**Newsletter**

This week’s newsletter bids, grants and Funds come to you in conjunction with our sponsors KPI DEVELOPMENT Limited going forward. Exciting news on that next week with our newsletter going out to some 3,122 professionals’ in the industry. We have been asked to do a special edition this week in relation to Father’s Day and the World Cup start so have a Bumper Edition of 57 pages of information News, Bids Grants and Funds.

Did you know as an Apprenticeship there is funding for a person to achieve the Level 4 Diploma in Intelligence Operations as part of an Apprenticeship framework. Individuals will receive the most comprehensive training in analytical techniques. This will enable them to influence high level decision making through intelligence analysis.

**Women's networking forum 4th September, Bristol, £15 members/ £30 non members**

If you provide services designed for women in the criminal justice system, stay up-to-date and informed through our women’s networking forums. At this event you will:

- Get an update on government policy
- Receive information about voluntary sector campaigns and projects
- Influence Clinks’ policy work and ensure your voice is represented
- Share ideas, good practice and support.

Our networking forums provide support, information and networking opportunities to those working with women in contact with the criminal justice system. They are hosted in partnership with Agenda who will provide updates on their work. The events are aimed at Project Managers and Chief Executive Officers.


**EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT WEST MIDLANDS ERSA** have partnered with West Midlands Combined Authority to deliver the inaugural Employment Support West Midlands network on 27 June from 11 to 1pm in Birmingham. The meeting is open to anyone with an interest in employment support services in West Midlands. Attendees will hear from Kirsty Mchugh, CEO ERSA and John Hall, Programme Manager from the West Midlands Combined Authority about the Regional Skills Plan and the Employment Support Framework. You do not need to be an ERSA member to attend, register here or email events@ersa.org.uk #networking #employability
Women in Apprenticeships: Conference Celebration of women in Apprenticeships Conference
The Top 10 trades and sectors for apprenticeships in 1918 show how engineering and construction were popular choices both then and now. In contrast, the most popular trade in 1914 was dressmaking, whereas today health and social care tops the list.

Today the growth sector for apprenticeships include: the digital sector, banking and professional services such as tax consultancy.

Today the majority of apprenticeship starts are in the service sectors. 86% of all starts were in four subject areas: Health, Public Services and Care; Business, Administration and Law; Retail & Commercial Enterprise; and Engineering and Manufacturing Technologies.

One hundred years ago, women made up 22% of apprentices, a figure that has significantly increased to 54% today.

Today apprentices are made up of females of all ages, and attending the conference we will have apprentices from ages 16 to ladies in their 70s.

As they do today, a hundred years ago employers offered a mixture of on-the-job training and formal education. However, the research also reveals some major differences: apprentices were ‘indentured’ (legally required) to work for an employer for a number of years and had to pay a fee to their employer to cover the cost of their training. They were also required to pay for their tools out of their salaries.

Any apprentice that was felt to be performing below par could be summoned to appear in court at their employer’s request. This could be for turning up late, being ‘idle’ or just having a bad attitude and could even result in a prison sentence.

Today, in contrast, apprentices have quality apprenticeship frameworks, their training funded by the government and employer*, their tools are provided, they have access to higher education and employers provide further support through mentoring.

We still have a long way to go, but this Conference will celebrate the female apprentices of today and the women who work in the Apprenticeship Sector to make it happen. WHAT A JOURNEY WE HAVE MADE IN THE PAST 100 YEARS.

To get tickets be a woman or a man https://www.celebrationofapprenticeships.com/

I am pleased to now be able to tell you TrueBlue, a global provider of specialised workforce solutions, has, through its PeopleScout Recruitment Process Outsourcing (RPO) segment, acquired TMP Holdings LTD (“TMP”) which operates in the United Kingdom under the brand name TMP Worldwide.
TMP is an award-winning provider of employer branding and recruitment marketing solutions with a portfolio of marquee RPO clients. The acquisition achieves two primary objectives. First, it expands PeopleScout’s global RPO capabilities and EMEA client base, team and operations. Second, the acquisition creates a powerful talent advisory offering for PeopleScout’s global client base comprised of a broad array of services, including employer branding, recruitment marketing, assessment services and talent acquisition strategy.

TMP’s London headquarters will serve as PeopleScout’s EMEA headquarters, joining its worldwide headquarters in Chicago and APAC headquarters in Sydney. TMP’s Bristol delivery centre will join PeopleScout’s global delivery centre network which supports clients in more than 70 countries.

“With TMP, we significantly strengthen our RPO footprint and delivery capabilities in EMEA – deepening our expertise in this strategic market,” said PeopleScout President Taryn Owen, who will continue to lead the organisation. “Additionally, the TMP team infuses PeopleScout with decades of experience in recruitment.

**Information: planning and preparing for adult education budget devolution**

In March this year, we issued providers with their adult education budget allocations (AEB) for the 2018 to 2019 year. This contained important information about how AEB allocations for 2019 to 2020 will change because of devolution.

This week, we will be writing to AEB providers again, giving more detail on how we will calculate 2019 to 2020 ESFA non-devolved AEB allocations and how changes to AEB may affect them from 2019 onwards.

To further support providers, we will publish a narrated presentation this summer, covering the technical aspects of ESFA non-devolved allocations.

We will write to all providers in December 2018 with more details on ESFA non-devolved AEB allocations. We will issue ESFA non-devolved AEB allocations, before the end of March 2019.

**Information: Centres for Excellence programme for basic maths**

The Department for Education have recently launched the Centres for Excellence programme for basic maths. The [application process for post-16 institutions is now open](https://www.gov.uk). You should submit your application to Centres.forExcellence@education.gov.uk no later than 5pm on Tuesday, 10 July.
Information: qualification achievement rates (QARs) 2017 to 2018 – in-year data release  
For 2017 to 2018, there will be an additional release of QAR data at the end of June 2018. This new, in-year QAR release will provide indicative apprenticeship and education & training QARs based on the 2017 to 2018 Individualised Learner Record (ILR) R10 data. Providers can use this data internally to identify and resolve potential data issues prior to the ILR R14 hard close on 18 October 2018.

We will publish this data on the Hub and through an additional Business Intelligence dashboard. The 2016 to 2017 QAR data will continue to be available in the current QAR dashboard. We will release provisional QAR data for 2017 to 2018 to individual providers in January 2019, and then publish final QAR data in March 2019.

For further details about the in-year QAR, go to the QAR webpage.

We are only running the technology and recruitment innovation conference once this year so this really is your only chance to find out about the latest recruitment technology in this unique format. It’s from 10-5pm next Wednesday 20th June at Great Portland Street in London. Tickets are incredibly cost effective and can be booked here.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/recruitment-technology-innovation-social-media-showcase-20-june-registration-42033716979

Call me if you’ve any questions about the event - would love to see you there.
Louise 07917 058523

We are encouraging providers with exceptional technical education and training to identify and encourage a suitable member of staff to submit an expression of interest for the Technical Teaching Fellowship programme. This new programme, funded in partnership with the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851, will celebrate, develop and disseminate exceptional practice in technical teaching, to support and empower the industrial and technical expertise of the next generation.

Funded fellowships will enable successful applicants to develop and promote a model of professional excellence in their delivery of technical education, raising the profile of organisations employing and encouraging individuals who exhibit exceptional practice.
Find out more at etfoundation.co.uk/TTF

Ok you will all know One File and many of you know Successful Mums
If you work with returners to work could you send out the “Returner Survey”
Calling all mums that have returned to work after a break!

Jane Knight (Successful Mums) has partnered with Susanna Lawson (OneFile) to design an important survey to find out about Women’s experiences of returning to work after maternity or adoption leave. This survey is part of a bigger project to help with the transition for employees when returning to work. The results will help support employers to create the right environment for returners and allow businesses to thrive. Being a returner to work will affect the majority of us at some point in our lives. The chances are it will also affect our children in their career, so, your contribution is important and valuable for the future careers.

Please take a few minutes to complete this survey, this would really support the work Jane and Susanna do and there is a chance to win Amazon Vouchers too. Get involved, complete the survey and help returners on their career journey...

Jane Knight is the founder of Successful Mums a London Training Provider and Susanna Lawson is Business Women of the Year and Co Owner of OneFile. Both are passionate about positive change for employers and returners in the workplace.
Please start the survey here
https://orangesheep.typeform.com/to/JgHHCP

The largest college group in the country is to be dropped from the government’s final bidding round for Institutes of Technology after Ofsted hit it with a grade three rating, FE Week understands. Two teams of inspectors were deployed to NCG last month, in a visit prompted by achievement rate concerns. FE Week understands that they are expected to deliver an overall ‘requires improvement’ rating for the group, down from ‘good’, raising particular concerns with its leadership and management. Its training provider, Intraining, was subject to a separate report and is also expected to be awarded a grade three.

The ramifications of a ‘requires improvement’ are likely to be severe. For instance, FE Week also understands that NCG will now be thrown out of the final stage of the government’s competition to open an IoT. It was one of 16 providers to make the cut in bids for a share of £170 million put aside for the institutes. In a wide-ranging interview below, NCG’s chair Peter Lauener explains that NCG’s bid was a “good model” which included a “hub and spoke involving a lot of other providers”.

However, he would not be drawn on Ofsted’s findings, nor his thoughts about the bid being dropped by the DfE, other than to say “that is not a decision for us”. DfE guidance for opening an IoT states that a provider’s Ofsted grade must be at least ‘good’. As revealed by FE Week last month, alarm bells started ringing at NCG after Ofsted took a highly unusual decision to extend its inspection.
Generally the watchdog would expect only to carry out a short inspection had there been no concerns. NCG was rated ‘good’ in September 2016 following a five-month standoff during which it successfully overturned a lower grade. Intraining was also given a grade two that June.

However, overall achievement rates at NCG are well below the national average. In 2016/17, the combined overall apprenticeship achievement rate for NCG’s colleges was just 55.6 per cent, while Intraining’s was 58 per cent. Read more about this at: https://feweek.co.uk/2018/06/15/trouble-ahead-for-ncg-with-anticipated-grade-three-from-ofsted/

My name is Joyce Archbold I am writing to you from SocietyLinks Tower Hamlets; a small charity based in Tower Hamlets, East London. We are based in a community centre where we provide youth club sessions, exercise classes, food co-op, playgroup, job club and through our partnership working we provide courses in ESOL and childcare.

Currently we have 5 sessions of childcare training courses running ranging from levels 1-3. However, the training provider we have been working with over 5 years are going to cease trading from the end of July. The way in which our partnership operates is that we recruit participants through our community links and partnerships and refer them on to be signed up by the training provider at the appropriate level to their needs. The students are then registered and enrolled on Pearson Edexcel Children’s Learning and Development courses. We currently have waiting lists for each level; the courses have been running term time only on a roll on roll off basis. Some students also complete employability skills and vocational skills as part of their training.

We are now seeking to develop partnerships with other training providers who will be able to deliver childcare training from our centre. We do not charge for any of our outreach work and recruitments drives, we only charge hall hire for our IT room or main hall from £15/hour. If you feel that you are in a position to deliver courses from our centre please get in touch by email or by phone.
Tel: 0207 702 0901 Email: info@societylinks.org.uk Website: www.societylinks.org.uk

Former Select Committee Chair Neil Carmichael to lead inquiry with leading education provider. Pearson, the digital education company, has announced a new, independent group to examine the UK’s future skills needs and landscape.

The Commission on Sustainable Learning for Life, Work & a Changing Economy will be chaired by former head of the Education Select Committee, Neil Carmichael.

The expert group is designed to provide a clear and independent overview of the challenges facing education in the UK - with an emphasis on vocational and technical education - and generate practical solutions. The Commission will seek to engage the widest possible audience - including educators, learners and employers - to look at the factors driving our skills needs well into this
century, how our current education system is or is not equipped to deliver them, and the innovations, changes and challenges that may be faced along the way.

The initial cohort of members includes:

- Neil Carmichael (Chair);
- Ian Ashman (former President, Association of Colleges);
- Alice Barnard (Chief Executive, The Edge Foundation);
- Jim Clifford (Partner & Director of Advisory/Impact, Bates Wells Braithwaite);
- Ann Francke (Chief Executive, Chartered Management Institute);
- Nick Hudson (Chief Executive, Ormiston Academies Trust);
- John Laramy (Principal & Chief Executive, Exeter College);
- Dave Phoenix (Vice-Chancellor, London South Bank University);
- James Kirkup (Director, Social Market Foundation);
- Mark Stewart (Hr Director, Airbus);
- Ian Looker (Education Lead, PWC); Professor Geoff Wake (University of Nottingham);
- Pearson’s Rod Bristow (President, UK & Core Markets) and Cindy Rampersaud (Senior Vice-President, BTEC & Apprenticeships, Pearson) will also attend.

In particular, but not exclusively, the group will seek evidence, in the form of research and testimony on the following six issues:

- Predictions about the future of work and skills, taking into account global and local trends, many of which have been documented in recent industry reports.
- The relationship between academic study and vocational, or career, training.
- The interface between employers/entrepreneurs and educators - establishing the equilibrium between supply and demand for skills.
- The relationship between curriculum design and assessment/awards.
- Routes & signposting in the education for the learner, including lifelong learning.

Neil Carmichael commented: “I am delighted to be leading this commission. This is a time of huge challenges in education and society. To meet those challenges we need the independent expertise of schools, colleges, universities, employers, learners and policy makers to be collated into practical suggestions to aid the government and others in equipping Great Britain for the task ahead.”

Rod Bristow, President of Pearson in the UK commented: “Pearson is committed to supporting high quality research, investigation and public dialogue which improves the quality of education in the UK. That is why I am so pleased to have joined and be supporting the new Commission on Skills under Neil Carmichael. This work will build on the publication of Pearson’s recent ‘Future of Skills: Employment in 2030’ report which highlights the critical skills citizens will need in the challenging and evolving decades ahead.”
The Commission has made its first call for evidence and will be hosting a public session on ‘The future of the world of work’ on 11th June at London South Bank University, and a second on 21st June at the Festival of Education.

How’re you fixed to attend the Dartford FC Business Club luncheon on Monday 25th June? For event details and to register your FREE ticket, please click on this link; https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/june-networking-with-the-dartford-fc-business-club-tickets-46315456778 These tried and tested meetings are strictly ticket-only events; no walk-ups on the day. Are you able to join us on Monday 25th June?

1. Right Monday I will be with the AGM for Collab Group. The accumulated impact of former Collab Group learners who are currently employed in the UK’s workforce amounts to £31.6 billion in added income to the UK’s economy each year and altogether, the economic impact of Collab Group to the business community in the UK is £33.2 billion each year. Collab Group colleges make a significant, positive contribution to this country. Together they represent a combined annual turnover of around £1.2 billion, spread nationwide around the country. As an organisation, we have a combined total of over 800,000 learners and over 30,000 employees, supporting over 50,000 apprentices each year. All of our colleges and college groups have incredible partnerships with employers, co-creating and delivering high quality, and professional skills. They each offer transformative leadership in the education sector, providing learning environments which support enhances technical, professional and other skills, enabling learners to be ready for work. Working together, we will achieve real change to impact the lives of learners and to strengthen the economy.

2. Tuesday is a very busy day when I am seeing about five lots of people but I cannot tell you too much but I will also be seeing Alex Lockey Director of Bolt Jobs. Bolt was founded by Alex Lockey in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, UK. Alex I’ve always had a passion for working with people. In my earlier days of business I recruited for the FE & Training sector for a multi-sector agency before moving on to run a successful e-commerce business and then return to the education and healthcare recruiting sectors. After much success tackling new frontiers and running successful teams, I feel like I’ve seen the great, the bad and the ugly of education recruitment. Hence, I founded Bolt. My goal is to make hiring an honest and value adding process for all involved. This means honest, valuable and stress free for both employers and talent in the FE, HE and Training sectors. So far, we’ve been able to innovate to the point where we deliver industry-leading results. See more at https://boltjobs.com/about/

3. Wed I am also fully booked

4. Thursday off to the 02 for a Charity Management meeting.

5. Friday back for invoices and Admin
Some people are asking about the New London Skills Strategy which is the Skills for Londoners Strategy. The Mayor of London launched the Skills for Londoners Strategy. It sets out the contextual skills challenges London faces, along with the priorities and actions required to make changes.

Its three key priorities are to:

1. Empower all Londoners to access the education and skills to participate in society and progress in education and work.
2. Meet the needs of London’s economy and employers now and in the future.
3. Deliver a strategic city-wide technical skills and adult education offer.

You can get it at:
https://www.london.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sfl_strategy_final_june_20186.pdf

Tip of the week 1: Seven nights in Majorca from £119. Details
https://www.groupon.co.uk/deals/976

Tip of the week 2: Five Odeon tickets for £25. Details
https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/deals/odeon#deal39932

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
Our Facebook is https://www.facebook.com/EEVTLtd/?fref=ts
Also our website at http://eevt.org/
Also via Twitter at https://twitter.com/EevtSteve
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Provision of an Adult & Community Learning (Lifelong Learning) Provider Panel
Cheshire East Borough Council

This tender process is an opportunity for organisations to become a member of the 'Provider Panel', to provide a compliant route to review the potential enablement of ESFA funding allocation for Adult and Community Learning. Cheshire East Lifelong Learning (CELL) is undertaking a commissioning exercise to procure and develop Adult Education Budget provision for the residents of the Borough reference Public Contracts Regulation Light Touch Regime. This will be delivered in the form of a Contract for the Provision of an Adult and Community Learning: Provider Panel.

Lot 1: Accredited Learning
Lot 2: Non-accredited learning
• Health and Wellbeing Programmes
• Taster/Engagement Programmes
• Longer programmes leading to Employment

https://www.the-chest.org.uk/?

Deadline: 09/07/2018

Alternative Provision and One to One Tutoring Dynamic Purchasing System
Trafford Council

Trafford Council on behalf of Stockport and Rochdale Councils are looking to procure a Dynamic Purchasing system for its Alternative Provision and One to One Tutoring Services. Providers of educational tutoring and alternative provision are invited to apply to be on a DPS of providers to deliver one, or both of the above types of service. The DPS will run initially from 1st September 2016 to 31st July 2019 with an option to extend for a further two full years to July 2021.

Providers will deliver the service in accordance with the agreed DPS price for the duration of the contract. It is anticipated that the majority of pupils referred for tutoring or alternative provision will have a Statement of SEN / Education, Health and Care Plan, and will have Social, Emotional or Mental Health needs, some of which may be complex.

Lot 1 - Alternative Provision A group-based alternative provision service is required to provide alternative and innovative approaches to engaging young people in education where other approaches have failed to meet their needs. Examples of the kinds of alternative provision
previously used are practical courses – such as motor mechanics, bricklaying and plumbing, or hairdressing; work placements, and experiences caring for animals. This list is not exhaustive and innovative ideas are welcomed, providing that they can deliver outcomes for children and young people.

Lot 2 - One to One Tutoring A One-to-one tutoring service is required to provide high quality teaching for individuals who are currently out of school and cannot engage with group-based provision or it is felt that a one-to-one service is preferable. The majority of referrals will be short-term – for example between a week and a school term. However, this will be dependent on the individuals needs and education plan. In all cases where the tutor is required to teach National Curriculum subjects, providers must ensure that tutors are appropriately qualified and are able to teach up to the required standard in Mathematics and English as a minimum. Tutoring should take place in Trafford, either at the official venue of the tutoring provider, or a suitable alternative venue to be agreed in advance with

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=59c76e62-f1b4-e711-80e6-005056b64545

Deadline: 20/07/2018

Opportunities to Improve Attainment and Engage Vulnerable Children and Young People in Education

Staffordshire County Council

Staffordshire County Council would like to hear from service providers who are interested and capable of delivering excellent, high quality and outcome focused education services to support and raise attainment, attendance, aspiration and engagement of vulnerable children and young people of statutory school age in education and for young people up to the age of 25 who have an Education, Health and Care Plan. To also work towards successful transition to education, employment or training post-16 at the end of Key Stage 4.

The objectives of the services are to provide a flexible response to either compliment, or provide an alternative to the teaching and learning available within mainstream and specialist provision or for children not engaged in education

The successful providers will be expected to:
• Work effectively with pupils to engage them in education and reduce gaps in attainment and progress
• Work in partnership and maintain strong links with other education providers and carers to
provide individualised, holistic support for the child
• When working with children in care be able to demonstrate an understanding of attachment and trauma issues in education
• Support independent learning skills
• Provide experienced and highly skilled practitioners who can demonstrate skills and expertise in working with vulnerable pupils
• Report on progress with evidence of work completed and regular reviews which are fed back to the commissioner including the planning and evaluation of sessions delivered
• Contribute towards the evidence gathering for graduated response under the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) pathway
• To include wherever possible, access to externally accredited examinations for young people
• To engage pupils newly arrived from overseas education.

Staffordshire County Council Virtual School for Looked After Children, SEND and Alternative Provision Commissioners are looking to create a Dynamic Purchasing System of providers in Staffordshire but with the ability to extend regionally in the future. This list of education provision will be primarily for the authority's own use but will offer local schools the opportunity to purchase programmes that can be run within their school or may with negotiation support Staffordshire Looked After Children educated outside of Staffordshire Local Authority boundaries. This framework will give the assurance that providers have met a stated set of standards and so will give a basic mark of quality assurance.


Deadline: 16/07/2018

Cyber Security Training
London Luton Airport

Our requirement is for a web-based training course that all LLA staff members will be required to take on annual basis and will cover the fundamentals of cyber security. The system should be an external hosted and highly available system that can be delivered from a high performance Learning management system.

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

Deadline: 16/07/2018
Birmingham Adult Education Services (BASES) - Classroom Management
Birmingham City Council
Birmingham Adult Education Services (BAES) need a facility for digital classroom management including remote monitoring and management solution, we require desktop, classroom management incorporating e-safety features. The software provided will also need to support online and digital learning.

The company providing the software must be able to provide installation with requirements set by BAES. The software solution would need to be able to run across 10 sites which are to be connected on the same network.

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

Your completed quotation documentation should be returned by noon on 21 June 2018

Training – Commercial
Nexus
Invitation to Tender for the provision of commercial training encompassing various disciplines. Please note the deadline for the submission of requests for information is 12 noon 27 June 2018.

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=0c800a75-f46e-e811-80ed-005056b64545

Training – Engineering
Nexus
Invitation to tender for the provision of engineering training encompassing various disciplines Please note the deadline for the submission of requests for information is 12 noon 27 June 2018.

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=0c800a75-f46e-e811-80ed-005056b64545

Employment-based fast-track social work education
The Department for Education
The Department for Education is seeking the provision of initial qualifying social work education through an employment-based, fast-track route. We are looking to secure a contractor to:

1) train 700 – 900 social workers through 2 cohorts, starting in 2020;
2) attract high performing graduates to the programme;

3) assess candidates so that trainees display the highest aptitude for child and family social work;

4) design and deliver training allowing for accelerated qualification as a social worker;

5) deliver training and employment placements through partnership with English providers of statutory children’s social care services.

The contractor will be expected to:

1) promote the programme nationally, attracting applications from high performing graduates with leadership potential who might not otherwise have considered a career in social work and, in turn, contribute to raising the status of the profession;

2) manage candidate assessment to ensure those entering the programme have the right skills, behaviours and resilience to succeed as child and family social workers, as well as being representative of the diverse communities they serve;

3) design and deliver training, approved by the relevant regulator, such that participants will:
   a) be embedded within a team delivering statutory child and family social work (i.e. in roles involving work on s.17 or s.47 cases and requiring case records to be updated by the student, under appropriate supervision) at an English local authority, or children’s trust that delivers services on behalf of a local authority;
   b) be taught through a curriculum that is fully and comprehensively aligned with the Chief Social Workers’ Knowledge and Skills Statements (KSS);
   c) gain a qualification sufficient for them to seek registration with the social work regulatory body through an accelerated training route; and
   d) progress at the point of qualification to an ASYE (Assessed and Supported Year of Employment) social work role within the employer to which they are attached.

4) Indicative value of the contract is estimated to be between 35 000 000 GBP — 50 000 000 GBP.

The Department will be running a supplier engagement event on Wednesday 20 June from 14:00 – 16:00 in London; and on Thursday 21 June from 13:30 – 15:30 in Manchester. Please contact us at the email address in 1 for further information and to request a copy of the Selection Questionnaire (SQ). This document will form your initial tender.

You will be required to request the SQ by contacting: FastTrack.SOCIALWORK@education.gov.uk


Deadline: 10/07/2018
Peer Coaching
Halton Borough Council
Halton Borough Council is pleased to offer experienced coaches the opportunity to deliver a programme of coaching and mentoring to 54 Service Users, which will run from 1st August 2018 to 31st March 2020 and is part of the European Social Fund and Youth Employment Initiative funded Ways to Work Pro project subject to extension funding being approved.

The Service will be targeted at young people resident in Halton who are:-
• not in education, employment or training (NEET) and
• of academic age 16 to 18, or 19 to 24 with Special Educational Needs or Disability with an Education, Health and Care Plan

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=eda22372-7969-e811-80ed-005056b64545

Deadline: 29/06/2018

Leadership Programme – Mentoring
Highlands and Islands Enterprise
Highlands and Islands Enterprise (HIE) proposes a leadership programme to stimulate and develop ambitious leadership which sits at the heart of business growth. The programme will be designed for a wide range of participants in both private and third sector organisations all at different stages in their journey toward being high performing leaders. It aims to deliver a step change in the leadership capability and capacity of 300-400 individuals from 200-300 unique businesses across the Highlands and Islands region.

The requirement is split into 2 Lots:
— Lot 1: Emerging Leaders / Leadership for Growth,
— Lot 2: Mentoring (business mentoring to accelerate the leadership journey).

This particular Notice relates to Lot 2. Bidders can submit a response for 1 or both Lots.

http://www.publiccontractscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00313

Deadline: 24/07/2018
Provision of Targeted and Tailored Tuition - 1:1 or Small Group Support for Children & Young People in Care

Derby City Council

The remit of the Derby City Virtual School is to promote and improve the education of children in care to Derby City Council (The Council). The Virtual School is a specialist service working with children and young people in care to promote high aspirations, access to and engagement in high quality learning with a view to narrowing the achievement gaps for our children and young people.

It is vital that the educational outcomes of children and young people in care are improved. Some require additional support to engage in the learning process in order to fulfil their potential.

The Council is seeking to establish a standing list of providers of targeted and tailored one to one, paired or small group support to children and young people in care.

There will be two Lots, based on the type of service provided. Services Providers may bid for one or both Lots.

Documents are available at www.eastmidstenders.org

Please search for TD1352.

Deadline: 13/07/2018

Provision of Replacement of a Management Information System (MIS) for Medway Adult Education (MAE)

Medway Council

Medway Council invites applicants to tender for the provision of replacement of a Management Information System (MIS) for Medway Adult Education (MAE).

Medway Adult Education have used the AQUA MIS, based on Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) funding rules and regulations, for the past 20 years.

As the incumbent provider is no longer able to supply the software, the current contract will terminate on 31st March 2019, and the Council is therefore looking to procure a replacement system in order to manage our provision and to produce funding claims from 1st April 2019. The replacement software is expected to be written to conform with all ESFA funding requirements, to produce funding claims, and to record data regarding learners, courses and staff.

The proposed contract period for this service will be 3 years with a provision to extend for a further two years on a 1 + 1 basis (3 years +1 +1 = 5 years), unless otherwise terminated in line with the
conditions of contract. Any extension will be taken with mutual agreement and only after satisfactory performance against Key Performance Indicators. Please note that all our current opportunities are advertised through the Kent Business Portal, to register and gain access to the necessary documents including expression of interest please go to: 

www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk

Deadline: 09/07/2018

**Development of interactive online modules: Teaching grammar and literacy to ESOL learners**  
**Education and Training Foundation**  
The Foundation is seeking a tenderer with the capability of working successfully to build two interactive online modules for practitioners in the Further Education (FE) sector, to assist them in teaching basic English literacy and grammar to speakers of other languages whose first language is not English (ESOL).

Research shows that many ESOL learners are studying as part of mainstream Functional Skills English classes and this work aims to support teachers to better understand these students and enhance learner outcomes.

http://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/show/search_view.aspx?ID=JUN154666

Deadline: 29/06/2018

**Continuing Health Care (CHC) Training**  
**Cornwall Council**  
Cornwall Council is inviting Tenders who are able to deliver high quality Continuing Healthcare Training that enables the Council to excel in its statutory duties pertaining to people with primary healthcare needs. This is a program of training for frontline managers, social workers and social care staff working within Cornwall Council Adult Social Care

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=f1357215-f563-e811-80eb-005056b64545

Deadline: 27/06/2018
Conflict Resolution Training
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust
The Provider is required to provide Conflict Resolution Training in accordance with NUH Restraint Policy and overarching Trust Values and Behaviours. The Trust is looking to enter into a contract for the provision of this training for an initial three year period with 2 x 12 month extension options.

Conflict Resolution training is mandatory for all frontline workers, and delivery of basic training is provided in house. This tender is for the provision of enhanced training (previously known as level 2/3) for staff in areas the trust has deemed as High Risk in relation to Conflict Resolution, including but not limited to Neurosciences, Acute Medicine and Critical Care.

NUH currently envisages that the numbers of staff in these areas requiring training annually will be approximately 800 in year 1, potentially increasing by a further 600 or more from year 2.

https://nhs.bravosolution.co.uk/esop/toolkit/opportunity/opportunityDetail.do?opportunityId=37617&oppList=CURRENT

Deadline: 10/07/2018

Apprenticeship Dynamic Purchasing System (ADPS)
ESPO
The Apprenticeship Dynamic Purchasing Solution (ADPS) provides a compliant route to market procuring apprenticeship training providers for apprenticeship schemes within a geographical area.
Lot 1 - North East England
Lot 2 - North West England
Lot 3 - Yorkshire and Humber
Lot 4 - East Midland
Lot 5 - West Midlands
Lot 6 - East of England
Lot 7 - South East England
Lot 8 - South West England
Lot 9 - Central London
Lot 10 - North London
Lot 11 - East London
Lot 12 - South London
Lot 13 - West London
Lot 14 - Wale
Lot 15 - Scotland
Lot 16 - Northern Ireland
Community Education Provider Network (CEPN) Project Management WHT Partners Procurement Service
The scope of this project is to procure a project management company to manage the delivery and procurement of education and training for the CEPNs, including disbursing funds to them. It also includes on-going monitoring of the project management company by Whittington Health.

https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/c2919c50-9c53-45bf-a7bb-e509bf4f7dfb

Deadline: 02/07/2018

Adult Learning System
North Yorkshire County Council
The Authority has reviewed it’s Learner Management IT systems. The key systems currently in use are AQUA, Onfile ePortfolio and Proachieve plus a number of other funding and learning assessment systems as per the diagram in the next section.

The Authority is seeking a single software solution to provide the full functionality stated within this document in order to avoid costly integration with multiple systems as currently is the case.

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=b07ed8b2-bc69-e811-80ed-005056b64545

Deadline: 27/06/2018

Education Management System Expressions of Interest
Bradford Metropolitan District Council
CBMDC (the Council) currently utilises a separate education management system and social care system and requires a further understanding of the options available for an inter-operable system.

This EOI will seek to support the Council’s understanding of the current market for education management systems which have the capability to inter-operate with the Council’s current social care system and provide a single child record.
https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=bbaabf66b-f66a-e811-80ed-005056b64545

Deadline: 06/07/2018

**Provision of Vocational, Employment and Life-skills Training within Mental Health Services of the NHSCT Causeway and The Glens Locality**

Service to support the mental health recovery of individuals within the Trust area through the provision of training employability programmes and services.

https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps/cft/prepareViewCfTWS.do?resourceld=1539568

Deadline: 04/07/2018

**Delivery of Education and training qualification for EFA study programme 16-19 for Nottingham area**

**Reference number: EFA 16-19 Nottingham area**

For Delivery of Education and training qualifications eligible for funding under the Nottingham College contract for EFA study programme activity circa 400 000 GBP. Increase widening participation and inclusion within Nottingham for disadvantage groups.

Value excluding VAT: 400 000.00 GBP

http://in-Tendhost.co.uk/fe

Deadline: 22/06/2018

**SAQ for Training and Education Delivery Partnership in the South of England/Midlands Region**

**Swindon College**

Swindon College has a need to appoint suitably qualified organisations to a Framework Agreement to deliver training and education in the Midlands/South of England Region, in partnership for the academic years 2018 - 2020

https://suppliers.multiquote.com and view the opportunity CA4966

Deadline: 03/07/2018
Waltham Forest - London Borough of Culture 2019 - Volunteer management provider
The London Borough of Waltham Forest is looking to commission a volunteer management provider, to deliver the volunteering aspect of their London Borough of Culture programme in 2019. Prior to the commencement of a formal procurement, the Council are seeking expert views on a number of questions, which will help the Council to finalise the tender documentation. Please find attached the Commissioning intentions for the project, alongside the questions we require you to review and provide comment on.

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=b136a645-236b-e811-80ed-005056b64545

Please respond to these questions, if you are able to help, by Monday 18th June at 9am.

Accreditation Consultancy Services  
PARLIAMENTARY AND HEALTH SERVICE OMBUDSMAN
The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) wishes to introduce an internal accreditation process for circa 80 senior caseworkers who carry out its investigations into complaints. PHSO has developed a draft framework in house to build on and have completed the recruitment of a training team to take on initial anticipated internal assessor and lead trainer roles. PHSO has the longer term objective of converting the internal scheme to an external scheme.

We have already launched a comprehensive role ready and professional skills training programme for all staff to support ever greater standard of quality casework.

The objective of this procurement is to appoint an accreditation consultant on a temporary basis, to lead and deliver the various elements which will make up the implementation of PHSO’s internal accreditation (non UK qualification) framework and programme for senior caseworkers. This will be to a level that would be transferable to a nationally accredited qualification at a later date if required.

https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/2cd82413-eb47-49d4-b158-ee51ef7044cd?p=8=UFQxUIRPT0=NjJNT0

Deadline: 20/06/2018
Goodman Fields Employment & Training Facility
London Borough of Tower Hamlets
The London Borough of Tower Hamlets wishes to appoint a provider to deliver training, skills and employment opportunities for our residents from a facility which is to be provided rent free for up to a 15 year period.

The winning provider will work in partnership with the Council’s Integrated Employment Service, WorkPath, and will be branded as a WorkPath partner.

The provider will be expected to develop and deliver a framework and programme to assist and work with residents within Tower Hamlets to achieve skills, employment and training outputs.

The service will be funded entirely by income secured by the provider from external sources.

The contract has a maximum term of 15 years, with break clauses at 5 year intervals. Continuation of the contract will be by mutual consent and primarily dependent on the provider’s level of performance.

Tender evaluation will be based on 100% criteria

The anticipated contract start date is: Monday, 02 December 2019.

The estimated value of the contract is dependent on the level of funding secured by the provider. For a period of: up to 15 years (5+5+5)

www.londontenders.org

Deadline for expression of interest and return of tender is Monday 9 July 2018 at 12 noon

Taylor Review Pilot Training Workshops for those responsible for places of worship
Historic England-Engagement
This project is part of the Pilot scheme recommended by the Taylor Review to run in Manchester and Suffolk. It will create and deliver a series of workshops to offer training and support to communities and volunteers in the areas involved in the Pilot scheme. These workshops will be free for attendees.

The workshops will have three main functions:
- to build confidence so that those with responsibility for places of worship feel able to undertake basic regular maintenance;
- to encourage faith groups to engage with the wider community to build mutually beneficial
partnerships;
- to highlight potential sources of funding to support both activities.

The workshops are intended to increase the number of people who can benefit from the Pilot, providing an additional resource to reinforce and extend the work being done by the Community Development Advisers in Manchester and Suffolk and the Fabric Support Officers in Manchester and Suffolk appointed as part of the Pilot.

The workshops will operate at a local level in the Pilot areas throughout the Pilot.

One contract will cover both pilot areas and as we will be looking for innovative approaches to community learning and the workshops (as set out in the section below on Methods and Scope, 1.3.4), it is possible for multiple groups to submit a joint bid for this contract. Such a grouping might be based around geographical locations or combined experience with fabric and community engagement work).

The scheme will run from September 2018 until March 2020.

https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/e79081c3-b772-4ddb-856e-65b810e2557d?p=@8=UFQxUIRRPT0=NJJWT0

Deadline: 02/07/2018

Provision of Education Input into the NHS Graduate Management Training Scheme 2018 – Policy and Strategy Scheme

Health Education England

The NHS Leadership Academy (the Academy) is the current home for the NHS Graduate Management Training Scheme (GMTS). Set up in July 2012, the Academy brings together, for the first time, all national activity supporting leadership development in health and NHS funded services.

The principal purpose of the Academy is to develop outstanding leadership in health, in order to improve people’s health and their experiences of the NHS. The challenges facing the NHS require our leaders to build on their existing strengths – and develop new ones.

Our philosophy is simple – great leadership development improves leadership behaviours and skills. Better leadership leads to better patient care, experience and outcomes. Our purpose is to work with our partners to deliver excellent leadership across the NHS to have a direct impact on patient care. We offer a range of tools, models, programmes and expertise to support individuals, organisations and local academies to develop leaders, celebrating and sharing where outstanding
leadership makes a real difference.

The aim of the GMTS is to identify and recruit top graduate talent and develop them into the next generation of healthcare leaders. It is an award winning scheme which has been running for 60 years. A selection of some of its received awards can be found here: http://www.nhsgraduates.co.uk/the-scheme/what-we-offer-you/#tab-award-winning

The Scheme is hugely oversubscribed, and in 2015, we received over 16,500 applications for approximately 112 places. In 2016, we received 16,500 applications for approximately 130 places; to start in September 2017.

During the 60 years the GMTS has been in existence, approximately 4,450 people have started it. The current and previous Chief Executive of NHS England is an alumnus of the GMTS.

The purpose of the NHS Graduate Management Training Scheme is to identify, grow and support the future leaders of the NHS. Great leadership development improves leadership behaviors and skills. Better leadership leads to better patient care, experience and outcomes.

It is essential that the graduate scheme provides the NHS with future leaders who can demonstrate the personal qualities and will have the required values and behaviors, key skills, and energy that will be required to provide a new world class, patient-led healthcare system for England.

The NHS needs emerging leaders who are skilled at:
- Inspiring Shared Purpose – Valuing a service ethos; curious about how to improve services and patient care; behaving in a way that reflects the principles and values of the NHS
- Leading with Care – Having the essential personal qualities for leaders in health and social care; understanding the unique qualities and needs of a team; providing a caring, safe environment to enable everyone to do their jobs effectively
- Evaluating Information – Seeking out varied information; using information to generate new ideas and make effective plans for improvement or change; making evidence-based

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Deadline: 11/06/2018

Strategic Organisational Talent Management Diagnostic Tool – Health Education England, NHS Leadership Academy – NHS/SoEPS/18.418
Buyer: NHS SOUTH OF ENGLAND PROCUREMENT SERVICES
NHS South of England Procurement Services, acting on behalf of Health Education England , NHS
Leadership Academy (the Commissioner) are commencing a tender for the development of a strategic organisational talent management diagnostic tool for the English NHS, the piloting of this tool across a Regional Talent Board, and Scale/Spread/Sustain of this national approach.

The overall aim is to source an expert provider with the capacity and expertise to work with the national TM leads network to develop one approach to organisational TM diagnostics. The provider should then work with us to pilot and refine this approach (most likely across the Midlands and East region due to this being the most mature RTB, and comprising of approximately 71 NHS provider organisations and 59 CCGs. However there is potential to extend the pilot across wider geographies – up to another 20 organisations. Therefore approximately 150 in total) so that the data can be shared both with the organisations themselves, and pooled together to strategically support the RTB ambitions. The final solution should be simple in its approach and ensure that internal NHS resources are able to run the diagnostic approach in the future for all RTBs as they develop and reach maturity. Ideally the diagnostic should be suitable for NHS organisational Boards to progress themselves internally with no external support or supervision.

The funding available for this work is within this NHS financial year (April 2018 – March 2019) and we see the work being completed within this period. Ideally the tool will be developed and piloted in the first 3 quarters, and then enhanced and ready to be scaled and spread during the final quarter of this financial year. We acknowledge these timescales are demanding and see potential for the provider to continue support with us into 2019-20 to ‘hold our hands’ whilst we fully roll out the tool to all RTBs nationally.

The maximum envelope for this piece of work is 100,000 (excluding vat)

Please access the ITT documentation at https://in-tendhost.co.uk/soepscommissioning for further information

Deadline: 09/07/2018

NEET Prevention
Buyer: Suffolk Sourcing
Supporting young people in years 9 and 10 and in years 12 and 13 who have been identified as being at risk of becoming NEET and supporting them to remain in a positive destination post 16.

Lot one: To provide an intensive package of support to prevent pupils in years 9 and 10 of becoming NEET post 16.

Lot two: To support young people aged 16 and 17, who have been identified as being as risk of
becoming NEET, supporting these young people to remain in a positive pathway.

For clarity bidders can either bid for lot 1, lot 2 or lots 1 and 2. Also for clarity this tender may be awarded to 2 bidder, 1 bidder to deliver lot 1 and 1 bidder to deliver lot 2; or 1 bidder may be awarded both lots.

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

The submission deadline is Monday 9th July 2018 at 12 noon

Flipside: Delivery of a New Entrant Training Programme
London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC)

A pilot Digital Product Design training course was developed called Flipside. The new 3 month course was co-created by digital agencies and supported 12 young people from diverse communities in Hackney, Tower Hamlets, Newham and Waltham Forest to develop their skillsets and gain invaluable experience by working with 4 different digital design studios. The main principles are:

- Industry-led and agile to address digital skills gaps
- Based on a set of mindsets, soft skills and hard-skills to develop new entrant talent
- Learn by doing to enable students to take part in group projects and get to grips with product design by responding to briefs and pitching to an industry audience
- Agency-based learning to give students an immersive experience
- Students are paid a training bursary (minimum of £200 per week)

The pilot was a collaboration with ustwo, Made by Many, Beyond, Sennep, Reading Room, Sarah Vick and other industry professionals and complements initiatives coming through the London Mayor’s Digital Talent Programme

Services Required The LLDC is now looking for an organisation or consortium of organisations to deliver Flipside over the next 2 years (2018-2020). The successful bidder will work with digital studios to refine training content and deliver 2 training courses (1 each year), benefitting at least 24 young people from diverse backgrounds who live in the boroughs of Hackney, Newham, Tower Hamlets & Waltham Forest. The following services are required:

- Leveraging in match funding
- Building relationships with employers
- Co-designing digital learning programmes
- Designing & delivering workshops and coaching sessions to prepare young people for work in creative and digital businesses
- Managing the development of marketing materials
- Marketing the opportunity through appropriate channels, including local partners and social
media

- Recruiting participants from LLDC’s target audience, including delivering outreach and managing referrals from local organisations
- All administrative activity involved in the design, development and delivery of the programme
- Empowering young people to have the confidence, know-how and tools to pursue their careers
- Programme evaluation


Deadline: 22/06/2018

Professional learning design and development

Buyer: Welsh Government

A new curriculum is being developed for settings and schools in Wales through a collaborative process between Welsh Government, regional consortia and school based practitioners. The new curriculum will be available by April 2019 for feedback.

A final version will be available in January 2020, and will be fully implemented by 2022.

The new curriculum will focus on six Areas of Learning and Experience (AOLEs):

- expressive Arts,
- health and Well Being,
- humanities,
- literacy, Languages and Communication,
- mathematics and Numeracy,
- science and Technology.

A further Lot (Lot 7) will oversee the outputs for all 6 projects lots.
Approved list for the Delivery of Learning Services

Buckinghamshire County Council

Buckinghamshire Adult Learning (BAL) is a service area within Buckinghamshire County Council (the Council), which has contracts with the Education Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and the Education Funding Agency (EFA) to deliver training opportunities funded by them. Much of these are directly delivered by BAL but, in order to fully use its Apprenticeship and Adult Education Budget (AEB) allocation and ensure it addresses the key priorities of both the council and the ESFA, it subcontracts part of its delivery. This enables it to deliver to target markets and in geographical areas that it would otherwise be unable to reach.

Funding for each academic year is provided to Buckinghamshire County Council on a yearly basis from the education skills funding agency. The council is therefore seeking applications for the provision of delivery of learning services.

The approved list will be based upon the type of programme delivery. The approved list will be in place for the next 3 years.

Please note that there will be 6 different delivery types, these are as follows:
— regulated classroom based learning (adult education budget),
— 16-18 learner responsive – other,
— 16-18 learner responsive – traineeships,
— 19+ traineeships (adult education budget),
— 16-18 apprenticeships – specialist delivery,

Value excluding VAT: 750 000.00 GBP

Duration of the contract or the framework agreement
Start: 01/09/2018
End: 31/08/2021

www.supplybucksbusiness.org.uk

Deadline: 27/06/2018
Development and Delivery of an Undergraduate programme in Operating Department Practice
NHS Education for Scotland
The aim of the programme is to prepare safe, competent and caring Operating Department Practitioners (ODP’s) that are able to deliver high quality care in all areas of perioperative practice. The programme must prepare students to be proficient in the role of an ODP within anaesthesia, surgery and post-anaesthesia care, to the level required to be eligible to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC).

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA13002
Deadline: 02/07/2018

Provision of an Enforcement Service for Environmental Services
Pembrokeshire County Council
The primary role of the contractor is to provide a high profile, high quality education, compliance and enforcement regime tackling Environmental Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour issues throughout Pembrokeshire County Council. The essential focus of the initiative is to change public behaviour towards Environmental Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour inclusive of all legislation listed and assist the Council in the prevention and reduction of Environmental Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour specifically within Environmental services.

https://etenderwales.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.shtml?_ncp=1527766950431.1069-1
Deadline: 04/07/2018

Digital Resource Creation Services
University of Reading
The University of Reading Henley Business School wishes to appoint a framework of specialist e-learning providers to support the provision of bespoke digital resources in areas such as Management, Leadership and Strategic thinking.

Value excluding VAT: 10 000 000.00 GBP

https://in-tendhost.co.uk/theuniversityofreading/aspx/Home
Deadline: 02/07/2018
Apprentice Training - Pseudo Dynamic Purchasing System
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council
Knowsley Metropolitan Borough Council is looking to receive applications from potential providers to join a Pseudo Dynamic Purchasing System (PDPS) for the provision of Apprentice Training via the Apprentice Levy.

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=2d19ce84-b7ad-e711-80e6-005056b64545

Deadline: 29/06/2018

Social Entrepreneurs Challenged to Transform Ageing (UK)

Funded by Big Lottery and run in partnership with the Design Council, the South West Academic Health Science Network and the Centre for Ageing Better, UnLtd’s Transform Ageing Challenge aims to revolutionise the approach to health, wellbeing and social care for people in later life. Starting in the South-West of England.

The aim is to foster innovations that will reduce demand for services through preventative approaches, tackle causes rather than symptoms and help people to be better prepared for the challenges of later life.

There are six innovation briefs for ambitious social entrepreneurs to apply their creative expertise to:

- Steps to a positive future – people in later life have positive experiences of ageing;
- Mobility and Transport – improving mobility to enhance independence and wellbeing;
- Life Transitions – supporting people to prepare for life changes;
- Caring about carers;
- Right information, right time – making information accessible, relevant and meaningful;
- Making Connections – opportunities for people in later life to connect with other people, communities and activities.

Entrepreneurs aged 16 and over, living in the UK who are not part of an established organisation are eligible to apply. The programme will run in the south-west of England (Devon, Torbay, Cornwall and Somerset).

Three different types of award are available:
• Do It (early stage award) - Grant awards of up to £5,000, average award size is approximately £2,000.
• Grow it (early stage award) - Grant awards of up to £15,000.
• Scale it (venture award) - Grant awards of up to £25,000, with additional funding available to leverage in further external investment.

Useful Links:

Submit your Application

Innovation Briefs

https://unltd.org.uk/transform-ageing/

Funding Available to Bring Fibre Broadband to Remote Communities with a School (UK)

As part of its commitment to make fibre broadband available throughout the UK, BT has made available a £2 million grants scheme for communities with an Ofsted registered school. The Community Fibre Partnerships programme is aimed at the final 5% of the UK not covered by fibre broadband rollout plans.

Through the programme communities can apply for a match-funded grant of up to £30,000 toward the cost of their new fibre infrastructure, if that new infrastructure could also serve their local school.

To access the grant scheme, communities need to register their interest in having a community fibre partnership. The scheme will provide 50% towards the cost of installing fibre broadband. The community will need to raise the additional 50%. In order to achieve this BT has teamed up with the Crowdfunding website "Spacehive", where communities can post their fibre broadband project to raise donations towards the costs involved.

Applications can be made at any time until the £2 million has been allocated.

http://www.communityfibre.bt.com/schools
Funding to Help Regenerate Historic Buildings (UK)

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) which supports the conservation and regeneration of historic buildings, has announced that the next closing date for applications to its Project Development Grant scheme (up to £30,000) is 9am the 28th August 2018.

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

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

- Project Viability Grants (PVG) of up to £7,500 to fund studies to look at potential uses for a building and at its current condition.
- Cywaith Legacy Fund of up to £30,000 which is open to community-led organisations operating Gwynedd, Anglesey and Conwy to find sustainable new uses for historic buildings.
- Scottish Community Development Grant (SCDG) which provides grants of up to £50,000 for community led projects

Useful Links:

- [Online Application Form](http://ahfund.org.uk/grant/)
- [Guidance Notes](http://ahfund.org.uk/grant/)

Veolia Environmental Trust Grants (UK)

The next closing date for stage 1 applications to the Veolia Environmental Trust is the 30th August 2018.

Grants of up to £75,000 are available to constitutes not for profit organisations and registered Environmental Bodies towards:

- Community buildings
- Parks and paths, play, Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs) and recreational facilities
- Nature reserves
• Bio diversity projects.

To be eligible to apply, the applicant organisation needs to be within the vicinity of a qualifying Veolia site (please see post code checker below); the projects must have a total cost of under £250,000 (including VAT and professional costs); the applicant must have secured 20% of funding towards the project prior to submitting a full (stage 2) application.

Useful Link:

**Post Code Checker**

**Funding Case Studies**

http://www.veoliatrust.org/funding/

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**Funding for the Repair of Church Buildings (UK)**

The National Churches Trust has announced that the next closing date for its new Maintenance Grant Scheme is the 26th September 2018.

The National Churches Trust supports the repair and revitalisation of church buildings for the benefit of all the community. This is a pilot programme, in partnership with the Pilgrim Trust, offering awards of between £1,000 and £3,000 to encourage churches to act on small, urgent maintenance issues and repairs to listed church buildings, as identified in a recent Quinquennial Inspection Report, condition survey or report by a gutter management contractor, and costed at between £2,000 and £10,000.

Proposed works must be to the main listed church building, and applicants must be able to show they have already raised 50% of the total repair costs, and to have obtained two quotes for the works.

Useful Links:

**Maintenance Grant Scheme Video**

**Application Form**

http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/maintenance-grants
New Fund to Support Social Technology Projects (UK)

The Nominet Trust, the UK’s leading dedicated grant maker in socially motivated tech, has evolved into Social Tech Trust, with Social Investment Business becoming a new member and strategic partner. Social Tech Trust will continue its commitment to supporting socially motivated tech and has announced the launch of a new £0.5 million grant funding programme for early stage ventures - Tech to unite us.

The fund will support ventures demonstrating how tech can reach its transformative potential when it is driven to address great social challenges. This new fund will focus on projects that tackle inequality and that have the potential to transform lives. Charities and social enterprises will be eligible to apply.

More details will be available when the Tech to unite Fund opens for applications in July 2018.


Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust Sustainable Futures Fund (UK)

The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust recognises that climate change caused by human activity is threatening the well-being of humanity and that the wealthiest countries and individuals are responsible for a disproportionate share of emissions, whilst the poorest countries and sections of society are the most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. In order to tackle this issue, the Sustainable Futures fund focuses grant making on:

- Identifying the true costs and risks of resource depletion, climate change and other environmental problems
- Campaigns, initiatives and work that promote alternatives to consumerism
- Campaigns and movements that give a voice to young activists and marginalised groups on issues of economic and environmental justice.

Grants are available from a few hundred pounds to over £100,000 and may be single payments or spread over up to three years. Funding priorities are:

- Better economics – with grants funding work that explores how sustainability rather than traditional forms of economic growth
- Beyond consumerism – funded work will include that which engages people individually and collectively in moving culture away from consumerism and towards more sustainable ways
of living

- New Voices – funding for campaigns and movements that enable marginalised groups and young activists to have a voice in decisions which affect them

The deadline to apply is 12 noon on Monday 20 August 2018.

Useful Links:

Apply Online

https://www.jrct.org.uk/sustainable-future

Funding for Christian Charities Promoting Social Inclusion (UK)

The Anchor Foundation provides grants of between £500 and £10,000 per year to Christian Charities that encourage social inclusion through ministries of healing and the arts. Funding can be awarded for up to three years.

The Foundation will consider applications for either capital or revenue funding. Only in exceptional circumstances will grants be given for building work.

Previously funded projects include:

- The Karis Neighbour Scheme which received a grant of £700 for revenue costs at a drop-in centre for women refugees in Birmingham.
- Discovery Camps which received a grant of £1500 to subsidise holidays for children arranged by churches in and around Dundee.
- Scargill House which received a grant of £5,000 to facilitate cross cultural engagement and understanding amongst children using arts based residential courses in Yorkshire.

The next deadline for applications is the 31st January 2019.

Useful Links:

Examples of Projects Funded

Apply Online

http://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk/
equipment Grants for Youth Clubs (UK)

Variety, the Childrens Charity, has grants of £250 to £600 available to youth organisations that are affiliated to either Ambition, UK Youth or the National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs. The grants can be used to buy equipment to provide challenging activities that engage young people aged 8-18 and provide them with alternatives to becoming involved in the anti-social behaviour that often stems from boredom and peer pressure.

On occasion, applications for improvement of youth club premises, refurbishment of existing equipment or facilities will also be considered. Applicants have to raise some of the funds and applications that have young people involved in the fund raising will be looked upon favourably.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis.

Useful Links:

Application Form

Application Guidance Notes

https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/youth-clubs-grants

Funding of up to £45,000 for Community Centres and Village Halls (UK)

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation is offering Community Centres in deprived urban communities and Village Halls in remote and economically deprived rural areas the opportunity to apply for capital grants of between £10,000 and £45,000. Grants can be used to fund new buildings; upgrading, renovating or extending buildings; improving or creating outside space (but not car parks). All applicants must have secured 50% of the total cost of the work and have local community fundraising underway.

Grants will be made to projects centred on ‘community centres’ in the broad sense, this may include a church, sports facility or other building which offers a range of activities throughout the week which all the community can access.

It is expected that the completed venue will provide a range of activities for all ages and abilities which help to promote community cohesion and address local problems of isolation, poverty, lack of local facilities, transport and other issues of relevance to the area in which the centre is located.
The Foundation is particularly interested in innovative schemes to bring back disused buildings into full community use i.e. as community hubs, shops and activity venues. Traditional Village Halls are also supported.

Useful Links:

Application Guidelines

Recent Grants Awarded

Applications can be submitted at any time and should show that, in urban areas, the venue is in the most deprived 20% of the latest government Indices of Multiple Deprivation or, in rural areas, in the most deprived 50% of the Indices.

Previous projects supported include:

- £25,000 to Ingol and Tanterton Community Trust towards the cost of building an extension to the kitchen of a busy community café as part of a major expansion project at a community centre in Preston.
- £18,000 towards the cost of Ty Talcen Community & Visitor Centre as part of the regeneration of the rural community of Myddfai in Carmarthenshire.
- £16,193 to Islay & Jura Community Enterprises towards the cost of refurbishing a leisure centre which focusses on providing facilities for disadvantaged and deprived members of the two Hebridean islands.


Funding to Support Arts Projects (UK)

The Fidelio Trust has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 1st October 2018.

The Trust offers grants of up to £5,000 in support of the Arts, in particular Music, including:

- Opera
- Lieder
- Composition
- Dance.

The Trustees aim to help individuals and groups such as:
Colleges
Arts Festivals
Other arts organisations who would not be able to carry out a project or activity without financial support.

Funding is available towards:

- Tuition or coaching costs
- To participate in external competitions
- To be supported for a specially arranged performance
- To receive support for a special publication, musical composition or work of art.

Useful Links:

Application Form

http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/index.php

Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust (UK / International)

The next deadline for applications to the Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust is 1st September 2018. Charities registered in the UK and working to offer sanctuary, rehoming and rehabilitation to animals in the UK and/or internationally can apply.

The maximum funding available is £35,000 and to be eligible to apply the applicant organisations should be a UK registered charity (unless the applicant's income is below £5,000 per year); have independently examined up to date annual accounts; and have an active re-homing and rehabilitation policy for animals taken into care.

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

If you have any questions about applications please email Madeleine Orchard, the Trust’s Administrator: orchardjswelfare@gmail.com

http://www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk/policies.html
Drapers’ Charitable Fund Grant (UK with emphasis on Greater London)

The Drapers’ Company has announced that the next closing date for applications to its charitable fund is the 11th September 2018.

The fund supports registered charities with projects that aim to improve the quality of life and expectations of people and their communities within the UK, particularly those disadvantaged or socially excluded. Most of the support is focused in Greater London and covers the following areas:

- Social Welfare - including homelessness, prisoners, ex-service personnel, support for the elderly, carers, community and family services, disabled adults;
- Education and Training - projects which raise the aspirations or help to realise the full potential of disadvantaged young people under 25 years old;
- Textiles and Heritage - including textile conservation, projects within the textile industry, museums, memorials and monuments relating to the armed forces, history of London or the textile trade.

There is no minimum or maximum grant; grants are normally awarded for sums up to £15,000.

Useful Links:

Application Guidelines

http://www.thedrapers.co.uk/Charities/Applying-For-A-Grant/List-of-Grants/DCF.aspx

Local School Nature Grants Scheme (England, Scotland and Wales)

Learning through Landscapes has announced that the next deadline for schools to apply to the Local School Nature Grant Scheme is the 31st August 2018. The scheme offers schools the opportunity to apply for up to £500 worth of equipment from the product catalogue on the Learning through Landscapes website to help schools undertake environmental improvements.

The scheme is only open to schools; learners must be aged 5 and upwards. Successful applicants will have demonstrated that they are passionate about making environmental improvements and, ideally, will have included the children and their local community in decision making about the project and the choice of equipment. All schools in England, Scotland and Wales have a list of 72 products to choose from; the list includes items such as bird boxes, bee hotels and den making kits. Awards include a two-hour training session to help schools get the most out of the equipment provided.
Applicants must be employed by the school. We are unable to accept applications on behalf of the school from PTA’s, Governors, ‘Friends of’ groups etc.

https://www.ltl.org.uk/naturegrants/guidance.php

Greggs Foundation Breakfast Club Grants (England, Scotland & Wales)

The Greggs Foundation currently supports 380 breakfast clubs throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Schools that are interested in applying for funding to open a breakfast club at their school must be able to show that at least 40% of your pupils qualify for free school meals and that the school serves a disadvantaged community. School should able to attract adult volunteers to help run the scheme and attendance at the club must be free for all pupils.

The Foundation uses the grants to support breakfast clubs through an initial start up grant for equipment such as chest freezers to store food items or toys and activities for the club. Greggs Foundation also makes a payment each term towards other food items and Greggs plc donates bread from the nearest shop.

Recently set up breakfast clubs include:

- "clubs" at Hillside Community Primary School, in Skelmersdale which received funding of £600 for its breakfast club which around 45 young people attend each day.
- Swalwell Primary School, in Gateshead where nearly 50% of school children are entitle to free meals received a grant of £1,100.

Although applications can be made at any time, there is currently a waiting list for funding whilst new sponsorship partners are being identified.

Useful Links:

Apply Online

Greggs Foundation Breakfast Club video

https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/breakfast-clubs
Funding for Land Managers and Farmers to Enhance the Environment (England)

The Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has announced a new, simplified Countryside Stewardship Scheme that aims to help more farmers and land managers protect wildlife and enhance the environment. The programme consists of four simpler, quicker to apply for offers:

- Arable
- Lowland grazing
- Mixed farming
- Upland

that will complement the current Higher Tier and Mid-Tier offers. Each offer has a set of options, requirements, payment rates and specific wildlife benefits.

The scheme is non-competitive and will give annual payments for 5 years. All landowners who make a valid application for any of the four new packages will be guaranteed funding though the scheme and more farmers and land managers - including those new to Countryside Stewardship or those coming out of previous agreements – will be able to apply.

Farmers and land managers have until 31 May 2018 to request a paper application pack; those intending to apply online this year will be able to create an Online Arable Offer application pack from 20 February.

The deadline for all applications is 31 July 2018.


Grants for Small Charitable Organisations Working in Disadvantaged Neighbourhoods (North East of England)

Round 4 of the Greggs Foundation North East Core Funding programme is now open for applications. The North East Core Funding programme makes grants to charitable organisations based in the North East of England who make a difference to people in need especially those who are disadvantaged and excluded.

The programme aims to help charities in the North East of England to thrive and to make a lasting difference by making grants that increase the capacity of the organisation to provide quality services. Around £600,000 per year is donated to charities in the North East through this programme.
Not for profit organisations with a turnover of less than £300,000 who work in the counties of Northumberland, Tyne and Wear, Durham and Teesside are eligible to apply and may do so every 12 months.

Grants can cover the core revenue costs of organisations working in disadvantaged neighbourhoods for example, running costs (bills etc), and core salaries (managers or administrators rather than project workers or sessional staff).

The Foundation prefers to support existing work with a proven track record that targets the following priority groups:

- People with disabilities
- Homeless people
- Voluntary carers
- Older and isolated people.

Grants of up to £15,000 per year are available for a maximum of three years.

Organisations interested in applying are advised to contact the grants manager before submitting an application.

Apply by the 18th September 2018.

**Useful Links:**

[Greggs Foundation Video](https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/grants/north-east-core-funding)

**Grants of Up to £25,000 Available for Projects working with Young People and Their Families (Scotland)**

Registered charities in Scotland working with young children (under 3) and their parent/families, or with a parent/family expecting a baby can apply for grants of between £3,000 and £25,000 through the Cattanach Charitable Trust.

Projects working with families experiencing deprivation or in crisis will be given priority.

Grants may be for project funding, or for core funding including salaries and general running costs in
smaller organisations. The Trustees prefer to fund revenue costs and a grant towards a capital project will usually only be associated with staff costs or some other aspect of revenue funding. The Trust prefers to make a grant which is a sizeable contribution to a project and so is unlikely to make a small grant towards a very large project.

Previous projects supported include:

- Home Start, Aberdeen, which received a grant of £10,000 from the Trust to support their core work of training and matching volunteers with families with at least one child under 5.
- The SKY Project (Stuff for Youth and Kids) which received a grant of £7,873 towards the salary of a Children's Worker (especially the work with early primary school aged children in a deprived area of Kilmarnock. Trustees meet four times a year to consider applications.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Useful Links:

Frequently Asked Questions

Funding Case Studies

http://www.cattanach.org.uk/

Funding to Help Creative Young People Shine (Scotland)

Young people or groups of young people who need financial help in developing their talent within the creative industry have until the 27th July 2018 to apply for grants of between £50 and £600 through the Nurturing Talent - Time to Shine Fund.

Funding will be awarded to those young people who demonstrate enthusiasm, ambition and talent in their chosen field and who would benefit from financial help to develop this further. Individual applicants and groups of individuals can apply. Funding is available to young people aged between 14 and 20 who live in Scotland and wish to develop their talent in:

- Drama
- Dance
- Music
- Film
- The Visual arts
Applications from professional arts organisations, schools or other educational institutions will not be accepted.

Useful Links:

- Application Form
- Guidelines
- Meet the Funders: Young Scot (Video)

Community Engagement in Democracy Grants (Scotland)

The Scottish Government Democracy Matters Community Engagement Fund provides grants of £100 up to £300 (in exceptional circumstances up to £500) to small voluntary organisations and community groups in Scotland to help them run an event with a group of five or more people to discuss what matters to them in relation to democracy. The fund is managed by Voluntary Action Fund (VAF).

Groups and voluntary organisations with a turnover of up to £100,000 can apply. Grants can cover costs such as venue hire, catering, childcare and inclusive communication such as interpreters.

Eligible groups will:

- Have a constitution and an annual income below £100,000 in the last financial year (excluding any income for capital items such as buildings and equipment)
- Have a bank account in the name of the group with 2 signatories on all payments
- Be able to hold an event by 26th October and provide feedback by 31st October

Groups without a constitution or bank account where their purpose and activities could be considered charitable can still receive funding, but the application has to be made by another body submitting the application on their behalf. If successful, this other body will receive the grant and is responsible to VAF for how it is spent.
The minimum grant is £100 and the maximum grant is £300, however, in exceptional circumstances a grant of up to £500 could be awarded if, for example, a larger number of people are attending or inclusive communication costs are higher.

An organisation or group can apply for more than one grant if the events involve different people.

Apply online by Friday 14th September 2018. Grant award decisions are made on a weekly basis and early application is recommended.

Useful Links:

Online Application Form


Funding for Healthy Eating Projects (Scotland)

Community Food and Health Scotland (CFHS) has announced that its Annual Development Fund (formerly known as the small grants scheme) re-opened for applications on the 1st June 2018. Grants ranging from £500 to £3,000 will be available to groups and agencies who would like to tackle one or more of the barriers to healthy eating, such as affordability or availability, and the negative impact of culture and lack of food skills.

CFHS welcome applications from local groups or agencies working with and within low-income communities throughout Scotland including from agencies such as the NHS, schools or other local authority organisations if they work closely with community groups.

The closing date for applications is the 6th July 2018.

Projects funded in the past include:

- Carrick Academy MC2/Maybole Youth Club who received a grant of £3,327.82 for growing, healthy eating and green gym project.
- North Perth Community School which received a grant of £1448.00 for a cooking skills project.

https://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/cfhs-funding-opportunities/
Grants to Support a More Sustainable, Equal and Low-Carbon Society (Highlands and Islands of Scotland)

The Pebble Trust offers grants of up to £5,000 to support projects that can help communities to build a more sustainable and equal society. Applications are welcomed from charities, community groups, businesses or individuals for projects that advance environmental protection or improvement, support organisations and individuals developing sustainable lifestyles and take into account future resource availability, fossil fuel use, climate change and the desirability of a more equal society.

Previous grants awarded have gone to:

Stramash Renewable Energy Project, a Fort William based outdoor nursery to install renewable energy into a 'castle' that has been built on the site for shelter and as a teaching resource with expertise from volunteer parents.

Tagsa Uibhist's 'Reclaiming the Knowledge' intergenerational horticultural project engaging school children to find out from their families, friends and neighbours about how and where food is grown on the Uists and Benbecula.

To apply e-mail the completed application form to info@thepebbletrust.org Applications can be submitted at any time.

Useful Links:

Application Form

http://www.thepebbletrust.org/index.asp

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

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

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

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

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

**Useful Links:**

[Online Application Form](https://www.avonandsomerset.police.uk/services/police-community-trust/commissioners-community-action-fund/)

**School Holiday Activity Fund (London)**

The School Holiday Activity Fund has grants available to help charities and state schools deliver activities for children and young people during the school holidays in North West London. This includes all half-term breaks, Easter, Christmas and the summer holiday.

The Fund will pay for the running costs of holiday programmes that provide young people with activities in supportive and accessible environments. Up to £4,000 is available for activities such as:

- Holiday drop-in activities
- Arts activities
- Sports projects
- Family activities
- Trips out of London
- Camping trips.

Grants could be used for:

- Equipment (not IT equipment)
- Sessional staffing costs
- Transport
• Venue hire
• Other direct project costs.

Applications must be made by various deadlines throughout the year. The next closing date for applications is the 1st June 2018 to run activities during the October half-term.

http://jlc.london/grants/which-grant-fund-should-i-apply-to/school-holiday-activity-fund/

Grants for Schools and Young Peoples Projects (Southwark)

Schools and organisations working with schools and colleges in the London Borough of Southwark have until 24th August 2018 to apply for a grant of up to £1,000 from the Newcomen Collet Foundation.

Priority is given to assist schools and other groups to:

• Purchase equipment for the benefit of children;
• Support extra curricula activities (e.g. school trips, after school clubs, holiday clubs, uniformed organisations) for children and young people;
• Assist organisations which provide educational opportunities to schools and colleges in the Borough of Southwark (e.g. visiting theatre companies and musicians).

It is unlikely that the Foundation will provide 100% of funding so applicants should also have additional funding options in place.

Applications can be submitted online.

Useful Links:

Apply Online

Recent Grants

http://www.newcomencollett.org.uk/organisations.html
Grants to Support Children Young People and Families (Kent)

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

Supported projects will:

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

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

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

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

The deadline for this round is 31st August 2018.

Useful Links:

Apply Online

http://www.kentcf.org.uk/apply/cypf-theme
New £4 Million Funding Scheme to Tackle Violence Against Women and Girls (UK)

A new £4 million grant scheme has been launched to support projects within the UK that tackle violence against women and girls. It is anticipated that 40 grant awards of £60,000 - £120,000 will be made for projects lasting between 1 and 3 years. Larger grants may be awarded for partnership bids.

The funding is being made available through the Tampon Tax and is supported by Comic Relief in partnership with the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) and the devolved administrations.

This funding is exclusively focused on women with multiple and complex needs and aims to:

- Enable organisations to better support women within the target groups.
- Showcase how women’s lived experience can inform the design and delivery of services, practice and policy.
- Provide opportunities for projects to try out new ways and models of working, for example by acting earlier, building community assets or using digital approaches.
- Enable cross sector partnerships to work together to provide high quality support.
- Support approaches that can provide learning for other organisations and stakeholders across the sector.
- Improve access to support for women with complex needs in less well-served communities, such as BAMER, older women, LBTI, disabled women.

The closing date for applications is midday on the 2nd July 2018.

Useful Links:

Documents for applying

Application process

Guidance for applying

https://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-grants/open-grants-initiatives/tackling-violence-against-women-and-girls
Funding for Projects that Empower Women and Combat Identity Based Violence (UK / International)

Small not for profit organisations and charities registered in the UK; one of the lowest 50 countries in the UN HDI, or in a country considered to be of high or moderate fragility can apply for grants of between £50,000 and £100,000 through the Jo Cox Memorial Strengthening Grants Programme to further women’s social, economic and political empowerment; and to combat identity-based violence.

To be eligible the applicant organisation need to have an annual income of less than £500,000 and the funding is available for projects of 2-3 years.

The grants will be made 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.

Applying for a Jo Cox Memorial Strengthening grant is a 1 stage process – the submission of a detailed concept notes.

The closing date for submitting these is Wednesday 13 June at 17:00 (GMT).

Useful Link:

- [Eligibility](https://www.ukaiddirect.org/apply/jo-cox-memorial-fund-strengthening/)
- [Guidance](https://www.ukaiddirect.org/apply/jo-cox-memorial-fund-strengthening/)
- [Applying](https://www.ukaiddirect.org/apply/jo-cox-memorial-fund-strengthening/)
Funding for Projects that Use the Arts and Media to Address the Concerns of Children (UK)

Not-for-profit organisations in the UK that are working with children and young people using the arts and creative media can apply for funding through the Ragdoll Foundation's Open Grants Programme. The Foundation's vision is to support projects where the concerns of childhood can be heard. A variety of art forms can be supported including dance, drama, ceramics, creative play, film, music, puppetry and storytelling. Supported projects will support equality of opportunity, can include families and take place in rural or urban settings and may be delivered, for example, in children’s and community centres, nurseries, schools and hospitals.

Organisations can apply for both one-off short-term projects and for projects lasting up to three years. Preference will be given to those projects which have a deep commitment to listening to children and allow the perceptions and feelings of children themselves to be better understood. The Foundation is mainly interested in applications that involve children during their early years, but appropriate projects for older children (up to 18 years) will also be considered.

Whilst the Foundation will fund work in and around London, they will prioritise projects taking place elsewhere in the UK.

Grants of up to £50,000 are available with £7,500 generally the smallest.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis; however, the Open Grants Scheme application form and guidance notes are currently being revised and will be available on the website by end-April. Applications from 1 April onwards should be made on the new form.

Examples of grants awarded include:

- Dance in Devon, £20,550 over 2 years to deliver ‘All Aboard’, a new inclusive dance project for very young disabled and non-disabled children and their families.
- Discover Story Centre, Stratford, £30,988 over 2 years to expand the scope and scale its work with children 0-3 years old by creating 8 original story productions.
- The Paper Birds Theatre Company, £21,102 over 1 year to develop 'In the Red', a performing arts project for up to 60 young people, ages 11-18 to take place across SW England, in collaboration with 3 regional theatres

http://www.ragdollfoundation.org.uk/portfolio/grant-giving
Grants of up to £4 Million for Large Scale Projects within Developing Countries (UK / International)

Impact grants are open to applications from medium-sized, non-government organisations registered in the UK, one of the lowest 50 countries in the UN HDI or in a country considered to be of high or moderate fragility. Grants are available from between £250,001 and £4,000,000 for projects of 3 – 5 years, for organisations with an average annual income of less than £10,000,000 per annum for the past 3 years.

Themes: there are no specific thematic areas of interest for this particular funding round but applications must be able to demonstrate how they are addressing the Global Goals.

The grants are designed to bring tangible change to the lives of the poorest and most marginalised, on a large scale.

Applying for an Impact grant is a 2-stage process: the submission of a concept notes, and if successful at the concept note stage, you will be asked to submit a full application.

The closing date for submitting concept notes is Wednesday 13 June 2018 at 17:00 (GMT).

Useful Links:

Guidance Notes
Concept Notes
Frequently Asked Questions
https://www.ukaiddirect.org/apply/impact/

Grants of up to £250,000 for Community Projects within Developing Countries (UK / International)

Small not for profit organisations and charities registered in the UK can apply for grants for projects that address poverty in the lowest 50 countries in the UN Human Development Index (HDI) and countries DFID considers to be of high or moderate fragility. The funding is being made available through the UK Aid Direct Community Partnership Grants scheme.

Community Partnership grants are open to applications from small, UK registered, non-government organisations. Grants are available for up to £250,000 for projects of 3 years or less, for organisations with an average income of less than £1,000,000 per annum for the past 3 years.
Themes: there are no specific thematic areas of interest for this particular funding round but applications must be able to demonstrate how they are addressing the Global Goals.

The grants are designed to support initiatives that focus on delivering results on a small scale, pilot new or innovative approaches, focus on the most marginalised, and work at the community level.

Applying for a Community Partnership grant is a 2-stage process: the submission of a concept notes, and if successful organisations will be asked to submit a full application.

The closing date for submitting concept notes is 5pm on the 13th June 2018.

Useful Links:

Guidance Notes

Concept Notes

Frequently Asked Questions

https://www.ukaiddirect.org/apply/community-partnership/

Grants for Disability Tennis Equipment (UK)

Grants of up to £1,500 are available to special schools, disability groups and associations, etc for equipment and specialist wheelchairs to enable disabled people to play tennis.

Individuals can apply for grants of up to £500. Individuals can receive support for sports wheelchairs, tennis rackets, coaching lessons with a Lawn Tennis Association (LTA) licensed coach or course fees for official LTA development/coaching courses. Groups can apply for: Wheelchairs; Court hire; Coaching fees; and equipment packages which will include:

- Rackets
- Balls
- Mini net
- Coaching aids such as: cones and throw down marker lines.

In the case of wheelchairs, a deposit will be required; for individuals, the amount of deposit required will depend on the wheelchair type requested, clubs will need to raise a deposit of £800.

The next closing date for applications is the 2nd July 2018.
Useful Links:

Applications Form

http://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant.html

Grants to Improve Teaching in Secondary Schools - New Funding Round (England)

The Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) has launched a new funding round. EEF targets funding at high-potential projects that are cost effective, have a measurable impact on attainment and can be scaled up to improve outcomes for disadvantaged children and young people aged 3 – 18 in schools and education settings across England. This Round seeks applications from proposals that cover:

- Improving teaching in secondary schools, in particular those aiming to improve pedagogy in Key Stage 3 or English and Maths teaching
- Evidencing the impact of popular programmes i.e. those programmes widely used by schools with the aim of changing or improving practice in certain areas
- Improving Level 2 outcomes for 16-18-year olds in English and maths
- Proposals from researchers about how best to evaluate the impact of widespread school practices for which there is currently limited evidence.

Any organisation working in schools and other educational settings i.e. further education colleges, mainstream primary and secondary schools, special schools, early years settings, charities, local authorities, academy chains, universities, social enterprises and businesses can apply.

No minimum or maximum size of grant is set, however, past EEF grants have ranged from £90,000 to £1.5m. Grant requests should be commensurate with the nature and scale of the project and with the applicants organisations capacity to ensure its successful delivery.

The closing date for this round is 5pm on the 5th July 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact the EEF’s Programmes team on info@eefoundation.org.uk or 020 7802 1676

Useful Links:

Application Guidance Notes

https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/projects-and-evaluation/how-to-apply
Hadrian Trust (North East of England)

The next closing date for applications to the Hadrian Trust is 16th April 2018. This small Charitable Trust aims to improve the lives of people living and working in the North East of England by awarding grants on a quarterly basis to charities and groups working for the benefit of people and the environment. Grants are allocated to charities and groups working across Tyne and Wear, Northumberland and Durham, including Hartlepool.

The Trust mainly makes grants for projects working in the fields of social welfare; youth; disability; the elderly; women; ethnic minorities; education; arts; and the environment.

In 2018, the Trust awarded 198 grants totaling £208,500 across all its areas of interest with the minimum grant being £250 and the maximum £5,000. Grants can cover running costs, project costs, part salaries and basic equipment.

Detailed application notes can be found on the ‘How to Apply’ page of the website.

The next closing date for applications is 22nd June 2018 for the July meeting of the Trustees.

Apply online or by post.

https://www.hadriantrust.co.uk/grants

Funding for School Breakfasts Extended to Scotland (Scotland)

Magic Breakfast is a registered charity that aims to end hunger as a barrier to education in UK Schools by providing healthy breakfast food to children most in need. A "magic" breakfast is designed to give children energy, protein, vitamins and minerals, is low in sugar, salt and fat and complies with the Government's school food standards. The charity believes that no child should start the school day too hungry to concentrate and is currently accepting applications from schools in England and Scotland.

In Scotland, Magic Breakfast is now accepting applications from any Primary School where 55% (or above) pupils are in SIMD Decile 1 and 2 and/or 35% (or above) are eligible for Free School Meals. A Secondary School qualifies for support when 40% (or above) pupils are in SIMD Decile 1 and 2.

Applications can be made at any time. The charity does currently have a waiting list of schools but is committed to reaching each of them as soon as funding is available.
Magic Breakfast is planning to expand to Northern Ireland and Wales soon so welcome applications from all UK schools.

Useful Links:

Expression of Interest form

Magic Breakfast (Video)

https://www.magicbreakfast.com/apply-for-magic-breakfast-provision

Grants for Local Environmental Projects Are Now Available (Scotland)

Volunteering Matters Action Earth empowers people in Scotland to take action and improve their local environment through volunteering. Any group of volunteers can apply for a Volunteering Matters Action Earth grant of between £50 and £250 to run environmental activities in Scotland’s green spaces.

Grants can be used for plants, tools, materials and volunteer’s expenses and activities funded could include, creating or improving community gardens, wildflower meadows, ponds or woodlands.

Projects supported must involve practical outdoor activity in Scotland, make improvements to local green spaces, involve at least 15 volunteers giving a minimum of 5 hours each and be on a site accessible to the general public. Applicants will need to provide evidence that they have permission to work on the site.

Applicants should note that grants are paid retrospectively with projects paying costs upfront and then claiming back expenditure by sending in receipts, feedback forms and a grant claim form within 4 weeks of the project end date.

Local Nature Reserve (LNR) grants of up to £500 are also available for volunteer activities taking place on LNRs such as wildlife recording or protecting and enhancing biodiversity.

Apply at any time by first registering through the website. For advice or further information email or call 0131 622 7766.

Useful Links:

Ideas and Links
Terms and Conditions

https://volunteeringmatters.org.uk/project/action-earth/