has established a workforce development plan whose purpose is to support business growth and establish a 'talent pipeline' to provide smooth continuity to succession planning. To further facilitate this plan and to meet requirements for Apprenticeship standards, the Trust is seeking to appoint an approved provider to deliver apprenticeship training. The provider will need to deliver training modelled within the requirements of the Estates and Facilities workforce development plan. The programme of training will be agreed in principle for the contract term and be flexible. It is intended that Apprenticeship training should provide development and future career opportunities for apprentices underpinned with professional support and opportunity for on the job learning.

[https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk/web/login.html](https://www.nhssourcing.co.uk/web/login.html)

Deadline: 08/05/2018

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**Provision of Apprenticeship Training Providers**  
**Hampshire County Council**

Hampshire County Council invites applications from suitably experienced organisations who wish to be considered for selection to tender for a Framework for the Provision of Apprenticeship Training Providers.

The Framework will be for a period of 4 years, with an initial 3 year period with the option to extend for a further 1 year.

[https://in-tendhost.co.uk/hampshire](https://in-tendhost.co.uk/hampshire)

Deadline: 01/06/2018
Future talent fund
Department of Education

The Future Talent Fund will build an evidence base on good practice for this cohort, by trialling projects in schools, identifying clear delivery mechanisms for provision, and encouraging more evidence-led interventions, including for spending Pupil Premium funding.

We are seeking a contractor who will be responsible for managing the Future Talent Fund. This will include: warming the market for potential projects; assessing bids and recommending to DfE the funding of projects; managing approved projects; procuring independent evaluation, and disseminating the findings. The Fund is expected to support grants worth £21 000 000 GBP over its lifetime (2018-20). The Government will provide £16 000 000 GBP of this.

The Contractor will also be responsible for raising at least £5 000 000 GBP additional funding to contribute to the fund; this will supplement DfE funding. The additional funding will come from a variety of alternative sources, but not from state-funded schools.

The Fund Manager will manage all aspects of the Future Talent Fund projects. The key responsibilities of the Fund Manager are summarised below:

- use knowledge and expertise of the education system, supporting school improvement and improving outcomes for the most able, disadvantaged groups, to provide advice and expertise on all aspects of the Fund projects;
- promote the Fund to generate interest in it and encourage high quality applications for the Fund projects from eligible organisations, that demonstrate good understanding of issues, solutions and barriers for supporting the target cohort of pupils,
- run a fair and transparent competitive process for applications which complies with State Aid rules, assess applications against published criteria (based on the requirements of the Fund) and recommend projects to be supported to the Authority,
- ensure appropriate set-up of project objectives, delivery plans, outcomes and budgets,
- oversee implementation and management of projects in schools, including timelines, deliverables, budgets and risk management,
- establish robust, independent evaluation of each project,
- disseminate evidence of good practice into schools with clear recommendations on interventions that have the most impact and provide the best value for money,
- produce an over-arching assessment of the findings and evidence from all the individual projects,
- develop and deliver strong, clear messages for teachers and school leaders about the value and necessity of providing specific support for the most able, disadvantaged pupils, and drive up awareness of the Fund to encourage quality applications for projects,
- obtain matched funding to expand the Fund,
provide regular reports to the Authority and manage risks and issues.

Tenderers should ensure that their proposal meets the aims and ambitions of the Fund. Throughout their proposals, Tenderers should make clear how they will support the Fund projects with robust project management and also a deep knowledge and understanding of the issues and challenges involved in supporting this particular cohort of pupils and their schools.

In general terms, higher scores will be awarded when the evidence provided demonstrates a clear and unambiguous understanding of the Authority’s specification, supported by good quality information and evidence which provides a high level of confidence in the Tenderer’s ability to deliver the services in a timely, reliable and cost effective manner.

https://education.bravosolution.co.uk

Deadline: 22/05/2018

Train foster carers and support workers to meet the safeguarding needs of unaccompanied asylum seeking children

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION

The Department is looking to appoint a provider to set up and deliver 1,000 training places at suitable regional venues across England. The training will equip foster carers and support workers of unaccompanied asylum seeking children with knowledge and skills to enable them to build swift and strong trusting bonds with these children. This in turn, will reduce the risk of these children going missing from their care placements, being trafficked onwards or being victims of sexual, economic or other forms of exploitation or other harmful influence.

Unaccompanied asylum seeking children are under 18 years old and are applying for asylum in their own right. They have been separated from both parents and are not being cared for in the UK by an adult who in law or by custom has a responsibility to do so.

Under section 20 of the Children Act 1989, the local authority where an unaccompanied or asylum seeking child first presents has a duty to accommodate the child because “there is no other person who has parental responsibility for him”. A child who is accommodated under section 20 by the local authority for a continuous period of more than 24 hours becomes a looked after child (LAC). The local authority then has a set of duties that relate to caring for any LAC.

Unaccompanied children are then looked after by foster carers who have been assessed and registered by a fostering service provider under regulations 26 and 27 of the Fostering Services
Regulations (England) 2011, or placed in semi-independent living placements. The training will equip foster carers and support workers of semi-independent living placements to:

• understand and respond to the particular needs and vulnerabilities of this group of children, including radicalisation;

• quickly gain children's trust in order to prevent them from running away from a safe placement;

• better understand and recognise the signs and risks of exploitation of these children including trafficking; and

• understand when and how to refer children to the right agencies or to support children to access the right help.

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Deadline: 18/05/2018

Public Health Practitioner Portfolio Development Writing Sets & Support
Health Education England
The primary objective of this procurement is to maximise the number of public health practitioners in the West Midlands gaining registration with the UKPHR at practitioner level, building on the experiences of cohorts 1 to 9 of the established West Midlands’ Public Health Practitioner Development Scheme and other schemes from across the UK. HEE wishes to enable potential registrants to the UKPHR Public Health Practitioners’ Register to complete and submit their portfolios as quickly and as easily as possible.

It aims to simplify the process by:

• Establishing practitioners’ training needs and then commissioning training and development opportunities to meet the identified competences for registration

• Commissioning sufficient support and training in portfolio development and preparation to enable practitioners to compile their evidence and produce their portfolio in a reasonable time period

• Offering opportunities for peer and group support for practitioners undergoing the registration process.

Building on the learning from previous cohorts, the provider will:
• Ensure that the optimum number of potential registrants is identified
• Raise awareness and understanding of the requirements for successful registration
• Assess the readiness of staff expressing an interest in registration to make an application to the register
• Support potential registrants in developing a portfolio of evidence against the UKPHR Practitioner Standards, through delivery of: - five all-day portfolio writing sets in central Birmingham (for up to approximately 20 public health practitioners) over the period October 2018 to July 2019 - two all-day Knowledge Acquisition Workshops - two days of one-to-one sessions of an hour’s duration for practitioner personalised support (in person or by phone)
• Support the training of local assessors through leading quarterly meetings of the Assessors’ Learning Network
• Provide guidance to individual public health practitioners on preparation for registration
• Keep potential registrants informed of the portfolio process via a range of means (e.g. meetings, workshops, via email, telephone)
• Attend one-day City & Guilds e-portfolio training in Birmingham
• Provide regular activity reports and learning set evaluation to the HEE to optimise practitioners’ portfolio development progress and maximise opportunities for securing funding for future learning and development support for this group of staff

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Deadline: 22/06/2018

Funding for Research and Projects that Address Severe Learning Disabilities (UK)

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which was established to provide both research and project funding in the area of severe learning difficulties, including autism for both children and adults.

Grants are made to cover capital projects and core costs to include staff costs, general running and office costs at charitable organisations, schools and centres.

Projects funded include:

• Capital works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools
• Employment schemes including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture
• Play schemes and play therapy schemes
• Day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs
- Support for families, including respite schemes
- Independent living schemes
- Support in the community schemes
- Snoezelen rooms.

Applications will only be considered from voluntary organisations which are registered charities or are associated with a registered charity. Schools and Parent Teacher Associations and Industrial & Provident Societies can also apply. Funding in the past has ranged in value from £250 to £150,000.

The next deadline for applications seeking funding in excess of £10,000 is the 1st December 2018. Applications for £10,000 and below are considered under the Small Grants procedure and can be submitted at any time.

Recent awards have been made to:

- Rose Road Association, £30,000 Towards capital costs and funding of short breaks.
- Stepping Stones Play and Learn Group, £25,000 Towards core costs of Play Group.
- Willow Tree Garden, £30,000 Towards refurbishment and development of buildings connected with the woodworking workshops.

Useful Links:

- Eligibility Criteria
- Apply Online
- FAQs

**Funding to Reduce Marine Litter (UK)**

In addition to their main programme, from spring 2018 Sea-Changers have announced a specific fund to address marine litter issues. The main objectives of the fund are to:

- Address the root causes of marine litter in the UK.
- Prevent/reduce marine litter impact on UK coastal and marine environments and/or species.
- Add to the body of knowledge about the nature and impact of marine litter in the UK.
Sea-Changers will look favourably on groups applying for projects that:

- Conduct beach cleaning activities
- Can demonstrate connections to existing wider beach clean activities
- Consider potential recycling options for material gathered

One-off grants of up to £600 (in exceptional cases £1,000) are available through normally two funding rounds per year. Approximately 60 per cent of the funding available will support projects in Scotland with 40 per cent going elsewhere in UK.

The next deadline to apply is 30th September 2018.

Marine litter focused projects previously funded through Sea-Changers include:

- Mill Strand Integrated School, Portrush, Northern Ireland - £300. Having adopted the beach and regularly undertaking litter picking as part of outdoor classroom learning the school aims to help local users and tourists to care for the beach and seas by sponsoring and installing a 2minutebeachclean station.
- Neptune’s Army of Rubbish Cleaners (NARC) - £500 to continue the work of this voluntary group of divers with a passion for keeping the underwater environment in Pembrokeshire litter free.

Useful Links:

- Application Form
- Sea-Changers Video

Grants to Support Action for Marine Conservation (UK)

Marine conservation charities and not for profit organisations based and working in the UK can apply to Sea-Changers for a grant towards projects that take place in the UK and address the charity’s current objectives which are to:

- Address the root causes of marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.
- Prevent/reduce negative impacts on UK coastal and marine environments and / or species.
- Add to the body of knowledge about marine conservation threats and challenges in the UK.
Sea-Changers has a particular interest in grassroots projects which galvanise community action and in projects which increase the number of people taking action for marine conservation.

One-off grants of up to £600 (in exceptional cases £1,000) are available through normally two funding rounds per year. Approximately 60 per cent of the funding available will support projects in Scotland with 40 per cent going elsewhere in UK.

The next deadline for 2018 applications is 30th September 2018.

Previous grants have been awarded to:

- Kent Wildlife Trust - £600 for Seasearch, a project that offer volunteer recreational divers the opportunity to get involved in helping to protect the marine environment. The grant will subsidise two days diving in existing or recommended Marine Conservation Zones around Kent to enable qualified volunteer Seasearch divers to record the habitats and animals that live there.
- Polzeath Marine Conservation Group - £500 as a contribution towards the cost of an Outdoor Tubular Bottle Filling Station, installed at the top of the beach, accessible to everyone and offering quick, easy, clean drinking water especially to refill plastic water bottles as an alternative to purchasing more.

Useful Links:

Application Form

Sea-Changers Video

http://www.sea-changers.org.uk/charities%20

Funding to Challenge Gender Inequality (UK)

Not for profit organisations run by, for and with women in the UK have until 5pm on the 29th May 2018 to apply for grants of between £500 and £3,000 to support projects that will increase the skills, capacity and credibility of women who wish to challenge gender inequality and promote awareness and change. The type of activities supported include:

- Travel costs for a service user to speak at an event or national conference
- Presentation, media or lobbying training to support organisational advocacy strategies.
- Costs of creating campaign materials, such as posters, infographics or videos
• Articulating the story of a woman to champion an organisation’s work
• Making a case to local commissioners for the value of a service
• Meeting costs with local/national government representatives or for planning a campaign

The funding is being made available through the Voices from the Frontline Programme which is run by Rosa, a charitable fund set up to support initiatives that benefit women and girls in the UK.

Useful Links:

Application Form

Voices from the Frontline Video

http://www.rosauk.org/how-to-apply/voices-from-the-front-line/

The Summer Play Scheme Programme 2018 Opens for Applications (UK)

The Hilden Charitable Funds Summer Play Scheme is now open for applications.

The Fund supports community groups and voluntary agencies with an income of less than £150,000 that run summer play schemes for children between the ages of 5 and 18 in disadvantaged communities. Supported schemes should be:

• Locally based
• Last between two and six weeks
• Have strong volunteer support.

Some priority will be given to projects which show that they are inclusive of children from refugee families and have BME involvement.

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

Useful Links:

Application Form

http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/%C2%A0
Hilden Charitable Fund Announces Next Application Deadline (UK)

The Hilden Charitable Fund is open for applications. Within the UK, the Hilden Charitable Fund makes grants to projects that address disadvantage, notably by supporting causes which are less popular. In particular, the Fund wants to support projects that:

- Address homelessness
- Supports asylum seekers and refugees
- Support community-based initiatives for disadvantaged young people 16 – 25
- Penal affairs.

The average grant awarded is £5,000 and preference is given to supporting small community organisations with an income of less than £500,000 per year. The Trust will consider funding projects as well as core running costs of organisations.

The fund also makes grants for projects in developing countries; working on community development, education, and health. Trustees will particularly welcome projects that address the needs and potential of girls and women. Trustees will be pleased to hear from UK Non-Governmental Organisations/charities and hope that UK NGOs/charities will encourage their local partners to apply directly to Hilden for grant aid.

Useful Documents:

Application Form

http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/

Grants Available to Restore the UK’s Industrial Heritage (UK)

Grants up to £20,000 are available for the restoration of important industrial buildings, structures, machinery, vehicles and vessels within the UK. Grants can be made to not-for-profit organisations such as trusts, charities and CICs and are for capital funding only.

Applications will usually relate to a single, tangible structure or artefact and the grant is to be used as partnership funding, the applicant being in the process of or having already raised matching funding from their own resources, fund raising, or other grant award.

Applications should be submitted on no more than 4 sides of A4 paper and cover all the areas outlined in the Guidelines.
The closing date for applications is the 31st March 2019.

**Previous projects funded include:**

- A grant of £6,790 for the further restoration of the Danzey Green Windmill at the Avoncroft Museum of Buildings.
- A grant of £20,000 for the restoration of the derelict Bowbridge Lock on the Thames & Severn Canal by the Cotswold Canal Trust.
- A grant of £2,000 towards the cost of rebuilding of a wagon weigh bridge.

https://www.grantsonline.org.uk/news/31st%20March%202018.%20https://industrial-archaeology.org/aia-awards/restoration-grants/?dm_i=1T5M,5E18I,B4VNTW,KUU87,1

**Funding for Small International Development Charities (UK / International)**

Not for profit organisations based in the UK that are working in any country that appears in the lowest 50 countries in the Human Development Index and with an annual income of less than £250,000 have until the 27th September 2018 to apply for funding from The Small Charities Challenge Fund.

The fund is being managed by UK Aid direct and provides grant funding of up to £50,000 for projects with a duration of up to 2 years that aim to scale-up their operations and increase the reach and efficiency of their intervention. Applications are welcome from any sector that can demonstrate that they are aiming to reach the most vulnerable and marginalised and are contributing to the ‘Global Goals’ (please see website for further details).

**Useful Links:**

- [Check Eligibility](https://www.ukaiddirect.org/apply/latest/)
- [Apply](https://www.ukaiddirect.org/apply/latest/)
- [Guidance Notes](https://www.ukaiddirect.org/apply/latest/)
- [FAQs](https://www.ukaiddirect.org/apply/latest/)
- [Small Charities Challenge Fund: guidance webinar](https://www.ukaiddirect.org/apply/latest/)
Skipton Building Society Grassroots Giving 2018 (UK)

Community groups in the UK apply to Skipton Building Society's Grassroots Giving programme from the 1st May until the 31st July 2018. A total of £82,500 is available to help small groups and organisations make a difference in their neighbourhood.

To be in with a chance of receiving an award, groups must show a real commitment to their local community and demonstrate how they will make a difference and enhance lives in the neighbourhood. Preference will be given to volunteer orientated groups, who are used to relying on minimal funds and the good will and generosity of members. The judges are looking for projects with ‘the greatest chance to progress ideas and activities with a lasting impact’. The application process includes a public vote.

Please note that this scheme is not open to registered charities. To give you some ideas, click the link for a list of previous award winners.

The closing date for applications will be the 31st July 2018

https://www.skiptongrg.co.uk/

Funding for Cultural and Educational Links with Japan (UK)

The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation has announced that the next applications deadline for its grants making programme is the 15th September 2018.

Through its grant making programme cultural organisations, universities and schools; etc that wish to develop links with Japan and Japanese schools are able to apply for funding. The Foundation's grants average £1,500 to £2,000 and do not normally exceed £5,000-£6,000 for larger-scale projects.

Grants are available to support the study of the Japanese language and culture, School, Education and Youth exchanges.

In the past the Foundation has made grants towards visits the between the UK and Japan between by teachers and young people and the teaching and development of Japanese language and cultural studies in schools.

Organisations that have successfully applied to the Foundation include:

Hessle High School and Sixth Form College which received a grant of £3,000 to visit to Japan to create curriculum on Japan in Key Stage 3 Geography lessons.
Truro College which received a grant of £2,000 for a football exchange programme with Tokai Daigo High School in Japan

Useful Links:

Application Form

http://www.gbsf.org.uk/

£4 Million Available to Museums and Galleries to Improve their Displays and Facilities (England)

Museums and galleries across England can apply for a share of £4 million to improve displays and facilities.

Funded through a partnership between the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, and the Wolfson Foundation, these grants will be used for renovation and improvement projects in 39 museums and galleries. It will allow museums and galleries to increase access, improve displays and enhance public spaces.

To date, the partnership has committed some £44 million to the improvement of 382 museums and galleries across England. The programme is jointly funded by the Wolfson Foundation and DCMS. The maximum grant that can be awarded is £300,000.

Projects funded in the past include:

The Weald and Downland Museum in Chichester which received a grant of £224,500 towards a project to reconstruct two significant but currently dismantled historic buildings dedicated to the production of food.

The Bolton Library and Museum Service which received a grant of £200,000 towards its First Impressions project which will transform the visitor experience in the 1939 Grade II Listed building by creating a new welcoming and engaging space in which their collections can be viewed.

There is a two-stage application process and the deadline for stage 1 applications is the 1st July 2018. Applicants successful at stage 1 have until the 1st September 2018 to submit a full application.

Useful Links:

Funding FAQs
Wolfson Museums and Galleries Improvement Fund Youtube Video (2011 but still relevant)


New Funding to Develop Artistic Practice (England)

A new programme from Arts Council England, “+Developing your Creative Practice” has been designed to support the development of independent creative practitioners working in dance, theatre, music, visual arts, literature, combined arts or museums practice. The aim is to offer practitioners the time and space to work on ambitious and innovative research and development opportunities to make a step-change in their practice.

Arts Council England is looking for exciting, ambitious proposals that allow applicants to take that important next step in the way they make their work. Applicants are encouraged to consider their long term needs and proposals can cover creative research and development or building skills through international exchange. Examples might include:

- Creative media and the wider creative industries e.g. film or audio, design or gaming
- Technology, including digital technology e.g. virtual reality or live-streaming
- Other non-arts organisations or settings e.g. residential-care providers, or a science organisation
- Other non-arts cultural forms or sectors e.g. health and wellbeing, social inclusion, heritage or sport

This fund is only open to individuals over the age of 18 years who:

- Are living and working in England
- Have three years’ creative practice experience outside a formal education context
- Are working in Arts Council England’s supported disciplines i.e. they will be dancers, choreographers, writers, translators, producers, publishers, editors, musicians, conductors, composers, actors, directors, designers, artists, craft makers, and curators.

Awards of £2,000 - £10,000 (from a total pot of £3.6 million per year) are made through quarterly rounds. Funded project activities can last up to one year.

Round 1 is now open for applications and closes on 16th May 2018.

For further information or to check eligibility contact Arts Council England by email
Useful Documents:

Application Guidelines

http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/DYCP

Career Development Grants for Artists and Bands (England)

The Momentum Music Fund supports Artists/ or Bands that are showing current progression and growth as artists and who have the potential to significantly develop their careers over the next two years. Supported artists will:

- Be based in England
- Be writing or performing their own music
- Have been profiled/featured in national press, media and received coverage in UK wide blogs as an artist/band
- Have played shows or been asked to play multiple shows across the UK
- Have evidence of a strong fan base nationally and regionally

Grants of £5,000 to £15,000 are available with the average grant being £12,612.

Activities eligible for support include recording, touring and marketing. Applications can be submitted by artists themselves or those who are working on their behalf, for example a manager, an independent label or publisher.

The next deadline is on Tuesday 29 May 2018 at 6pm.

Recently funded artists include:

- Ben Khan, a 22-year-old musician, vocalist, visual artist and producer to fund a 10 date UK tour, including rehearsals and additional production.
- Dutch Uncles to keep creative and commercial momentum in producing their fourth studio album
- Clock Opera, to support promotional costs for their upcoming second album campaign, to include artwork, videos, press / online PR costs and radio plugging

Useful Links:

enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk or phone 0845 300 6200).
Funding for Communities Affected by Loan Sharks (England)

The England Illegal Money Lending Team has funding of up to £5,000 available for charities, community and voluntary groups, schools and statutory agencies that want to raise awareness of the issues of illegal money lending.

The funding can be used on projects that contribute to:

- Raising the awareness of the dangers of using loan sharks;
- Prevents crime and disorder and publicises the Stop Loan Sharks message;
- Promotes the work of the Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) in communities;
- Encourages reporting of loan sharks.

The closing date for applications is the 30th June 2018.

If you require any further information, help or assistance with this form please contact:
David.A.Benbow@birmingham.gov.uk

Useful Links:

Click here to download the application pack

Stop Loan Sharks Video


Funding for the Provision or Upgrading of Sports Facilities (Scotland)

Schools, and other organisations such as local authorities, area sports associations, sports trusts and
charities; etc can apply for funding of up to £100,000 (to a maximum of 50% of the project costs) to improve their sports facilities. In areas of high deprivation, the maximum grant can be up to 75% of project costs.

Grants are available to help with the provision or upgrading of sports facilities that are for the public good and which benefit the community. The fund supports capital projects such as:

- New, upgraded or extended sports facilities
- Inclusive changing facilities
- Facilities that provide or improve access for outdoor sport and adventure activities
- Floodlights that increase capacity at appropriate sports facilities
- Major items of sports equipment

There are two application routes depending on the value of the project.

Small Grants for applications with a total project value between £20,000 and £250,000 (including VAT).

Large Grants for applications with a total project value of over £250,000 (including VAT).

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

https://sportscotland.org.uk/funding/sport-facilities-

Funding Boost for Rural Tourism (Scotland)

Visit Scotland’s Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund aims to address some of the concerns around the impact increasing numbers of tourists is having on infrastructure and some local communities. The Fund will support sustainable, well planned, inspiring, and collaborative infrastructure projects that focus on improving the visitor experience and enable more visitors to enjoy Scotland’s rural communities.

Grants of £50,000 to £300,000 for up to 70% of approved costs will be awarded with match funding or resources provided from public sector, community group or private sector i.e. this could be land provided for the development or project development or management costs absorbed by the Applicant.

Supported projects may include, for example, parking, camping facilities, disposal points (especially for camper vans) and toilet provision.
It is also intended that grants awarded will provide leverage of additional and focused investment, stimulate collaboration and build capacity within communities. Successful applications must demonstrate they can deliver the following:

- An enhanced visitor experience
- A sustainable approach
- Community capacity building
- Effective partnerships and collaboration
- Project viability and deliverability

The deadline for initial expressions of interest is 27 April 2018.

The deadline for final application is 27 July 2018.

Pilot projects receiving support so far include the famous Fairy Pools and Neist Point on Skye and the Standing Stones of Stenness on Orkney that together received £480,000 towards the completion of urgent works ahead of the main tourist season.

Useful Links:

- Criteria Conditions and Guidelines
- Expression of Interest Form
- Application Form

Farm Business Grants Programme Due to Re-Open for Applications on the 30th April (Wales)

The fourth application window for the Welsh Government’s Farm Business Grant (FBG), designed to improve the economic and environmental performance of agricultural holdings, is due to re-open for applications from the 30th April to the 29th June 2018.

FBG funding aims to help farmers make their businesses more efficient, resilient and environmentally friendly by providing a contribution towards capital investments in items of equipment and machinery.
Farmers are eligible to apply for grants of between £3,000 and £12,000.

Useful Links:

Farm Business Grant Scheme - General Rules Booklet

Farm Business Grant Scheme - Addendum to the Farm Business Grant General Rules Booklet

Farm Business Grant Scheme - Annex A Window 3

Farm Business Grant Scheme - Frequently Asked Questions


Capital Grants to Create Multi-Sport Facilities (Northern Ireland)

A new capital grants programme financed by National Lottery funds and managed and administered by Sport Northern Ireland has extended its application deadline until 4pm on the 18th May 2018.

The Multi-Facility Fund aims to partially address identified sports facility deficits by contributing to targets outlined in The Northern Ireland Strategy for Sport and Physical Recreation (2009-2019) – Sport Matters and supports the objectives of Sport Northern Ireland’s Corporate Plan.

Grants of £100,000 to £1,000,000 will be available for projects that:

- Create a multi-facility environment with a mixture of indoor and / or outdoor provision i.e. host “Four or more different sports facility types located on a single site.” For example, a site could include a natural turf pitch; synthetic pitch, sports hall, and a fitness suite.
- Address identified sports facility deficits.
- Can demonstrate consultation/support from three or more Sport NI recognised Governing Bodies of Sport and deliver against their local priorities.
- Have a long-term sustainable sports development plan which details programmed activity, aimed at significantly increasing participation.

Eligible applicants will be:

- Councils
- Voluntary sports clubs and voluntary/community sector organisations
Funding Support for Former Mining Communities (East & West Midlands, North East & North West of England, Yorkshire and Kent)

The Coalfields Community Investment Programme, which provides grants to community and voluntary groups to tackle key challenges that still affect the top 30% most deprived coalfield communities in England has re-opened for applications.

Grants totaling £125,000 will be available in this funding round for projects that address the following themes:

- Skills - growing the skills of people in order to increase their opportunities;
- Employment - developing pathways to increase the number of people in work;
- Health - supporting projects that increase participation in activities/services that improve health and wellbeing.

The maximum grant per project will be £10,000.

Applicants are advised to consult the eligible wards list on the website before making an application. To apply, organisations need to complete an eligibility survey to determine whether the applicant organisation/group meets the criteria to apply for funding from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT). The closing date for submitting the eligibility survey will be the 8th June 2018. The deadline for submitting applications is the 15th June 2018.
Grants Available to Develop Community – University Research Partnerships (West Midlands and London)

The National Co-ordinating Centre for Public Engagement (NCCPE) has launched the Community University Partnership Initiative (CUPI). Funded by Power to Change and the Arts and Humanities Research Council, CUPI supports community organisations (including community businesses, charities, social enterprises, and voluntary organisations) and university researchers to create trusting and useful research collaborations which benefit all the partners involved and will be of benefit to their community.

This may take many forms such as providing services, running local facilities, connecting people, encouraging and supporting participation in public life, and much more.

Events are held regionally – to encourage local partnership development. At each event, small grants of £500 to £1000 (£7000 in total at each event) are available for ‘thinking time’ where teams of community partners and academics can work together and put together follow up funding bids. Teams can then bid for up to £5,000 to either develop or deliver their project.

The next events are:


https://www.publicengagement.ac.uk/nccpe-projects-and-services/nccpe-projects/community-university-partnership-initiative

Funding for the Repair and Conservation of Churches (Yorkshire)

Christian churches of any denomination that are used for public worship and situated in Yorkshire have until the 24th August 2018 to apply for funding to the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust for:
• Repairs to the church fabric;
• The conservation of fixtures and fittings;
• Repairs to bells, clocks and organs.

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

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

Useful Links:

Grant application form 2018
Grant guidance notes 2018
http://www.yhct.org.uk/grants/

Funding for Bedfordshire School and Community Projects (Bedfordshire)

The Wixamtree Trust is a general grant-making Trust that focuses most of their support on organisations (including schools) and projects based or operating in Bedfordshire. The Trust also supports a small number of national charities with whom the main benefactor had been associated with during his life.

Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are usually awarded. Only a small number of donations are made outside this range and it is rare for the Trustees to approve a grant amounting to more than 10% of the annual running costs of an organisation or of any particular project or service for which the funds are being sought.

Awards are usually single grants, rather than multiple payments and the do not give more than one grant to an organisation in a twelve-month period. Further applications may be made on the anniversary of an award.

Applicant organisations must either be:

• Based or operating within the county of Bedfordshire or
• A registered charity or considered to be charitable in nature by the Inland Revenue.
Examples of Projects Funded:

Crescent Summer School Project – Project to empower young people.

Goldington Academy PTA - New Minibus Appeal

Child Brain Injury Trust – Support towards co-ordinator’s salary.

Leedon Lower School PTA - Leedon Log Library/Multi-use Family Learning Centre Project

The Trustees meet four times each year, usually in January, April, July and November to consider funding requests.

The deadline to apply for the next meeting of the is 26th June 2018.

Useful Links:

Guidance Notes

Online Application Form

https://wixamtree.org/application/

Funding for Community Based Projects (Leicestershire)

The next deadline to apply for funding through the SHIRE Community Grant programme is he 14th May 2018.

The SHIRE Community Grant programme aims to enable voluntary and community sector organisations to deliver community-based projects, services and activities which directly benefit the most vulnerable people in Leicestershire. Any constituted ‘not-for-profit’ community group, registered charity, Town/Parish Council, social business/enterprise or Community Interest Company can apply for a grant of up to £10,000. Smaller grants of up to £3,000 for community based projects and of up to £1,000 for repeat or ongoing activities are also available. Applications for new and innovative projects that will:

- Improve the lives, health and wellbeing of vulnerable and disadvantaged individuals and communities in Leicestershire
- Provide early intervention and prevention based solutions which help to reduce demand on Council and other public services
Recent small grant awards include:

£350 to Charnwood Soccer School for promotional material, footballs and bibs (for disadvantaged children).

£3,000 to Headstrong Wellbeing for an Integrative Therapy Project for Men (a mental health initiative).

Useful Links:

Guidance Notes

Application Form

http://www.leicestershirecommunities.org.uk/grants/

London Homelessness Awards 2018 Launched (London)

Registered social landlords, local councils, London NHS and health related organisations and voluntary organisations have until 2pm on the 15th May to apply for the London Homelessness Awards 2018.

The awards have been running for 20 years and recognise the creativity and imagination that agencies can bring to services for homeless people.

To be eligible to apply, projects must be:

- London based and either improve services to the homeless.
- Prevent homelessness
- Tackle disadvantage caused by homelessness.

Project must have been operating and delivering services for a minimum of six months. The three winners will be announced in October and will receive £30,000, £20,000 and £10,000 as well as professional support to publicise their work and develop the profile of their organisation.

Useful Links:

Guidance Notes
Grants to Tackle Poverty and Inequality (London)

Trust for London is an independent charitable foundation tackling poverty and inequality in the capital. The Trust is particularly interested in new and imaginative ways of addressing the root causes of London’s social problems, especially where it has the potential to influence and change policy, practice and public attitudes. For example, advocacy work, legal advice or representation, community activities and advice work may be funded.

The Trust operates seven funding programmes offering grants to organisations undertaking charitable activities (including but not limited to Registered Charities):

- Good Homes & Neighbourhoods
- Better Work
- Decent Living Standards
- Shared Wealth
- Pathways to Settlement
- Stronger Voices
- Connected Communities

Grants can be made for specific project or on-going costs including staff salaries and overheads for mainly revenue costs, however small capital items may be funded.

There is no minimum or maximum size of grant, however, the average grant will be around £80,000 and grants exceeding £150,000 are rare.

Applicants are expected to apply for the amount they need to carry out the work and grants can be spread over one, two or three years.

The next grant deadline: 1pm on the 5th Jun 2018.

Useful Links:
Application Guidelines

Application Form

Trust for London Video

https://www.trustforlondon.org.uk/funding/apply-grant/

Funding for Projects in the International Quarter (London)

East End Community Foundation is distributing funding on behalf of Lendlease to support the local communities around the International Quarter, London, a diverse community of homes, workplace and dynamic public spaces. The IQL Community Fund offers grants to local charities and not-for-profit organisations building on the strengths of local people, celebrating the rich cultural diversity of the area and supporting people most in need in this time of change.

Eligible applicants will be not-for-profit organisations including; community groups, registered charities, tenants and residents’ associations, companies limited by guarantee, social enterprises or community interest companies. Friends of schools or parent teacher associations may apply for projects that are open and of benefit to the wider community, not just for children at the school.

Grants of £500 and up to £5,000 from a total pot of £25,000 to build inclusive places, creating a welcoming and diverse place to live, work, play and learn. Projects supported will contribute to at least one of the following:

- Maximise the ability to strengthen community cohesion
- Build social capacity by bringing together the existing and new community
- Engage with the environment and public spaces through arts, culture and innovation

And meet the following criteria:

- Deliver activities of benefit to people who live, work or study within a 1.5 radius of the International Quarter London. In Newham this includes the wards of Canning Town North, Plaistow North, West Ham, Stratford & New Town, Forest Gate South and Forest Gate North
- Meet a locally identified need i.e. demonstrate that the activity is wanted and needed by communities who will benefit (e.g. through consultation or feedback)
- Demonstrate how the proposed work meets a gap in provision and complements existing services.
The deadline is 12 noon on Tuesday 15th May.

Potential applicants are advised to contact the EECF Grants Team to discuss their proposal before applying by phone 020 7345 444 or email http://grants@eastendcf.org

Useful Links:

Application Guidelines

Funding for Projects Alleviating the Social Effects of Alcohol Abuse and Misuse (London)

A change of focus for the Vintners’ Company has resulted in the majority of funding being awarded to selected charities, however some funds are still available for new applications.

Applications are accepted for specific projects from registered charities concerned with alleviating the social effects of alcohol abuse/misuse within Greater and Inner London for grants of £3,000 to £5,000. National Charities may apply where the funds will be ring-fenced for work within Greater London, and preferably Inner London. General running costs are not normally supported.

Apply at any time for one of four annual meetings, usually in March, June, September and December. Applications arriving too late for one meeting will be postponed to the following scheduled meeting.

Organisations supported in 2017 included:

- City of London Police Widows’ and Orphans’ Fund
- St Mary le Bow Young Homeless Charity
- Hackney Pirates
- DePaul UK (Nightstop London)

https://vintnershall.co.uk/charity/grants/

Funding Available for Community Health Projects (Lambeth, Southwark, Bromley, Lewisham, Greenwich, Bexley)

The Peoples Health Trust's Active Communities programme in Lambeth, Southwark, Bromley,
Lewisham, Greenwich, Bexley (HealthWisdom) is open for applications until 1 pm on the 9th May 2018.

Through the Active Communities programme, grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 per year are available for projects target areas or communities (including communities of interest) most affected by health inequalities. For example, this could be a project covering a few streets, a housing estate; a small village or a group of people who have shared experiences, characteristics or common interests and wish to come together to address specific issues that are important to them. They may live across a wider area.

Projects can run for between 9 months and 2 years. Groups can apply if they are non-profit, have a constitution and are more than three months old and the group's income must be less than £350,000 a year, or an average of £350,000 over two years.

Activities supported through the Active Communities programme in the past have included:

- A mediation service run by tenants on a housing estate;
- A women's volunteering group run by and for Bengali women;
- Support for local people to become community organisers.
- Setting up a green space in urban areas; etc.


Grants for Projects to Help Prevent, or Reduce, the Risk of Heart Disease (Cornwall, Devon, Dorset)

The Heart Research UK (HRUK) and Subway® Healthy Heart grant scheme has re-opened for applications in Cornwall, Devon and Dorset.

Not for profit groups, voluntary organisations and registered charities are able to apply for grants of up to £10,000 for new, original and innovative projects lasting 6 - 12 months. Supported projects will actively promote Heart Health and help to prevent, or reduce, the risk of heart disease. To apply, register your organisation on the website and fill in the online application form.

The closing date for applications is the 22nd May 2018.

The fund is due to open for applications in other regions throughout the year (please check the Heart Research UK website for details).

**Previous projects supported include:**
The Argyle Community Trust which received a grant of £9,320 for a project engaging males to play 6 a side football in a Healthy Heart League with a focus on weight loss for overweight and obese men.

Wings South West, which received a grant of £9,110 for KidzFit a health and fitness programme that is run for primary schools, with fun fitness sessions for school children intertwined with short, high energy and visually engaging presentations on how to their keep hearts healthy.

Useful Links:

Click here to register and complete your Healthy Heart Grant Application.

https://heartresearch.org.uk/community-grants/heart-research-uk-and-subway%E2%80%99s-healthy-heart-grant

Funding to Engage the Public in Health Research and Innovation (UK / International)

The Wellcome Foundation’s Public Engagement Fund is open to commercial and not-for-profit organisations and individuals working in the arts, culture, entertainment media, heritage, leisure, education, research, informal learning or other fields for projects that focus on health (even where this is not the main focus or core activity of the applicant). The Foundation seeks creative ideas about how to engage the public in health research that focus on people, helping everyone play their own role in improving health. Work which promotes diversity and inclusion and engages people and communities who are affected by social and economic disadvantage is particularly welcomed.

Funded projects will offer creative approaches to engage the public by:

- Empowering people
- Improving health research
- Helping people to value and think critically about science, health research, innovation and the role these play in society

Projects funded will be innovative or a new way of working; a development of an already successful activity that can be scaled up, made sustainable and cost-effective; or an existing activity that can be replicated with a new audience, e.g. a different demographic or location.

Grants of £25,000 to £3 million are awarded to projects taking place in the UK, Republic of Ireland or low and middle-income countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, East Asia and the Pacific region for work lasting up to 3 years.
Applications for grants under £250,000 are considered through a single stage application process four times a year – the next deadline is 3rd May 2018.

Grants over £250,000 are considered throughout the year following the submission of an expression of interest – apply at any time.

Previous projects supported include:

- Camden People’s Theatre which received a grant of £20,000 for its production “Fog Everywhere”. This is a collaboration between Camden People’s Theatre (CPT), King’s College London’s Lung Biology Group and a group of young people based in Camden looking at the impact of air pollution in the capital, explored through a playful folk history of the London fog.
- The Infers Group received a grant of £100,000 for its Arting health for impact project which explores the potential of using street art and collaborative design to engage the public on science and health in Botswana, India and South Africa. The project plans to forge collaborations between biomedical researchers, street artists and community members so they can interact with each other and create culturally-relevant and sensitive art installations in each of these countries.

https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/public-engagement-fund

Funding for Projects that Encourage Young People’s Interest in the Countryside; Literacy, Numeracy and Science (UK)

Schools and not for profit organisations can apply for grants of up to £12,000 for projects that encourage young people’s interest in the countryside; literacy, numeracy and science. All applications are expected to link in with either the National Curriculum or with recognised qualifications.

Funding is available via two funding streams.

The small grants programme (grants under £4,000) supports state schools and small registered charities which require a small amount of pump-priming in order for projects to take place. The programme is a rolling one, with meetings at roughly two-monthly intervals throughout the year.

The large grants programme (grants up to £12,000) is aimed at larger-scale education programmes.

The next closing date for applications to the large grants programme is the 31st July 2018.
Previous projects supported include:

Fleet Infant School in Hampshire which received a grant of £1,495 to buy Numicon teaching resources to raise numeracy levels;

Dersingham Primary School in Kings Lynn which received £2,700 to transform maths teaching. The school led a workshop with all children and their parents to show how the school teaches maths, including strategies for calculations under the new curriculum.

http://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/how-to-apply/#grantsProgramme

Matched Funding for Books for Primary Schools (UK)

Educational specialist retailers BookLife are offering match-funding on book purchases to all primary schools in the UK. Schools purchasing books from BookLife can apply for match funding of the same amount – effectively doubling the value of their order. Books can be purchased online, by phone or by email. A total of £3million has been allocated to the scheme and there is no limit to how many times a school can apply.

The offer is valid for all products in the BookLife Match Funding Catalogue (except those from the BookLife Publishing category).

The scheme closes at the end of July 2018.

https://www.booklife.co.uk/pages/what-is-match-funding

Funding for Empowering Girls and Young Women in Developing Countries (UK / International)

Grants of between £50,000 - £100,000 will be available for projects in developing countries that are working for the social, economic and political empowerment of girls and women; and to strengthen the capacity of grassroots organisations to predict identity-based violence.

The funding will be available to small not for profit organisations in the UK with an annual income of below £500,000 and to organisations based in one of the lowest 50 countries in the UN Human Development Index (HDI) or in one of the countries that DFID considers to be of high or moderate fragility.

The funding is being made available through the Jo Cox Memorial Strengthening grants programme
and will make grants across 2 thematic areas:

Theme 1: Women’s social, economic and political empowerment through supporting women-led civil society. This thematic area will support civil society to take an integrated approach to gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls – to tackle the combined and simultaneous disadvantages girls and women experience – in different areas and at different times of their lives. This will include contexts where space for these civic actors is closing or at risk.

Theme 2: Strengthening civil society capacity for early prediction of identity-based violence including mass atrocities; and amplifying and supporting response to early warnings in order to prompt timely and effective interventions that prevent escalation and better protect populations from the threat of violence.

Projects can have a duration of 2-3 years.

The programme will open for applications from the 4th April – 13 June 2018.

https://www.ukaiddirect.org/apply/jo-cox-memorial-fund-strengthening/

New Funding and Support Will Be Made Available to Women Through a Second Round of Innovate UK’s Female-Only Competition (UK)

Innovate UK has announced that it will run a second phase of its Women in Innovation awards. The programme, which will launch later this year, will consist of a funding competition and support package to encourage more female-led innovation.

Alongside this, Innovate UK will start running quarterly innovation accelerator workshops to help get more women innovating in business nationwide. Innovate UK will also review our existing programmes to see how we can better promote and inspire diversity.

The second Women in Innovation competition will seek ideas that address the 4 grand challenges posed by government’s Industrial Strategy. These are:

- AI and the data economy
- clean growth
- future of mobility
- ageing society
- Learn more about the 4 grand challenges.
In the first phase which ran in September 2016, grants of up to £50,000 were made available to fund 15 female-led businesses plus mentoring.


Grants of up to £2,000 for Projects Tackling Disadvantage and Deprivation (England, Scotland & Wales)

The next application deadline for the Greggs Foundation Local Community Projects Fund is the 22nd June 2018.

The foundation is a grant making trust which distributes around £1.8 million per year to organisations throughout England, Scotland and Wales. The Local Community Projects Fund makes grants of up to £2,000 to not for profit organisations with a turnover of less than £300,000 a year who work to reduce the disadvantage of the most deprived people in the community. This should include one or more of the following communities of interest i.e. people who are:

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness
- Living in poverty
- Voluntary carers
- Homeless people
- Isolated older people
- Other demonstrable significant need

The Foundation are more likely to make grants to local organisations based near Greggs shops. Please use the shop locator on the Greggs website to find their nearest shop.


New Grant Scheme for Projects Benefitting the Physical and Mental Health of Young People (Scotland)

Schools, voluntary or community organisations, youth groups, youth associations and other non-profit organisations such as local heritage, community and sports groups across Scotland can now benefit from a new National Lottery fund worth £550,000 in total. The Year of Young People National Lottery Fund is a joint scheme from Big Lottery Fund, Heritage Lottery Fund, SportScotland, and Spirit of 2012 (a UK Trust endowed with Big Lottery funds) that aims to help change the lives of
young people in Scotland.

Grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 will be awarded to heritage, community and sports projects in Scotland that last no longer than 18 months; are run for and by young people aged eight to 26 years old; and that improve their health and wellbeing by:

- Encouraging positive mental health for young people
- Inspiring young people to lead active lives;
- Involving young people in the development, design, running and evaluation of the project
- Celebrating and sharing young people’s achievements e.g. awards or accreditations.

This may include, for example, offering young people new opportunities to enjoy Scotland’s wildlife and nature, helping them to volunteer for a sport or community organisation or to discover a new creative talent.

Priority will be given to projects that show young people are integral at all stages of the project and demonstrate that they strongly meet a local need.

In addition, successful projects will provide a platform to share what the young people have learnt, for example, through a performance, an intergenerational event, an exhibition or online.

There are two application deadlines: 30th April and 18th June 2018.

Additional Information:

For pre-application advice contact YOYPFund@hlf.org.uk or 0131 225 9450.

Programme Guidelines can be found at:


To register and apply for a grant, visit the Heritage Lottery Fund online application portal.

http://national-lottery-yoyp.org.uk/

Irish Language Broadcast Fund (Northern Ireland)

Northern Ireland based production companies have until on the 12 noon, Friday 7th September 2018 to apply for funding through the Irish Language Broadcast Fund (ILBF).
The aim of the Irish Language Broadcast Fund is to promote the broadcast and production of quality Irish language content for an audience in Northern Ireland and beyond and to help grow the Irish language production sector in Northern Ireland.

To be eligible for funding broadcasts and productions need to have an Irish language minimum content of 75% and should appeal to a Northern Ireland audience. Northern Ireland Screen will also consider co-productions where at least one of the production companies is based in Northern Ireland.

https://northernirelandscreen.co.uk/categories/7/ilbf.aspx