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. This week we have some 45 pages of information News, Bids Grants and Funds.

A little-known education entrepreneur has swooped to seal an audacious takeover of Learndirect, Britain’s biggest provider of apprenticeships and adult training services. Sky News can reveal that Dimensions Training Solutions (DTS) struck a deal on Saturday to acquire Learndirect in a deal which will preserve roughly 1,000 jobs and the training courses of thousands more people.

The acquisition will be transformational for DTS, which is part of a wider group owned by Stonebridge Colleges, a mini-conglomerate in the further education sector. It will bring to an end months of uncertainty about Learndirect’s future, with doubts about its survival prospects exacerbated by an adverse Ofsted evaluation of part of its business but which were originally triggered by government cuts to adult skills funding.

Learndirect, which has had apprenticeship contracts with companies such as Marks & Spencer and Tesco, has been owned since 2011 by LDC, the private equity division of Lloyds Banking Group. The company has recruited hundreds of thousands of apprentices to its programmes, with that part of its business seen as an important contributor to a wider government target of delivering three million apprenticeships during this parliament.

Sources said that LDC had fought vigorously in recent weeks to secure a solvent sale of the business, at times in the face of heated opposition from some members of Learndirect’s lending syndicate. Lenders to the company comprise Ares, CYBG, Lloyds Banking Group and Royal Bank of Scotland. In a statement issued to Sky News, Wayne Janse Van Rensburg, DTS’s chief executive, said: "The LDL [Learndirect’s adult skills arm] sale protects learners and the future of LDA [its apprenticeships business] was never in doubt.

"The essential building blocks are there to deliver a service that will more than satisfy government requirements.

Previata will be bidding for the recently procured DWP ESF Hertfordshire NEET contract, ‘Sustainable Integration of Young People into the labour market in Hertfordshire’. If you have a track record of delivering positive activities for young people that helps them return to education, employment or training please complete our Expression of Interest Form and return to Mark
Sargeant, marks@prevista.co.uk by Friday 13th July 2018. For more details download the Bids Grants and Funds.

The response to the public T levels consultations held by the DfE, which ran from 30 November 2017 to 8 February 2018, has now been published. We have summarised some key points from the response to share with you alongside research conducted by City & Guilds and AELP among providers and employers to ask for their thoughts about the T levels work placements. Summary of Government response T level Industry Placements

The 45-day minimum work placement component is still a mandatory requirement for the achievement of a T level programme.
English and maths English and maths GCSE or functional skills achievement will be a requirement of a T level programme. T level grading
An overall pass grade will be introduced for the achievement of a T level programme.

The full roll-out delayed until 2023. The DfE has confirmed the full roll-out of T levels will not actually take place until 2023. The report also contains details around progression, transition year, staff CPD and possible pilot centres. You can read the full response on the DfE website. You can keep up to date on the reforms on our T levels webpage which has many valuable resources.

https://www.cityandguilds.com/tlevels?utm_source=City%20%26%20Guilds%20UK&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=9571397_UKC_t_levels_update_15.06.2018&dm_i=1LRT,5P5C5,PTOD8K,1

All seven of the Applying your digital skills short online courses are FREE of charge.
Every teacher, trainer and assessor in the sector will be able to access the courses for FREE as part of a special promotion to develop the capability of practitioners in the FE and Skills sector. Whilst the courses are FREE, there is an expectation that staff who enrol for theses short supported online courses are committed to completing them.

To find out more and enrol on this course, please click HERE


Great week this past week on Monday the AGM for Collab Group, this was great and seeing some old acquaintances not that they are old. Many thanks to Matt Harvey. Tuesday was very busy and had a few meetings you know who you are. Then over to the old Dragons Den to meet Nathan from Ingredient Films, and the team and Alex Lockey Founder and Director of Bolt Jobs, seeing Julie
Weekes, Gavin Freed, Susanna Lawson, Angela Middleton, Lindsay McCurdy and Adam Sloan. Then Wednesday meeting with an Awarding Body then Thursday over to the O2 a Charity Management meeting with Gordon Bentley and the Team from Oasis Care.

Claire Pyle had a super day spent at Thomas Cook training base on Thursday with Sheffield College Aviation students. She notes it is always good to see them getting out into industry, The students really enjoyed it and were a credit to the college. From my perspective - great work by your department Ali Chapman and once again a great Quality Assurance visit. Well done to you all.

The nation’s largest college group and its troubled private training provider have officially been downgraded to ‘requires improvement’, after Ofsted published inspection reports on the pair. FE Week revealed last week that NCG and Intraining were expected to receive poor ratings – down from their previous ‘good’ overall, following serious concerns about their achievement rates and management.

Ofsted noted some ‘good’ provision at the group. However, its chief executive has since hit back and claimed the current inspection framework is “no longer fit for purpose when inspecting college groups”. Inspectors observed that NCG’s “leaders’ and managers’ actions do not bring about rapid enough improvement to rectify weaknesses in, for example, learners’ attendance, the quality of training on apprenticeships and the quality of teaching, learning and assessment on too much of the study programme provision”.

Inspectors noted that in the last 18 months, “executive leaders” have spent a “substantial amount of their time on due diligence for the mergers with Carlisle College and Lewisham Southwark College, as well as reviewing other merger requests”.

Governors are now “clear that there needs to be a period of consolidation on what the group offers in order to reach their ambition of being a group of consistently high-performing divisions”. At Intraining, which is currently cutting staff numbers owing to financial trouble, inspectors found that the NCG board “does not provide managers with sufficient challenge on the underperformance of apprenticeships”. The group has extremely low achievement rates. 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. Both are around 10 points lower than the national average of 67.7 per cent, and lower than the minimum threshold of 62 per cent, according to the latest government data.

Read more at https://feweek.co.uk/2018/06/21/grade-three-ofsted-ratings-confirmed-for-ncg-and-intraining/
Every now and again we highlight companies this week GPRS Recruitment

GPRS is an award winning specialist in the recruitment of permanent staff for work-based learning and training organisations. At GPRS we always work to the highest possible recruitment industry standards - we are one of only 0.5% of UK recruitment companies who are Recruitment & Employment Confederation (REC) Audited. This ensures at GPRS we always operate best practice in customer service, staff development, diversity and client management.

GPRS is committed to ensuring it’s staff is professionally trained in all aspects of recruitment and selection. This is demonstrated by GPRS being an IIP Gold & IIP Champion, so not only do we understand the work based learning and training sector, but our interviewing and short listing skills are far more advanced than many of our competitors, which is achieved through ongoing professional training. This means that the only CVs which find their way onto our clients’ desk are accurately matched to the roles for which GPRS is recruiting.

Are you struggling to find skilled Trainers and Assessors? GPRS possess a huge pool of Work Based Learning Candidates – GPRS have a database that they have been adding to for 10 years, many candidates of which are exclusive to GPRS. In addition, we have a social media executive who works social media to generate more interest in roles. And if that’s not enough, all of our clients’ roles are advertised free of charge across the major job boards.

Minimal risk – if GPRS is unable to find a candidate for your company, there will be no charge - no placement no fee. If a candidate placed by GPRS proves to be unsuitable or leaves, within the first three months of joining your company, GPRS will endeavour to find a like for like replacement free of charge – giving our clients added assurance with our three month replacement guarantee.

If you are a company looking for an employee or a candidate looking for a new role, please get in touch: 01785 430 507 george@gprs.uk.com https://www.gprs.uk.com/

Information: apprenticeship funding rules 2018 to 2019

We have published the 2018 to 2019 apprenticeship funding rules. These documents set out the rules for apprenticeship funding, including the evidence required to support it and will apply to apprenticeship starts from 1 August 2018.

These incorporate the recent policy changes announced in May. There are no other major changes beyond those detailed within this announcement.

The 2018 to 2019 apprenticeship funding rules include:
• rules to reflect new policy (such as the care-leaver bursary and continuation of 16 to 18 uplift for frameworks)
• further clarifications to existing rules with the aim of making them clearer

For further information, please visit the summary of changes.

The published documents are subject to further clarification to give the opportunity to provide feedback. Email suggestions to fundingrulescomments@education.gov.uk by Monday 2 July. Following feedback, we will then issue a final version of the rules in July to reflect any areas of clarification.

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.

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.

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

Come and join the fight against stigma 11 Jul 2018 Join us as we launch our campaign against the stigma experienced by families affected by a loved one’s drug or alcohol. #StigmaMakesMeFeel

Wednesday 11 July 2018, 5-7.30pm

Westminster, London RSVP: r.stebbings@adfam.org.uk From our many conversations with families affected by drugs and alcohol, we know that stigma is rife, with societal attitudes about substance use to unhelpful remarks from friends causing families to feel isolated and obstruct them from accessing support through fear of being judged. One family member told us stigma is “like being labelled with a big invisible sign that I can’t see but others can”. Often stigma isn’t malicious, or deliberate, it’s due to people misunderstanding the issue and what families are going through.

That’s why we are launching our new campaign #StigmaMakesMeFeel to tackle stigma face-on by getting it out in the open. We want people to think about how families experience stigma, and tell us
how that makes them feel.

We are aiming to get 1000 photos of people posing with our #StigmaMakesMeFeel campaign boards, starting at the event! We will also be showcasing some of our recent stigma-busting partnership projects – ‘Family Lives in Recovery’, ‘Bereaved through Alcohol and Drugs (BEAD)’, ‘Changing Lives’ and our advocacy work on Dual Diagnosis. Tea, coffee and light snacks will be available on the night. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Rob Stebbings who will send further details: r.stebbings@adfam.org.uk / 020 3817 9410

Perry at Pearson sent through this BUSINESS SUITE OF SASE / QCF QUALS all of which are extended until 2021. Please see the attached list of quals, all-encompassing Business, Sales, Marketing, and Contact Centre etc, all of which are extended until 2021

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Women in Apprenticeships: Conference Celebration of women in Apprenticeships Conference.
The Top 10 trades and sectors for apprenticeships in 1918 shows 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. 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.

WHAT A JOURNEY WE HAVE MADE IN THE PAST 100 YEARS.
To get tickets be a Woman or a man https://www.celebrationofapprenticeships.com/

Ok people ask what are you doing next week?
This week Monday Office then off to Birmingham Central Tuesday then over to Walsall on Wednesday. Then back by next Friday for a meeting in Essex.

Someone asked what makes you mad you always appear calm?
Ok question why do people ring you up and you say ok I am driving please send through details I will stop in about 2 hours and get back to you, then nothing.

Also I work on a very strict way re-funding. We work with you for about two or three weeks this is FREE then we start invoicing start of each month this gives you staff and my time booked in advance.

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.

Tip of the week 1: Five nights glamping in Wales from £89. Details https://www.groupon.co.uk/deals/ga-hendre-hall-glamping

Tip of the week 2: 20% discount on school uniforms at M&S. Details https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/deals/m-and-s#deal39929

Tip of the week 3: 70% discount on camping goods at Mountain Warehouse. Details https://www.mountainwarehouse.com/

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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**East Sussex College Group - Training and Education Delivery Partnership**  
**Sussex Coast College Hastings**  
ESCG have a need to appoint suitably qualified organisations to a Dynamic Purchasing System to deliver training and education nationwide, with requirements for delivery specifically within Sussex and the South East.

https://suppliers.multiquote.com and view the opportunity CA4984

Deadline: 13/07/2018

**Graduate Apprenticeship - Pilot in Early Learning & Childcare 2019-2022**  
**The Skills Development Scotland Co. Limited**  
SDS invites proposals under Competitive Funding Offer. SDS is inviting proposals from Higher Education institutions operating principally in Scotland who would be eligible to apply for SFC Core Funding to deliver Graduate Apprenticeships in Early Learning and Childcare pilot.

Value excluding VAT: 548 100.00 GBP

Duration in months: 42

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA12862

Deadline: 11/07/2018

**Framework for staff learning and development provision**  
**Queen's University Belfast**  
This framework seeks to establish a multi-supplier framework of suitable suppliers under the following lots or categories:

— Lot 1: Personal/professional skills development

— Lot 2: Management and Leadership Development Levels 1 and 2

— Lot 3: Management and Leadership Development Levels 3 and 4  
The scope of this framework solely relates to central Organisational Development budgeted learning and development.
https://in-tendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast/aspx/Home

Deadline: 17/07/2018

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 an 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/Tenders/Current

Deadline: 16/07/2018

Training Providers Framework for Local Government Training Group
Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council
Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council, on behalf of the Local government training group, wishes to engage the services of competent organisation to provide training to Local government officers and Elected members across the 11 District Councils of Northern Ireland to assist with their learning and development.

https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps

Deadline: 23/07/2018

Adult Learning in Community Settings
Sheffield City Council
AEB Adult Learning Pathway Programmes across local areas of Sheffield; and Pathway Coordination

We are seeking to procure provision funded by the Adult Education Budget, which the Council receives from the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA). The specific requirement is for:
• Engagement, enrolment activity and learning provision
• High quality Information Advice and Guidance (IAG) that engages learners at all times and moves
them along a pathway into further learning and/or employment
• Coordination of that learning pathway at all levels

Value of contract £1 - £1.0m

https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/c91a2cfb-1427-4892-bf65-451e6a2cac8e?p=@8=UFQxUJRPT0=NjJNT0

Deadline: 15/07/2018

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.

https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com

Deadline: 16/07/2018

Provision of Preventative and Universal Services for Carers

Derby City Council
Derby City Council and Southern Derbyshire Clinical Commissioning Group (SDCCG) are prioritising support for Carers as the needs of Carers are often cross cutting in terms of health and social care. The Services being commissioned aims to involve Carers in identifying their needs, assist them to remain in their caring role, ensure their individual outcomes are achieved and their well-being is maintained. The Council and SDCCG also want to improve reach out to Carers and key to this is working in partnership to identify Carers more efficiently and effectively.

It is envisaged that all Carers be able to access support, training, advice and information to help them in their caring role. Clear pathways for the Carer will help to reduce Carer stress and the requirement for more intensive support for the Carer or the adult in need for whom they are caring for. This will be a universal offer regardless of eligibility.

The aim of the Services within this specification is preventative, ensuring Carers do not reach crisis point, keeping them well and ensuring Carers can retain their caring role for as long as possible. The Council has a statutory duty to reduce, prevent and delay the need for statutory services

The successful organisation will act as the lead organisation for universal Carers services and will work closely with Derby City Council and Southern Derbyshire CCG to ensure that Carers needs are being met and provide innovative solutions to any service gaps.

Specifically, this Specification requires the Service Provider to deliver five key Services
1. Information, advice and guidance for Carers
2. Carers training
3. Wellbeing activities for Carers
4. Support and peer support for Carers
5. Carers clinics in conjunction with GP services

Funding
Funding for this Service is Better Care Funding and is a pooled budget between the Council and SDCCG.

Contract Management
The Service Provider will contract with the Council. The Council is the contract manager and SDCCG will participate in contract management process but the Service Provider reports to the Council.

The tendered service is a remodelling of an existing service provision, which is currently being provided by two service providers. The tendering of this contract may give rise to a possible presumption that the European Acquired Rights Directive 77/187 and/or the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) 2006 regulations may apply in the event of this contract being awarded to a new Service Provider.

Tenderers are advised to make their own enquiries by seeking independent professional legal advice on the consequences for them if they are the successful tenderer and the TUPE regulations do apply.

Under this procurement the Service Provider is required to participate actively in the economic and social regeneration of the locality of and surrounding the area served by Derby City Council. Accordingly contract performance conditions may relate in particular to social and environmental considerations.

The Initial Term of the contract is two years the contract is estimated to commence 1st September 2018 and expire 31st August 2021. There will be an option to extend the contract for a further three years in annual increments, subject to satisfactory performance and business needs. Maximum contract period is five years.

There is a maximum budget of £260,000 per year for the duration of the contract for the Services for Carers. The costs for Parental Carer will not form part of the price submitted and are not included in the budget limit of £260,000.

Parent Carers
The Council may during the Term of the contract request that the successful Service Provider
provides the same Service to Parent Carers on an ad-hoc individual basis, such as attending a training session or participating in a wellbeing activity. The successful Service Provider will be required to provide this Service to Parent Carers and will ensure it is capable of doing this. Further funding will be applicable to this element of service delivery and the Service Provider will ensure any additional costs to the Council are in line with tendered price.

The costs for Parental Carer will not form part of the price submitted in Section 9 and are not included in the budget limit of £260,000, any such increase of this limit shall be in accordance with those permitted by the Regulations and the Councils Contract Procedure Rules/Finance Procedure Rules.

The Service Provider should note that any funding for these Services for Parental Carers and any Service provision to these Parental Carers is subject to further internal funding approval.

Value: GBP 1,430,000

http://www.sourceeastmidlands.co.uk/contracts/show/id/16815

Deadline: 10/07/2018

Tax Apprenticeship End Point Assessment
HM REVENUE & CUSTOMS

HMRC is acting as a training provider for apprentices to deliver education and training for the Level 4 Professional Accounting/Taxation Technician Apprenticeship and is on the Education and Skills Funding Agency register of apprenticeship training providers (RoATP) under UKPRN Nº 10012772. HMRC's Tax Academy, as training provider, require the services of an End Point Assessor who will support them in the assessment of the Level 4 Professional Accounting / Taxation Technician Apprenticeship.

Prior to assessments HMRC will require to develop and adapt the EPAO's existing summative case study, so that it reflects the work undertaken by tax professionals within HMRC. This bespoke EPA will still map to the apprenticeship standards and test the requisite level of knowledge, skills and behaviour, but will be written from a tax compliance perspective rather than accounting professional.

HMRC is raising market awareness of the opportunity and procurement approach for an Open Procedure for an End Point Assessor. At the time of the Contract Notice Issuance, potential bidders will have to meet the criteria mentioned in the Education Skills Funding Agency's (ESFA) Conditions for organisations on the register of end-point assessment organisations. This document can be found
It is a mandatory requirement that the End Point Assessor is registered on the ESFA Register of end-point assessment organisations and that they are ready to deliver an end-point assessment. The expected apprentice numbers requiring an End Point Assessment is approximately 200 during the term of the contract, however this number is not guaranteed. The first phase of the End Point Assessment is to be conducted from March 2019.

Please note that suppliers will need to register on the HMRC SAP Ariba eSourcing portal in order to take part in the Invitation to Tender event. Guidance on how to register can be found at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/528355/SAP_Ariba_Sourcing_Professional_Supplier_s_Guide_-_June_2016.pdf

Approach to market date 17 July 2018

Funding for Projects that Combat Abuse and Violation of Human Rights (UK)

The next closing date for applications for funding through the A B Charitable Trust is the 7th September 2018.

The Trust supports UK-registered charities that work towards combating abuse and violations of human rights and to support the disadvantaged by fostering community action. The Trust is particularly focused on charities supporting unpopular causes reaching the most vulnerable and marginalised in society. This can include:

- Prisoners and penal reform
- Migrants, refugees and asylum seekers
- Human rights, particularly access to justice.

The Trust generally makes one-off grants to charities registered and working in the UK with annual incomes of between £150,000 and £1.5m that do not have substantial investments or surpluses. Grants range in size, with most grants awarded being in the range £10,000 to £20,000. ABCT does
not normally fund charities with large national or international links.

The next closing date for applications is the 7th September 2018.

Useful Links:

**Online Application**

**Funding Guidelines**

**Frequently Asked Questions**

http://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/application.htm

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**Grants for Families Facing Financial Hardship Whilst Caring for a Child with a Serious Illness (UK)**

Marvellous Family Grants are awarded to families facing financial hardship whilst caring for a child with a serious illness. Grants of up to £1,000 can fund a variety of essential items and services including (but not limited to) specialist equipment, creative therapies, hospital travel expenses, everyday items to improve the child’s quality of life, attending medical/support group conference, social activities and memberships.

Marvellous Family grants are open to any family residing in the UK with a child who has a serious illness that could be life-limiting as described by the following criteria:

- **Group 1** - Life threatening conditions for which curative treatment may be feasible but can fail. (e.g. epilepsy, irreversible organ failures of heart, liver, kidneys.)
- **Group 2** - Conditions where premature death is inevitable. (e.g. cystic fibrosis.)
- **Group 3** - Progressive conditions without curative treatment options. (e.g. Batten disease, mucopolysaccaridoses, muscular dystrophy.)
- **Group 4** - Irreversible but non-progressive conditions causing severe disability leading to susceptibility to health complications and likelihood of premature death. (e.g. sickle cell disease, cerebral palsy, multiple disabilities such as brain or spinal cord insult.)
- **Group 5** - Syndromes without a name (SWAN) causing severe, chronic disability or illness.

Applications must be completed by health or social care professionals on behalf the family and are considered at monthly meetings.

The deadline for the next meeting is 5pm on the 16th July 2018.
Useful Links:

**Application Guidance**

http://www.roalddahl.com/charity/family-grants?platform=hootsuite

**Funding to Use Digital Technology for Vocational Training (UK)**

The UFI Charitable Trust (Ufi), which aims to help improve vocational skills in the UK's workforce, has announced that the next funding round under its VocTech programme is now open for applications.

This is the second of three funding rounds during 2018 and will provide grants of between £150,000 and £300,000 for projects lasting up to 24 months. UFI will be looking for large scale near to market innovations which demonstrate how the use of digital tech can deliver adult vocational learning at significant level.

The funding is available to larger, more established organisations, including charities, trade bodies and existing learning providers and others in the private sector that have large scale, near to market innovations which demonstrate how the use of digital tech can deliver adult vocational learning at significant level.

There is a two-stage application process and the closing date for stage 1 applications is 5pm on 11 July 2018. Stage 1 applicants will be advised in early August 2018 whether they have been successful.

Successful applicants will be invited to proceed to Stage 2 which opens on 14 August 2018 and closes at 5pm on the 7th September 2018.

Useful Links:

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**Previous Projects Funded**

https://www.ufi.co.uk/voctech-impact-2018-guidelines
Grow Wild - Creative Funding for Young People (UK)

Grow Wild is inviting young people to use their creative skills to share and celebrate UK wildlife by promoting UK native wildflowers, plants and/or fungi at local events.

Projects will take place in the community, for example in a school, college or youth club or be a Community event taking place over the summer and must involve at least 100 people (including other young people). Visual art, music, poetry, dance, and theatre could be used to present the idea or information.

Two Options are offered with grants of £500 available.

1. For young people aged 14-25, awards of £500 will help them in developing a creative idea, taking place in their area, that promotes UK native wildflowers, plants and/or fungi and will help them to excite others, especially young people, to get involved.

2. Emerging artists aged 18-25 will have the opportunity to attend a residential workshop at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park on 28-29 July to develop a creative project inspired by UK native wildflowers or fungi. An award of £500 will enable them to bring their developed project to life, engaging at least a hundred people in their community, and contribute to an autumn exhibition.

For both options, the applicant will need to find a ‘Supporting Organisation’ to help them to deliver their project as awards cannot be paid directly to individuals, this may be a voluntary, youth or community group or education body for example. The Guidance Notes have a full list of suitable Supporting Organisations.

Applications for either option should be submitted to Go Wild by Midday on Monday 2nd July 2018.

https://www.growwilduk.com/content/youth-project-funding-open#Option%201

Funding for School Capital Projects (UK)

The next deadline for stage 1 application to the Wolfson Foundation's Secondary Education Programme is the 10th January 2019. Through its Secondary Education Programme high-achieving (in receipt of an outstanding Ofsted assessment or regional equivalent) state-funded schools and sixth form colleges can apply to the Foundation for funding for capital or equipment projects relating to the teaching of science and technology; or projects involving libraries, languages, music or the arts.
Grants do not normally exceed £50,000 for schools or £100,000 for sixth form colleges.

Applicants successful at the stage 1 of the application process will be invited to submit a stage 2 application.

Examples of schools that have received funding through the Foundation include:

- An award of £100,000 was made towards science equipment for a new regional science centre at Oldham Sixth Form College. The project aims to engage the local community in science as well as provide carefully designed laboratories with modern science equipment.
- Cheadle Hulme High School, Cheshire, which received a grant of £46,000 for A Level science equipment.
- Greenhead College, a high-achieving Sixth Form College in Huddersfield, which received a grant of £100,000 which enabled them to refurbish three chemistry laboratories and two technicians rooms.

Useful Links:

Apply Online

Eligibility Criteria

http://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/education/secondary-education/

Public Service Mutuals Receive £1m Funding Boost (UK)

Organisations that are aiming to establish themselves or expand as Public Service Mutuals can now apply for a share of £1 million in funding. Public service mutuals are organisations that have left the public sector but continue delivering public services. The aim of the funding is to support development, growth and sustainability and allow many institutions, staff, and their customers, to benefit from more independence, faster decision-making and less bureaucracy in the future.

To apply for support the organisation must currently, or intend to, fulfil the definition of a Public Service Mutual, which is an organisation that:

- Has left the public sector (also known as ‘spinning out’)
- Continues to deliver public services and aims to have a positive social impact
- Has a significant degree of staff influence or control in the way it is run.
Existing mutuals in the first five years of operation or delivering original or extended contracts which have not been retendered can also apply but must demonstrate how support from this programme will help the organisation grow or diversify its operations.

All applicants will be required to demonstrate their commitment to their project and the mutual model by providing matched funding, in cash, towards the support needed.

To apply for funding email the Mutuals Team at the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport: mutuals@culture.gov.uk

The closing date for this round is 5pm on Friday 29th June.


Support for Technology Start-ups to Tackle Social and Environmental Problems (UK)

Bethnal Green Ventures (BGV), which supports teams with new ideas to help build solutions to social and environmental problems, has announced that its Autumn 2018 Tech for Good Ventures is open for applications.

The programme is looking to invest up to £20,000 (in exchange for 6% equity) in ambitious technology start-ups that are tackling problems in the areas of:

- **Achieving the Global Goals**
- **Supporting vulnerable young people**
- **Building a future of fair work and employment**

In addition, the programme offers:

- **Support**: An intensive 3-month programme of workshops and 1:1 mentoring and life-long support to accelerate your venture
- **Connections**: Access to a network of over 300 mentors, founders, and investors
- **Office space**: free office space in central London for 6 months
- **Partnerships**: Additional support from our expert partners

The deadline for online applications is the 8th July 2018.

Useful Links:
Funding for Expressive and Creative Children’s Play Projects (UK and International)

The vision of the Froebelian Trust is a world in which childhood is valued in its own right and each child’s capacity and potential are recognised. The Trust has allocated a fund of £40,000 for new applications to the 2018 Innovation Grants Programme. The programme supports projects that offer new ways and environments in order to support children to play expressively and creatively.

Registered charities, schools, and international charities can apply for up to £40,000, spread over 1 or 2 years for projects that support children between the ages of 0-8 to play expressively and explicitly. Projects funded will:

- Contribute to the strategic objectives of the Trust which are to demonstrate how the application of Froebelian principles provide high quality learning and education and increase the impact and visibility of the Trust.
- Address at least one of the Trust’s cross cutting themes which are:
  - Addressing disadvantage and valuing diversity
  - Childhood under stress (focusing on those environments in which young children cannot play freely or with agency)
  - Adult (staff and parental) engagement with young children

The deadline for applications is 5pm on Friday, 29th June 2018

Useful Links:

- About Innovation Grants 2018
- Innovation Grant application form

https://www.froebel.org.uk/apply/froebelian-innovations/
Engineering Education Grant Scheme: New Round Opens 18th June 2018 (UK)

The Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) has announced that its Engineering Education Grant Scheme will open for applications on the 18th June 2018.

Schools and STEM organisations capable of developing and delivering UK-based educational activities that include IET or IMechE members in the project are eligible to apply. Applications from teams with diverse expertise, a range of skills and from a variety of sectors are particularly welcomed.

Grants will be awarded at two levels; up to £5,000 for standard applications and four larger grants of up to £15,000.

The deadline to apply is 8th October 2018 for projects taking place from 1 January 2019.

Projects funded in 2017 included Dismantle and Discover, led by Loughborough University and Loughborough Secondary School, involving student role models who set up an engaging after school club giving children the skills, enthusiasm and confidence to take up STEM subjects.

Useful Links:

Apply for a Grant

https://www.theiet.org/resources/teachers/grant-scheme.cfm

Society for Microbiology – Science Education and Outreach Grants (UK)

The Society for Microbiology provides grants to support the teaching of microbiology. The scheme is open to Full, Full Concessionary or Postgraduate Student Members residing in the UK or Republic of Ireland to support relevant science teaching or promotion initiatives, or to support developments likely to lead to an improvement in the teaching of any aspect of microbiology. The maximum grant available is £1,000. Activities funded can include:

- Running a school- or college-based science week activity (e.g. hands-on or programme of talks);
- Supporting microbiology activities in an out-of-school science club;
- Buying materials and equipment outside of normal department resources to support a microbiology activity (no more than £500 can be used toward large equipment such as microscopes and incubators);
• A class visit to a microbiology laboratory to carry out activities; and
• Organising a visit to or from a working microbiologist.

The deadline for applications is 1st October 2018.

Useful Links:

Apply Online


Enterprise Hub Launchpad Competition Opens for Applications (UK)

The Royal Academy of Engineering has announced that the Enterprise Hub Launch Pad competition is open for applications. The Enterprise Hub Launchpad Competition will award entrepreneurs in the UK aged 16–25 with a cash prize and bespoke support to start a business based on an innovative idea.

The winner will receive

• The JC Gammon Award
• £15,000 equity-free seed funding
• Lifetime membership of the Enterprise Hub

The closing date for applications is the 10th September 2018.

Useful Links:

Guidance Notes

Frequently Asked Questions

http://www.raeng.org.uk/prizes/launchpad/default.htm

Lord Taverners Accessible Minibuses Grant Programme (UK)

The Lords Taverners, the UK’s leading youth cricket and disability sports charity, has re-opened its
Accessible Minibuses grants programme. Schools, clubs and youth organisations across the UK that cater for young people under the age of 25 who have a physical/ sensory/ learning disability can apply to the Lords Taverners for specially-adapted, wheelchair-accessible minibuses. Last year the Lords Taverners delivered 40 specially-adapted, wheelchair-accessible minibuses. Examples of schools that received a specially-adapted minibus are:

- Lakeside School in Hertfordshire;
- The Garth School and the Priory School in Spalding (Lincolnshire); and
- Perseid School in Morden, Surrey.

These vehicles give young people with disabilities access to new places and experiences. Lord's Taverners minibuses are based on the current Ford Transit model, with a diesel engine. The average cost to the charity of an accessible minibus is over £61,000. Please note that the Lords Taverners are unable to support schools that cater for socially disadvantaged children, or mainstream schools for children with behavioural problems. Applications to the programme can be submitted at any time and reviewed at the end of each quarter.

Useful Links:

Application Form

Lords Taverners Minibus Programme (Video)

https://www.lordstaverners.org/accessible-minibuses

The Leathersellers’ Company Charitable Fund (UK)

In 2016/17, The Leathersellers’ Company Charitable Fund awarded a total of £2 million to UK registered Charities and Educational Institutions. Whilst Greater London projects are prioritised, the trustees are also keen to fund projects around the UK that provide support for children/young people, elderly/old people and people with disabilities through two grants giving programmes:

The Small Grant Programme is a fast track grant assessment for one-off grants of up to £3,000 (with the average between £500 1,500), applicants to this programme can expect a result within six weeks of making an application.

The Main Grants Programme awards single and multiple year grants (up to four years) of £5,000 and usually up to £40,000 with a successful application taking up to nine months to achieve.
Generally, grants are awarded for special projects, capital grants and core costs such as salaries, rent and utilities. Applications are particularly welcome that support the use of leather within the fashion industry, education in leather technology and the leather trade.

Recently supported projects include:

- £40,000 over four years to Discover, the UK’s first interactive story centre for children
- £15,000 to Pursuing Independent Paths, to provide intensive, person centred support to young adults with moderate to severe learning disabilities.

For further information of recent grants awarded please click here

Applications can be submitted at any time.

The Leathersellers’ Company Charitable Fund also provides Student Grants of up to £4,000 a year for those wishing to study for a full-time Degree at any UK University. Application is via the on-line form only which is quick and easy to use. Applications for the academic year 2018/19 will open May 2018.

http://www.leathersellers.co.uk/charitablefund/

Practitioner Support Grants for Early Years Setting (Scotland and England)

The Froebel Trust is a UK-based early years education charity which aims to promote the value and relevance of Froebelian principles to the education and learning of children in the 21st century.

The vision of the Trust, in line with the principles developed by Friedrich Froebel, is a world in which childhood is valued in its own right and each child’s capacity and potential are recognised. The following principles for the education and care of children up to the age of eight are at the centre of grant making:

- The integrity of childhood in its own right
- The relationship of every child to family, community, nature, culture and society
- The uniqueness of every child’s capacity and potential
- The holistic nature of the development of every child
- The role of play and creativity as central integrating elements in development and learning
- The right of children to protection from harm or abuse and to the promotion of their overall well-being

A number of small practitioner grants are available to early years settings that are interested in
further developing an aspect of Froebelian practice. Eligible settings will have a member of the management team, plus at least one other practitioner, who has completed the Froebel course at University of Edinburgh, or the University of Roehampton or all five elements of the Froebel short course delivered by Travelling Froebel Tutors. Settings must also be registered with Care Inspectorate or SEED in Scotland or be a registered setting in England.

Grants of between £3000 - £5000 to cover training costs, supply cover implications and up to 20% of resources are available. Please note that payments cannot be made to individuals.

Completed applications should be emailed to office@froebeltrust.org.uk by 5.00 pm on Friday 6th July 2018.

Useful Links:

Application Form


£1 Million Fund to Deter Attacks on Places of Worship Opens for Funding (England & Wales)

To tackle the rising number of hate crimes against religious buildings, churches and other places of worship can now apply for a new round of funding under the Government's Places of Worship - Security Funding Scheme. A total of £1 million is available during this funding round.

The scheme is open to churches, mosques, temples and gurdwaras in England and Wales. The Jewish community will be exempt from this scheme as a similar commitment was made to fund Jewish community sites through a grant administered by the Community Security Trust.

Places of worship can only bid for security equipment and not for the cost of recruiting security personnel. This can include:

- CCTV
- Perimeter fencing
- Access control gates
- Bollards
- Door locks
- Window locks
- Intruder alarm
External lighting
Security doors, etc.

The maximum grant available per application is £56,000 or projects costing up to £70,000. Funding would also include the appropriate labour cost to install the security equipment.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/places-of-worship-security-funding-scheme

Funding Round for New Community Businesses Opening Soon (England)

The Community Business Bright Ideas Fund, which supports aspiring community groups in England wanting to set up new community businesses has re-opened for applications.

Grants of up to £15,000, tailored business support as well as learning events are available to:

- Give community groups the support and tools required to start setting up their community business
- Provide them with the early stage finance to carry out consultations with local people and the opportunity for feasibility studies
- To develop a community business idea, that the community wants and needs.

Community support provider Locality is delivering Bright Ideas on behalf of Power to Change in partnership with Co-operatives UK, the Plunkett Foundation and Groundwork UK.

Eligible business projects will be:

- Locally rooted
- Accountable to the local community
- Trading for the benefit of the local community
- Delivering broad community benefit

This round will open on 26 June and close on 31 July. Interested communities can now read the Guidance and Register for a FAQs webinar with a live Q&A.

https://mycommunity.org.uk/funding-options/bright-ideas-fund/
Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Bring Together Diverse Communities (England)

Local groups and organisations, who are working to bring together neighbours and develop relationships across diverse faiths and ethnicities in order to improve their communities, can apply for grants of £250 to £5,000 from the Near Neighbours Fund - Small Grants Programme. The fund which operates in East & West London, Luton, East Midlands, Birmingham, the Black Country, Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire has two key objectives:

- Social interaction - to develop positive relationships in multi-faith and multi-ethnic areas
- Social action - to encourage people of different faiths and of no faith and of different ethnicities to come together for initiatives that improve their local neighbourhood.

Grants awarded in the past have offered funding to a broad range of work; environmental, social, cultural, artistic, and sporting, that furthers the programme's aims of encouraging social interaction and social action.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis until all funds are spent.

Useful Links:

- Application Guidance
- Application Form
- Near Neighbours Fund - Small Grants Programme (Video)
  https://www.cuf.org.uk/near-neighbours-small-grants

Funding to Support Artists and Bands (England)

PRS for Music Foundation has announced that the next application deadline for the Momentum Music Fund is 6pm on the 13th August 2018.

Artists or bands at a crucial tipping point in their careers who are showing current progression and growth can apply for a grant of £5,000-£15,000 to significantly develop their careers over the next two years. Activities eligible for support include recording, touring and marketing. Applications can be submitted by the artists themselves or those who are working on their behalf, for example, a manager, an independent label or publisher.

Priority will be given to those that haven't been funded by PRS for Music Foundation in the previous
12 months.

Useful Links:

Application Guidance

Apply Online

About the Momentum Music Fund (Video)

http://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-music-creators/next-steps/momentum-music-fund/

YHA Challenging Places Support Programme (England)

Organisations working with children and young people who live in deprived areas can apply for a 2-night break package through the Youth Hostel Association’s (YHA) Challenging Places Support Programme.

Applications can be submitted by schools, registered charities, community and voluntary organisations on the behalf of any individual or group of young people who meet the YHA’s criteria. Schools and groups can reapply annually as long as the application is for a different group of young people.

To be eligible the children or young persons must be between the ages of 8 and 18 and must live in an area recognised as deprived (please see the YHA website for further details about which areas qualify). These areas are:

Middlesbrough, Knowsley, Kingston upon Hull, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham (particularly the areas of Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton), Blackpool, Nottingham, Burnley, Hartlepool, Bradford, Blackburn with Darwen, Hastings, Stoke on Trent, North East Lincolnshire, Salford, Rochdale, Pendle, Halton, Great Yarmouth, London Boroughs (Tower Hamlets, Islington, Hackney, Barking and Dagenham, Enfield, Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham, Newham), Norwich, Leicester, South Tyneside (including South Shields, Jarrow, Gateshead, Wallsend, and Sunderland), Blaenau Gwent, Merthyr Tydfil, Cardiff, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Newport, Denbighshire, Neath Port Talbot, Swansea, Caerphilly, Bridgend

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Useful Documents:
Guidance notes

https://groups.yha.org.uk/challenging-places-support-programme

Grants of up to £150,000 Available for Local Climate Change Projects (Scotland)

Grants of up to £150,000 are available to community-led groups and other not for profit organisations; including schools for projects that address and tackle climate change. In addition, groups and schools can apply for Development Grants of up to £1,000 to help scope out a potential climate action project with the aim of subsequently completing a larger grant application or an application to another funder.

All Climate Challenge Fund projects must meet four criteria to be considered eligible for funding.

1. **Community** - Community must be at the heart of the decision-making process of the project and projects must be designed and delivered by communities themselves.
2. **Carbon Reduction** - The project should lead to a measurable reduction in local carbon emissions through the activities it delivers.
3. **Sustainable Legacy** - The project should deliver a low carbon legacy in its community, with outcomes (and/or behaviours) that continue after the project is completed.
4. **Improved climate literacy** - The project should deliver an increased understanding of climate change in its community and help the community move to low carbon living.

The funding is being made available through Keep Scotland Beautiful - Climate Challenge Fund. The closing date for submitting expressions of interest to the Climate Challenge Fund is the 8th July 2018.

Applications to the Development Grant Scheme are accepted on a monthly basis.

**Previous projects awarded funding through the CCF include:**

- Local Food for Local People in Uist in the Western Isles, which received a grant of £128,734 to encourage production and consumption of more local produce and to cut food waste.
- Reuse Matters a project run by Creetown Initiative Ltd which received a grant of £50,424 to offer upcycled alternatives to traditional fashion and home goods in Mid-Galloway and the Machars.

**Useful Links:**
Frequently Asked Questions

Climate Challenge Fund Film

https://www.keepscotlandbeautiful.org/sustainability-climate-change/climate-change-fund/applying-for-ccf-funding/

Aspirational Awards for Care Experienced Young People deadline extended (Scotland)

The Life Changes Trust offers Aspirational Awards - a young people-led individual grants fund open to young people aged 21-26 with at least three months of care experience.

The grant scheme aims to support young people to think big about their future and transform their lives with a significant grant to help them realise an ambition or dream or achieve a long-term goal.

Previous Awards have been made to support a range of activities including:

- Start-up business support
- Help with vocational courses such as art & design materials or cookery classes
- Volunteering abroad
- Specialized qualifications such as mechanics and tree surgeons
- Internships
- Specialist equipment for music/DJ-ing and writing
- Funding towards a PhD

Good applications will demonstrate careful thought about the future; clarity about what the applicant wants to achieve; determination by evidencing the steps already taken to achieve the aspiration, prior to applying for an Aspirational Award and a passion for the aspiration itself and sense of why it is important to that individual.

Pre-application discussions are welcomed by email or telephone – 0141 212 9611

Applications deadline has been extended to the 17th June 2018.

Useful Links:

FAQ’s

Life Changes Trust Aspirational Awards (Video)
Funding for the Purchase of Green Buses (Scotland)

Bus operators, local authorities and Regional Transport Partnership's across Scotland can apply for funding towards the purchase of low carbon emission buses (LCEBs).

The Green Bus Fund has £1.7 million to invest for 2018/19 and grants can be used to help buy new LCEBs - both double decker and single decker buses, including midibuses (but not minibuses). Grants will be offered to successful bidders for up to 80% of the price differential between a LCV and its diesel equivalent.

In order to gauge the level of interest in the Scottish Green Bus Fund 8, it would be helpful if those interested in making a bid register their interest by providing the Company/Local Authority/RTP name, number of buses intending to bid for and contact details to: scottishgreenbusfund@transportscotland.gsi.gov.uk

Bidders will have until 15 July 2018 to put together bids with bus manufacturers.

Small Grants for Museums (Scotland)

Any organisation that runs an Accredited Museum in Scotland can apply for a grant of between £500 and £5,000 for up to 75% of the costs of a small, discrete project that supports their own continuous improvement goals and fits in with the aims of the National Strategy for Scotland's Museums and Galleries.

Projects should demonstrate one of the following:

- an enterprising approach – either with an innovative way of solving a problem or involving income generation
skills development (for staff and or volunteers)
advocacy – helping to raise your museum’s profile

Non-accredited organisations may also apply for up to £1,500 for up to 100% of project costs.

There are three funding rounds each year; Round 3 deadline is the 28th September 2018.

Useful Documents:

National Strategy for Scotland’s Museums and Galleries

Application Form

https://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/funding/small-project-fund/

Grants for Communities Affected by Edinburgh Airport (Edinburgh)

The Edinburgh Airport Community Board allocates around £120,000 per year to award to support local sport, health and wellbeing, environment and educational initiatives, or a combination of these. Priority will be given to proposals benefitting those living within the communities closest to the airport or those most affected by aircraft noise. Charities, community groups, social enterprises and other not for profit organisations can apply.

We are keen to support our local areas including gala days but these events are capped due to the volume of requests received. As with other funding applications support for gala days will be weighted towards communities closest to the airport or most affected by aircraft noise. Gala day funding requests will also be considered alongside requests for other projects, therefore gala days are not guaranteed funding.

- Sport, health and wellbeing schemes which encourage and enhance physical and mental wellbeing
- Environment initiatives that improve the immediate environment of local areas, buildings, or outdoor spaces, through practical work, or by environmental education
- Education projects that enhance the opportunity and ways of learning are outside education authority funding and that may be new, different and exciting ways to learn
- Community pieces of work or projects falling outside mainstream local or Scottish government service delivery, but which clearly benefit people in the communities around the airport.
Grants of up to £10,000 Available for Arts Projects that Address the Social Needs of Older People (Northern Ireland)

The Arts Council – Northern Ireland has announced a new funding round of its Arts and Older People Grants Programme. Through the Fund, constituted community and voluntary groups who are working at a local level to support older people and can demonstrate strong partnership working with relevant age sector organisations and Local Authority initiatives e.g. Health Cities/ Healthy Communities can apply for grants of up to £10,000 arts-based projects that address related social issues of older people such as poverty, isolation and loneliness, as well as promoting positive mental health.

The programme to date has made 117 awards to community groups, voluntary groups and arts organisations. Over £1.5 million has been invested in the Arts & Older People Programme. The closing date for applications is 4pm the 5th July 2018.

Useful Links:

Apply Online


Small Grants Fund Now Available to provide Free Legal Advice (London and the Home Counties)

The London Legal Support Trust has announced that the next closing date for its grant making programme is the 7th October 2018.
The London Legal Support Trust is an independent charity that raises funds for free legal services in London & the South East and supports the provision of specialist legal advice through law centres, advice agencies and citizens advice bureaux, etc. Any charity in London and the South East that provides free legal advice (including pro bono) in can apply for grants of up to £5,000. In particular, the Trust is looking to support:

- New pro bono surgeries
- Pro bono surgeries that need time to regain sustainability
- One off capital costs, particularly associated with capacity building or improving sustainability (i.e. reducing costs, increasing efficiency through new systems, technology or moving/altering premises)
- The development of legal advice agencies where none currently exist.

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

Funding for the Provision of Free Legal Advice (London and the Home Counties)

The London Legal Support Trust has announced that the next closing date for its grant making programme is the 7th October 2018.

The London Legal Support Trust is an independent charity that raises funds for free legal services in London & the South East and supports the provision of specialist legal advice through law centres, advice agencies and citizens advice bureaux, etc. Any charity in London and the South East that provides free legal advice (including pro bono) in can apply for grants of up to £5,000. In particular, the Trust is looking to support:

- New pro bono surgeries
- Pro bono surgeries that need time to regain sustainability
- One off capital costs, particularly associated with capacity building or improving sustainability (i.e. reducing costs, increasing efficiency through new systems, technology or moving/altering premises)
- The development of legal advice agencies where none currently exist.

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Funding to Combat Youth Homelessness (Greater London, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Oxfordshire, Surrey, Kent, Hampshire, West Sussex, and Birmingham)

The Berkeley Foundation’s Community Investment Fund will award a total of £250,000 to projects and services delivering support to young people aged 18-30 years who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Greater London, Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Hertfordshire, Oxfordshire, Surrey, Kent, Hampshire, West Sussex, and Birmingham.

The Foundation is a partnership-focused funder seeking two-way relationships that are about sharing skills and expertise as well as funding and looks to support projects that will:

- Test a new approach to a problem or build on tried-and-tested work to take it to another level
- Bring about real change for individuals and organisations
- Take a gender-sensitive approach to project planning and implementation

Organisations eligible to apply will be Registered charities or community interest Companies. In the case of the latter, the funding must be restricted and used in its entirety for charitable delivery. National organisations can also apply where the funding will cover delivery within one or more of the areas of benefit.

Through the Community Investment Fund: Combatting Youth Homelessness, the Foundation aims to support those in need to access good quality, sustainable housing solutions, as well as helping at risk young people to avoid homelessness.

Grants of between £10,000 and £70,000 are available for projects that can deliver up to two years direct support to young people aged 18-30 who are experiencing homelessness or are at high risk of becoming homeless.

The closing date is the 30th June 2018.

Useful Links:

Application Guidance Notes

http://www.berkeleyfoundation.org.uk/grants
Trust for London Announces New Application Deadline (London)

The Trust for London has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 5th October 2018 at 1pm.

Each year the Trust awards around £7.5 million to community and voluntary organisations for new and innovative projects that address the root causes of London’s social problems. In particular, the Trust wants to support work which falls under its seven funding programmes. These are:

- Good homes & neighbourhoods
- Better work
- Decent living standards
- Shared wealth
- Pathways to settlement
- Connected communities
- Stronger voices.

There is no minimum or maximum size of grant and the amount you request should be the amount needed. However, the average grant will be around £75,000 over three years. The Trust will occasionally fund work to tackle poverty and inequality which falls outside the priority areas.

For a list of recently funded projects please [click here](https://www.trustforlondon.org.uk/funding/)

Useful Documents:

- Funding Guidelines
- Frequently Asked Question
- Online Application Form

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

City Health Care Partnership Foundation (CHCP) provides a small grants scheme for local, voluntary and community groups and/or other not for profit organisations, to contribute to the health and wellbeing of people living in the areas in which CHCP provide services. Funding is available for volunteer led activities and projects or one-off events related to health or wellbeing such as dance,
drama or football, etc.

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

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

Examples of recently funded projects include:

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

To apply, download the application form and submit by the deadline of 1st July 2018.

Useful Links:

**Small Grants Application Form**

**Small Grants Guidance Note**

[http://chcpfoundation.chcpcic.org.uk/pages/small-grants](http://chcpfoundation.chcpcic.org.uk/pages/small-grants)

**Funding to Address Health Inequalities (Kent and Medway)**

Small community can apply for grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 per year for up to 2 years to address local health inequalities in organisations in Kent and Medway. The funding is available for projects that cover small areas such as:

- A few streets, a housing estate or a small village
- Communities of interest (people who have shared experiences, characteristics or common interests and wish to come together to address specific issues that are important to them).

Projects can last between 12 months and two years.
Previous projects supported include:

- Swale Action to End Domestic Abuse which received a grant of £47,322 for a new two-year project giving five of its experienced volunteers who are also survivors of domestic abuse the opportunity to run a programme in their local community to support other people who are affected by the issue.
- Pie Factory Music in Ramsgate which received a grant of £34,195 for a two-year project delivering 96 sessions of intergenerational arts-based activity to young people and older isolated individuals in the coastal town of Thanet in Ramsgate.

The closing date for applications is 1pm on the 4th July 2018.

http://www.healthwholeic.org.uk/apply-for-funding

Funding for Projects that Tackle the Root Causes of Social Inequity (UK)

The next closing date for grant application to the Scurrh Wainright Charity is the 14th September 2018.

The Charity supports a wide range of charitable projects in the with an emphasis on social reform and tackling the root causes of social inequity. The charity favours causes that are outside the mainstream, and unlikely to be funded by other charities. Typically, grants are between £1,000 and £5,000.

The charity runs three funding programmes:

- Yorkshire. Trustees give priority to applicants working in the Yorkshire region. Your organisation need not be based in the region but the project itself must directly benefit the Yorkshire community. We fund national charitable organisations ONLY if the project is specifically working in the Yorkshire region, with clear evidence of local control and access to the grant.
- Southern Africa, particularly Zimbabwe.
- Projects that have applied to the Andrew Wainwright Reform Trust because they meet the AWRT’s broad objectives to work for a just and democratic society and to redress political and social injustices but have not been able to proceed with an application to that Trust because they are eligible for charitable funding.

Previous organisations supported include:
The Boaz Trust a Christian organisation serving destitute asylum seekers in Greater Manchester which received a grant of £2,000.

The Grandparents Association in Leeds which received a grant of £4,800.

Organisations applying, do not have to be a charity, but its work must satisfy the Charity Commission's definition of charitable purposes and public benefit.

Useful Links:

Download Application Form

http://www.wainwrighttrusts.org.uk/swc.html

£17 Million Available to Test Immersive Audience Experiences (UK)

Creative businesses have until midday on the 1st August 2018 to apply for a share of £17million which is being made available by Innovate UK. The funding is to test immersive experiences with mass audiences or to develop new ideas for the creative industries. Immersive experiences blur the line between the physical and simulated world. They use virtual, mixed, and augmented reality technologies, haptics and other sensory interfaces coupled with data. There are two parts to the competition. Up to £16million is available for 4 demonstrator projects for immersive experiences with audiences of more than 100,000 people with a further £1million available for early stage projects that seek to understand customer needs and the tools needed to deliver them.

Demonstration projects must explore new ways of communication with mass audiences using new immersive technologies and experiences that are a significant advance on the state of the art in the chosen area. Areas with strong potential could include moving images, access to live sporting events, visitor experiences in museums and galleries, and music and theatre performance. Projects must be led by a business working with other businesses and researchers and include at least one SME, up to 70% of a project’s cost can be funded and must be started by 1st November 2018.

Early-stage projects should use human-centred design and look at audience behaviour to develop ideas for new products and services. Particular areas could include: advancing the state of the art with immersive experiences that are desirable and fit for purpose; improving physical devices such as eyewear and controllers, or haptic feedback. Successful projects will have an opportunity to apply for funding in 2019 to further develop their ideas. Projects must be led by a business working alone or in collaboration with other businesses, researchers or cultural institutions and must include at least one SME, up to 70% of a project’s cost can be funded.
The competition opens on the 21st May and briefing events will take place both online and in London on this date.


Funding Available to Grow Social Enterprises (UK)

UnLtd, the charity for social entrepreneurs has launched the next funding round of its Grow IT Award scheme. Though the scheme, Social Entrepreneurs that want to grow their business can apply for grants of up to £15,000.

As well as the funding, social entrepreneurs will have access to a support package that includes

- 12 months mentoring and tailored support from an Award Manager, providing advice on operations and governance to replication and growth strategies
- Expert advice including access to workshops and master classes
- Connections including to investors, corporate partners and other successful entrepreneurs, helping you develop your networks

To be eligible the applicants needs to be aged 16 or over and living in the UK; be the founder of the venture/organisation and beneficiaries must be UK based.

There is a two-stage application process. Initial expression of interest need to be submitted by the 1st August 2018. The deadline for submitting the full application is the 30th August 2018.

Useful Links:

Previous Winners

Apply Online

https://unltd.org.uk/grow-it-award/

Government Announces New Tech Fund to Support Disabled People and Their Employers (England Scotland and Wales)

Access to work is a government initiative that provides financial support to ensure that someone’s disability or health condition does not hold them back at work. As part of this the Minister for
Disabled People has announced a new Tech Fund; this fund means that medium and large employers will no longer be required to pay a mandatory contribution towards the cost of assistive technology.

The funding aims to help to break down the barriers that disabled people can face at work and help to create more inclusive workplaces. Applications are welcome from people with a paid job, who are over 16 years old with a disability or health condition and live in England Scotland or Wales.

Employers will be able to make a significant saving through the Tech Fund. Before the new rules were introduced, medium employers paid the first £500 towards technological solutions and large employers paid the first £1,000, with both paying 20% of the cost thereafter up to £10,000.

Applications can be submitted at any time.


Grants for Small-Scale Wales-Africa Projects (Wales)

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

Managed by Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) a total of £230,000 will be available as small (£500 to £4,999) and medium (£5,000 to £15,000) sized grants. The initial call, which opened on May 4th 2018, will award medium sized grants, with the small grant programme opening in Summer 2018.

It is anticipated that a wide range of organisations will apply to the fund for a diverse range of activities including:

- Building capacity of small Welsh international development NGOs
- Promoting international development volunteering
- Promoting best practice in fair trade and ethical procurement across all sectors
- Facilitating the work of diaspora communities in Wales to maximise their impact on SDG delivery in their home country.

Replacing the funding previously available through Hub Cymru Africa, grants will support new and existing Wales for Africa projects under four under 4 thematic areas:
• **Health** - projects that contribute to the physical and mental health and wellbeing of communities in sub Saharan Africa
• **Sustainable Livelihoods** - projects that work to tackle financial poverty, enabling economic resilience in families and supporting small-scale enterprise and employment
• **Lifelong Learning** - projects that support individuals and groups in Wales and/or Africa to develop new skills and knowledge
• **Climate Change and Environment** - strategic and practical climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives using Welsh expertise

The closing date for applications for medium sized grants is the 29th June 2018.

Please contact walesafricagrants@wcva.org.uk for further enquiries.

**Useful Links:**

[Application Guidelines](https://www.wcva.org.uk/funding/wales-for-africa%C2%A0)

**Funding to Support Armed Forces Children in School (Wales)**

The Welsh Government has announced that it will provide £200,000 to support the children of Armed Forces personnel in Wales following the closure of a Ministry of Defence fund. Recognising the unique stresses and anxieties that Service children face especially in a learning environment, the Fund will help schools to provide the additional support that these children need to thrive and fulfil their potential at school. An extension of the current SSCE Project, the funding will continue to fund positive work with relevant stakeholders that raises awareness of the issues of service children in education and will support schools working with these children and young people across Wales.

Schools across Wales are invited to bid for funding under this programme in the Spring term to enable work to begin in Autumn 2018. The deadline for schools to apply is the 30th June 2018. For more information, please contact: millie.taylor@wlga.gov.uk

**Useful Links:**

[Application Guidance](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)
Application Form

Bid Ideas

http://www.sscecymru.co.uk/supporting-service-children-in-wales-fund