Newsletter

Dear Members,

This week we have 43 pages of news and views and bids, grants and funds going out to over 3,000 people and Organizations. Thanks to our sponsor Richard at Net Security Training who can be contacted at richard@net-security-training.co.uk

Ok what a week! Well as you can see, we have a change in our layout. This is part of the EEVT re brand and changes; hope it is better, this is our 9th year of the Newsletters. So many thanks to Lisa for her work on this.

Next are some items of warning; one provider was unfortunately hacked and is now trying to recover near to £20,000.00 Please check your IT.

Next, we have noticed many people do not update their Policies and Procedures. Another Key item is the date created and version control; Ofsted like to see this done.

Also, as we go through the process of the NEW RoATP we have so far with our Colleagues undertaken around 19. And just a reminder - if you are not on the register by 1st August you cannot deliver any apprenticeships. The waiting time is said to be going from 6 to 8 weeks and remember the £100K Level does not apply any more. We have now some four places available for ROATP applications this month, 5 booked so far for April and 1 for May.

I also see lots of people reporting that they have no AEB funds and they have the learners or the like and want funds I do understand but I only have 12 clients and they come first.
Ok so lots of Changes on the Apprentices Funds and Guidance all take in place from the 1st of April, so items around the levy use and Supply Chain going to 25%, then the Employer contribution going down to 5%. Then of course the threats around, APL and Induction and 20% off the job training.


Also, the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) published the adult education budget (AEB) funding rules for the 2019 to 2020 funding year (1 August 2019 to 31 July 2020). With providers still finalising their curriculum plans.

So AEB and devolution: Most people who had a contract as a prime have been given their letter on the funding format items going forward. It however appears that the specified Mayoral Combined Authorities (MCAs) and the Greater London Authority (GLA) will publish their own AEB funding rules so if you are grant funded or your organisation wins a procured contract for AEB check the devolved area rules for learner eligibility including low wage. The GLA made it clear they intend to use the London Living Wage as the low wage threshold.

Low wage eligibility: Last year the ESFA introduced the low wage eligibility. This was very well received by the sector and remains in place for next year. This rule enables providers with AEB funding to fully fund employed learners on low wages for qualifications up to and including level 2. Currently the low wage threshold is £15,736.50 with next year seeing this increase to a national rate of £16,009.50. We have already seen the positive impact on the use of qualifications to support employed learners to progress in the workplace. ESOL is a subject area that has benefited from this enabling English skill for those who need it most to progress to better jobs, higher wages and increased social mobility.

Then Local Flexibility: No movement on the rules for learners aged 19-23 without a full level 2. There are many reasons why learners haven’t achieved a full level 2 and it would have been sensible to fund level 2 qualifications alongside their full level 2 to give them every chance of success not just entry and level 1 qualifications.

Two organisations looking for buyers at this time one would look at an investor.
First one £100,000.00 next one details once you have done a Non-Disclosure.

The managing director of the Federation of Industry Sector Skills and Standards (FISSS) has stepped down with immediate effect, FE Week can reveal.
Mark Froud has left the federation, which represents the 21 sector skills councils across England, after six years at the helm. In an email seen by FE Week, the FISSS independent chair Dame Julie Mellor said: “Mark Froud will be leaving the Federation at the end of March 2019 and will be on
leave until then. [https://feweek.co.uk/2019/03/12/apprenticeship-framework-certification-boss-steps-down-with-immediate-effect/]

**Interserve goes into Administration. What is Interserve?**
Shareholders at Interserve, which employs 45,000 people in the UK, today failed to secure investor backing for a rescue plan, meaning lenders who lent the company more than £600 million will now seize control of it, according to the BBC.
The outsourcing firm is one of the UK’s largest public services providers. The firm started in dredging and construction, and from there has diversified into a wide range of services, such as healthcare and catering, for clients in government and industry.

It sells services, including probation, cleaning and healthcare, and is involved in construction projects. Interserve is the largest provider of probation services in England and Wales, supervising about 40,000 "medium-low risk offenders" for the Ministry of Justice.

Its infrastructure projects include improving the M5’s Junction 6 near Worcester, refurbishing the Rotherham Interchange bus station in Yorkshire, and upgrading sewers and water pipes for Northumbrian Water. Hospital contracts include a a £35m contract at King George Hospital in east London for cleaning, security, meals, waste management and maintenance. Not too sure what will happen with the Education Arm for Apprentice with nearly 5,000 apprentices on its books, it says do not worry.

**Jackie Lowthian has taken up her new role as Clinks’ Women’s Network Coordinator.** Jackie has an in-depth knowledge of the criminal justice system with particular expertise in relation to vulnerable women.
She has extensive experience of voluntary sector work to address the complex, multiple needs of women in criminal justice dating back to 1989 when she managed a Nacro service in London, the Women Prisoners’ Resource Centre, going on from there to develop and run other services for women nationally. She subsequently moved into policy work and research. Jackie is thrilled to now be working alongside colleagues in Clinks to support members and looks forward to engaging widely with organisations offering specialist services to women.
She can be contacted on 07891 293093 or by email Jackie.lowthian@clinks.org

**Vacancies on the jobs board this week include:** Communications Officer with Clinks [London], Partnerships Manager with Making Every Adult Matter (MEAM) [Home based - South West], Family Support Worker with Ormiston Families [HMP Highpoint], Sexual and Reproduction Health Nurse with MASH (Manchester Action on Street Health) [Manchester], Lecturer in Functional Skills (English & Maths) with Weston College [HMP Standford Hill], Lecturer in Beauty with Weston College [HMP Send], Senior Offender Resettlement Worker with Shelter [HMP Manchester], Clinical Practitioner with Waymarks [Yorkshire and the Humber], Finance Manager (part-time) with The Irene Taylor Trust [Southwark], , Trustee with Prisoners Abroad [Islington].
AWARDS: young people
Nominations are open for Leap Confronting Conflict’s Lighting the Fire Awards. The awards celebrate adults, young people, projects and organisations that support young people to manage conflict in their lives. There are three awards categories. The deadline for nominations is 5pm 1st April. https://www.leapconfrontingconflict.org.uk/lighting-fire

Ofqual has ruled itself out of delivering the apprenticeship external quality assurance service for the Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education.
Sally Collier, the chief executive of the exams regulator, told the Commons education committee during an accountability hearing this morning that her organisation would like to expand its role in monitoring apprenticeship end-point assessment organisations.
However, when asked by committee chair Robert Halfon if Ofqual bid in the institute’s recent tender to do the quality assurance on its behalf, for 262 of the 410 standards approved for delivery, Collier revealed they had not.

It would not seem appropriate for a regulator to bid for a contract with another part of government
“No, it would not seem appropriate for a regulator to bid for a contract with another part of government,” she said.
There are currently 18 approved external quality assurance (EQA) bodies that monitor end-point assessment organisations, to ensure the process is “fair, consistent and robust”.
Ofqual is the external quality assurer for 61 standards, but many in the sector have questioned why the whole job isn’t given to the exams regulator.

Collier told the education committee today that her organisation has done a “good job in proving that as the regulator we can do this job and can do it well” and they are “ready to take on a larger role”.
“It is complex and confusing in places, I think we can bring some clarity to the process,” she explained.
“As the independent regulator and having end-point assessments independently regulated in the same way that other types of qualifications are I think that would help public trust and confidence in the system.”

But to expand their role, Ofqual would “need more people and more resource to do that”. She agreed with Halfon that it is “unnecessary” to have so many different bodies doing apprenticeship regulation.

Concerns have been raised that EQA has added “another unnecessary administration cost” to the
apprenticeships system, after FE Week last month revealed the “ridiculous variability” in approved external quality assurance charges.

EQA bodies are allowed to apply a charge as long as it is on a “cost-recovery basis” – the amount of which is taken directly from the government funding given to training providers to deliver the apprenticeship.
But FE Week found the charges range from a free service to a whopping £179 per apprentice. Ofqual does not charge for the service.

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The Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education also does not currently charge for its EQA service, but this will change come May.
It launched a tender at the end of January for an organisation to provide quality assurance for apprenticeships assessment on its behalf until the end of March 2021.

Open Awards has held the contract to deliver this service since August 2017, which was worth an initial £160,000 and did not charge per apprentice, but this will end in March.

Tender documents for the new contract, seen by FE Week, state that “legislation allows the institute to charge end point assessment organisations (EPAOs) a fee per apprentice that undertakes an end-point assessment and it is these fees that will pay for the EQA service”. The winning bidder is expected to earn at least half a million pounds over the two-year contract period.

The new contract doesn’t start until May, meaning there is a month-long gap where no permanent organisation is in place to do the EQA for the institute.
It has been forced into hastily finding “interim” arrangements for the month, but in a recent interview with FE Week, the institute’s boss Sir Gerry Berragan remained tight-lipped about the plans, other than to say: “Rest assured there are arrangements in place.”

Welcome to Sam’s Wall this week!
I want to draw your attention to the Outstanding Citizen Awards which are now OPEN!

This is your chance to nominate unsung heroes from across the West Midlands who are being given their moment in the spotlight.

The West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner are behind the launch of the Outstanding Citizens Awards 2019 which celebrates those who make our communities safer and happier places to live and work.

David Jamieson is giving people the opportunity to show their appreciation to unsung heroes who are worthy of special recognition for outstanding acts of good citizenship.

The deadlines for nominations is 18th April 2019 and the ceremony will take place on 11th July 2019 where winners and runners-up will be announced.
There are three awards categories up for grabs including:

- Outstanding Citizen
- Outstanding Young Citizen (under 18s)
- Outstanding Community Project

So, if you know a tireless community campaigner or a member of the public who went above and beyond, nominate them now!


Public Space Protection Order in Manchester City Centre

The second thing I want to talk about is something that has upset and angered a lot of people in the Greater Manchester area (and beyond) which is that Richard Leese and Manchester City Council are proposing to implement a Public Space Protection Order, covering Manchester city centre, which would criminalise many of the city's homeless people.

Across the country, several local authorities have tried to introduce similar policies and each time a petition and public pressure has stopped this from happening. With your support we can, together, stop Manchester City Council from criminalising people in poverty and find solutions to help people rather than vilifying and burdening them further.

These proposals risk punishing any homeless person seeking shelter from the elements or simply taking up space on the pavement. If this goes ahead then it will create a hostile environment for anyone begging in the city centre. If a person were to breach the order, they would be liable for a fine of up to £100. Fining and prosecuting Manchester’s most vulnerable people is like something from the Victorian era of the workhouse.

Criminalising homeless people for being homeless will only make the problem worse.

If you feel as strongly as I do about it please sign the petition below to stop the enforcement of this public space protection order:

https://www.tenantsunion.org.uk/dont_criminalise_the_homeless?recruiter_id=2&fbclid=IwAR1bLu
f_rVOOrCr3EVfzZPA-v17zggGnZpGdLHyAd0YriH-zyEtsBt32d4X0

Have a great week everyone!

Tip of the week 1: Up to 56% off on tickets to The Ideal Home Show. Details
https://www.groupon.co.uk/deals/gl-the-ideal-home-show-14

Tip of the week 2: 51% off tattoo time plus a 30-minute consultation at Tattoo Gem. Details
https://www.groupon.co.uk/deals/tattoo-gem-3

All 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

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https://www.linkedin.com/groups/13583610
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/EEVTLtd/

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Freight Training Delivery
Transport for London
To deliver DVSA approved periodic training; FORS Professional raining, specifically (but not limited to) Safe Urban Driving (SUD) to help achieve vision zero as detailed in the Mayors Transport Strategy (MTS) and other industry training to help meet wider TfL policy priorities.

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=a53769c6-a744-e911-80f3-005056b64545

Deadline: 16/04/2019

Dynamic Purchasing System for the provision of Apprenticeship Training Providers
Portsmouth City Council
Portsmouth City Council is inviting applications from suitably qualified suppliers to deliver apprenticeship training services.
The Authority is setting up this dynamic purchasing system (DPS) to engage a range of providers that are able to deliver the diverse range of apprenticeships qualifications in line with the government’s targets and standards.

Mini Competitions run via this DPS will comprise of but may not be limited to delivering apprenticeships in the following subjects:

- Accountancy
- Catering
- Facilities
- Health and Social Care
- Horticulture
- Housing
- IT
- Legal
- Building services engineering
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- Chartered Surveying
- Digital Marketing
- Human Resources CIPD
- Leadership & Management
- Project Management

The initial contract period will be for 3 years and rolling thereafter.

The DPS will remain open and submission of the DPS Selection Questionnaire can be completed at any time, however please be aware that the initial deadline for submissions is 27/02/17 at 14:00. If you are submitting your application after this date please alert procurement using the Correspondence function in InTend, otherwise the system will be monitored fortnightly for applications.

https://in-tendhost.co.uk/portsmouthcc/aspx/ProjectManage/2632

Deadline: 09/03/2019

Training Services Dynamic Purchasing System - Children's Social Care and Safeguarding Services
Portsmouth City Council

Portsmouth City Council is inviting expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced providers to tender for this project.

The scope of which will comprise of but may not be limited to providing core essential training for all staff whose job roles involve working with Children.

The Council is seeking to appoint a number of trainers that are suitably qualified and have experience in delivering the courses that are key areas of underpinning knowledge and skills. The Council intends to implement a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) to deliver these requirements.

By putting in place formal processes the Council aims to achieve efficiencies and reduce the time taken to procure each course(s).

Suppliers admitted to the Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) will be invited to submit quotes via a mini competition for the training courses they have identified they can deliver.

The Council is unable to commit to a definite spend figure but estimates that spend via the DPS may be in the region of £250,000 to £400,000 over the entire maximum seven year duration.
The initial contract period is four years from contract start date of the DPS extendable in increments to a maximum of seven years subject to performance and agreement of all parties.

https://in-tendhost.co.uk/portsmouthcc/aspx/ProjectManage/2184

Deadline: 30/09/2019

Action Learning Set - Embedding Restorative Practice
Portsmouth City Council

Portsmouth City Council (the Authority) is inviting quotations from suitably qualified suppliers to deliver Action Learning Sets to embed Restorative Practice.

We are looking for facilitators of Action Learning Sets to equip staff and teams, developing their skills and confidence across a range of professional practice.

We are looking for a provider who is willing to be flexible and work with us to support a range of management and front line teams. The sectors which will form the main focus are health, social care, Police, education, private organisations and voluntary organisations.

The Authority is targeting to have awarded the contract by 17 May 2019 with a subsequent commencement date 3 June 2019.

The value of the contract is up to a maximum of £60,000. The intention is that the budget will all be utilised in delivering Action Learning Sets, but there is no guarantee that it will all be utilised in delivering the service.

https://in-tendhost.co.uk/portsmouthcc/aspx/ProjectManage/3140

Deadline: 17/04/2019

Step into the NHS schools programme
Health Education England

Health Education England’s Step into the NHS schools programme, run by its Health Careers team, aims to change attitudes towards careers in the NHS at an early age.

Applications are invited to provide marketing and administrative support for two specific projects within this programme - Key stage 2 (primary education) and key stage 3 (years 8 and 9) - from specialist education marketing agencies

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

Deadline: 25/03/2019
Young People at Risk of Homelessness with Multiple Needs (16-25 Year Olds)
Rotherham MBC

https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/70528a9e-547c-47c0-a4aa-26b110d7b089

Deadline: 28/03/2019

Mentoring For Care Leavers
Cheshire East Borough Council

The Council requires the provision a mentoring service for 16+ care leavers up to the age of 25, providing continuity of support to care leavers as they cease to be the statutory responsibility of the local authority.

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=70aff918-8345-e911-80f3-005056b64545

Deadline: 10/04/2019

Windmills Careers Workshops for Foundation Year 1 Doctors across the West Midlands
Health Education England

HEE WM is responsible for providing two-year Foundation Training Programme to 1300 foundation doctors across the West Midlands Foundation Schools.

HEE WM wishes to procure 400 places on Windmills Careers workshops to meet the outcomes of the Foundation Curriculum 2016, to enable F...ivity of similar courses
  • Provide access to course materials and/or e-learning resources

The course must be delivered as 20 one-day sessions with 20 delegates per session. The courses should be delivered in Post Graduate Education Training Centres at local hospital Trusts in the West Midlands.

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=2c4d1e6a-7645-e911-80f3-005056b64545

Deadline: 22/03/2019

Build Enfield - Job Brokerage Service Section 106
London Borough of Enfield

Enfield Council is looking to appoint a contractor to provide a jobs and skills brokerage service. The brokerage will be between construction developers who are working in partnership with the Council to
satisfy planning (“Section 106”) employment and skills obligations, local skills and employment advice providers, and local residents, particularly tenants of estates being developed and renewed.

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=81ad1ec8-1144-e911-80f3-005056b64545&p=2241eb95-058a-e511-80f7-000c29c9ba21

Deadline: 11/04/2019

**University Provider - PGCE**  
**Doncaster Council**

Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council ("The Council") invite detailed proposals to appoint a partner Higher Education Institution - HEI (i.e. "university", "service provider" or "delivery partner") to work with our Initial Teacher Training (ITT) Partnership, known as the 'Doncaster ITT Partnership' (the "Partnership") or otherwise known as a 'SCITT' (School Centred Initial Teacher Training), in order to enable teachers to progress through a programme of part-time study to the award of a Postgraduate Certificate of Education (PGCE), once they have achieved Qualified Teacher Status (QTS).

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=d132b1c2-0544-e911-80f3-005056b64545&fromAdvertEvent=True

Deadline: 10/04/2019

**Social Care Staff Training - Children & Adults**  
**Central Bedfordshire Council**

Central Bedfordshire Council merged its Learning and Development function in April 2018, the driver for this change was the removal of duplication of working processes which ultimately leads to financial efficiency. Following a review of our existing and previous learning offers we are now in a position to move forward with a new unified core learning offer.

https://in-tendhost.co.uk/centralbedfordshire/aspx/ProjectManage/1951

Deadline: 08/03/2021

**Habilitation and Mobility Training**  
**Sefton Council**

The Council is looking for an organisation to provide support for visually impaired children, helping them to develop movement, orientation and independence skills alongside their sighted friends.

'Habilitation' is the process of helping visually impaired children and young people to achieve as much independence as possible in their daily lives. We need the successful organisation to provide personalised training and support in mobility, orientation and independence skills.
In order to deliver life changing mobility and independence we are seeking the services of Habilitation Specialists who are qualified to meet the Habilitation Quality Standards published by the Department for Education.

https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert?advertId=41d0012b-f443-e911-80f3-005056b64545

Deadline: 19/03/2019

Social Care Staff Training - Children & Adults
Buyer: Central Bedfordshire Council
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https://intendhost.co.uk/centralbedfordshire/aspx/ProjectManage/1951

Deadline: 08/03/2021

Funding to Reduce Poverty in the Developing World (UK / International)

UK Aid Direct has announced that the next funding round for its Community Partnership and Impact Grants Programmes has re-opened for applications.

Funded by the UK’s Department for International Development (DFID), UK Aid Direct was established in 2014 as a successor to the Global Poverty Action Fund (GPAF), which was created in 2010. The aim of UK Aid Direct is to fund small- and medium-sized national and international civil society organisations (CSOs) to reduce poverty and work towards achieving the Global Goals. Specifically, UK Aid Direct funding reaches the most marginalised and vulnerable populations, supporting the DFID agenda to ‘leave no one behind’.

Community Partnership Grants: Offered to small organisations with an average annual income of less than £1 million for the past three years. Grants of up to £250,000 are available for projects lasting three years or less.

Impact grants: Offered to medium sized organisations with an average annual income of less than £10 million for the past three years. Grants worth between £250,001 and £4,000,000 are available for projects lasting between three and five years.

All applicants will be:

• Registered in the UK
• Working in one of the lowest 50 countries in the UN Human Development Index (HDI) or
• Working in a country considered by the UK Department for International Development (DFID) to be of high or moderate fragility

The deadline for applications is Wednesday 17th April 2019.

Useful Links:

Community Partnership Project Examples
Impact Project Examples
FAQs

https://www.ukaiddirect.org/apply/impact/

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

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

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

Projects funded include:

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

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

The next deadline for applications seeking funding in excess of £10,000 is the 1st July 2019.
Applications for £10,000 and below are considered under the Small Grants procedure and can be submitted at any time.

Recent awards have been made to:

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

Useful Links:

- Eligibility Criteria
- Apply Online
- FAQs

**Support for Environmental Outreach Education for Disadvantaged Young People (UK)**

Schools, colleges and youth groups can receive up to 80% towards the costs of providing environmental outreach education for groups of disadvantaged young people through the Field Studies Council’s Kids Fund. The Field Studies Council is an independent educational charity committed to raising awareness about the natural world and works through a network of residential and day Centres in the UK to provide outreach education and training.

There are two types of Kids Fund course **Wildlife and Environment** focusing on wildlife habitats and the environment with team building activities and **Eco Adventure** which combines environmental and personally challenging activities.

Groups who meet one of the following criteria will be eligible:

- Disadvantaged young people aged 4-18 years (or up to 25 years for those with special needs).
- Voluntary youth groups (either run by voluntary leaders, managed by a voluntary organisation, a registered charity)
- OR
- School groups may apply if they are aiming to provide benefits which are additional to the statutory school curriculum or clearly show added value, depth and breadth to the taught curriculum. FSC Kids Fund will not pay for young people to attend standard curriculum-focused FSC courses.
All applicants must be based in the UK, Isle of Man, Channel Isles and Republic of Ireland.

One free staff/adult place is provided for every 12 young people; additional adults pay 20% +VAT. This includes all equipment, tuition and waterproof hire costs. Food and accommodation are included for residential courses.

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

Useful Documents:

Application Form


Holiday Grants for Disadvantaged and Disabled Children (UK)

Schools, youth groups, not for profit organisations and charities have until the 30th April 2019 to apply for grants of £500 to £2,500 to support recreational trips or holidays within the UK between the 1st May and 30th June 2019 for groups of children experiencing disadvantage or who have disabilities. Children need to be aged 13 or under to qualify.

Priority will be given to applications coming from the 20% most deprived areas in the UK. Funded by the Henry Smith Charity, grants can cover up to two-thirds of the cost of a holiday or trip lasting one to seven days. In this round, trips must be taken before the end of April 2019. For more details and to apply, complete the eligibility quiz on the website and submit the application form online at least 6 weeks before the trip is due to take place. Although the deadline is the 30th April 2018, decisions are made on a first come-first served basis until all the funds have been allocated.

Applications must be made at least six weeks before the trip or holiday is due to take place.

Previous visits supported include:

- All Saints Catholic Primary School which received a grant of £1,500 towards a two-night trip to Wales for a group of disadvantaged children from Merseyside;
- Bridgewater School which received a grant of £1,900 towards an overnight trip to London for a group of disadvantaged children from Newcastle; and
- Armitage Church of England Primary School which received a grant of £750 towards a day trip to London for a group of disadvantaged children from Manchester.

Useful Links:

Funding Guidelines
Grants of up to £30,000 Available to Support Disadvantaged and Neglected Children (UK)

Not for profit organisations such as schools; registered charities; voluntary organisations; churches; and community interest groups; etc. can apply for grants of up to £10,000 per year for up to 3 years for projects that help children and young people overcome the effects of illness, distress, abuse or neglect; disability; behavioural or psychological difficulties; and poverty and deprivation.

Projects supported in the past include:

- Trewirgie Junior School which received a grant of £9,760 to provide after school sailing sessions to disadvantage children aged 7-11;
- Corley Special School in Coventry which received a grant of £6,000 to provide lunchtime horse riding sessions for children with disabilities; and
- Horton Park Primary School which received a grant of £10,000 to deliver a series of holiday activities for young people.

The closing date for applications is 11.59 pm on the 27th May 2019.

Useful Links:

Apply for a Grant - A-Z Guidance
Apply for a Grant - FAQ
Online Application Form

Grants for Urgent Structural Repairs to Churches (UK)

National Churches Trust has changed its grant programmes in line with the new Building Resilience Strategy for 2019-2023 and now offers three grant streams.

The Cornerstone Grant Programme supports the conservation and sustainable use of church buildings, focusing on larger and more complex projects.
Grants are offered towards the cost of urgent structural repair projects costed at more than £100,000 including VAT. The Trust will also consider projects that introduce kitchens and accessible toilets to enable increased community use, costed at more than £30,000 including VAT.

Grants of between £10,000 and £50,000 are awarded to represent a maximum of 50% of the project cost.

Applications are accepted from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination, across the UK. The Trust particularly encourages applications from priority areas i.e. North East England, Northern Ireland and Wales.

The next deadline to apply for a Cornerstone Grant is 1st July 2019 for a decision in July 2019.

Useful Links:
- Guidance Notes
- Apply Online
- [https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/cornerstonegrants](https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/cornerstonegrants)

**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 or 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 behavior 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 favorably.

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](https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/youth-clubs-grants)
New Funding Round for Digital Learning Opens 12th March 2019 (UK)

The Ufi Charitable Trust aims to raise the skills level of the UK workforce through digital solutions for vocational learning. The Trust is running three open funding rounds in 2019 with this new call, The VocTech Specialist Fund, offering support for projects focusing on improving vocational learning in specific sectors that are important to the economy but under-served by current provision.

Grant levels for this new call have not yet been published.

Registered charities, community interest companies, social enterprises, not for profits, companies, community associations, FE colleges and public bodies are all eligible to apply, however, projects for, or targeted at, schools or universities are not supported.

Stage 1 will open on the 12th March when grant levels will also be published. Apply by 5pm on the 5th April 2019.

Useful Links:

FAQs

https://www.ufi.co.uk/funding-rounds-2019

Funding of up to £5,000 Available to Tackle Problems within Families (UK)

Registered charities whose activities support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 (but trustees will consider requests for higher amounts) through the Kelly Family Charitable Trust.

The Trust will consider both capital and revenue grants. The Trust is happy to support requests for core funding as well as project-based grants, and actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established.

The three areas of activity that the charity wishes to support are:

- Interventions that support families and help them in ways that prevent the fracture of the family unit, eg practical family support, relationship counselling, mediation.
- Families where sexual abuse, physical abuse, domestic violence, alcohol abuse and drug abuse threaten the integrity of the family unit.
- Prisoners and in particular their families, during and after the period of imprisonment.
- The trust prefers to support charities whose income is below £500,000. However, larger charities with pioneering pilot projects will be considered.
Projects supported in the past include:

- "Mosaic", a voluntary organisation that supports all non-abusing parents and carers whose children have been sexually abused.
- Westminster Befriend a Family, which recruits, trains and supports volunteers to befriend individual families under stress and visit them regularly in their homes. The charity's volunteers can help families where a parent is disabled or has mental health problems, or a child has special needs.

The next closing date for applications is the 1st September 2019.

Useful Documents:

- Application Form
- Application Criteria
- https://kfct.org.uk/

The Japan Society Small Grants Programme (UK)

Educational establishments such as schools and colleges as well as community based organisations that wish to develop projects and events that promote an understanding of Japan and Japanese culture are able to apply for funding through the Japan Society’s Small Grants programme.

The awards support projects with an education or youth focus. Most awards are of £1,000 or less and should not, in principle, cover more than 50% of the total budget. Applications may be made at any time and applicants are informed of the decision within 4 weeks of receipt of the application.

The Japan Society Small Grants give priority to projects:

a) Which enhance understanding and awareness of Japan and its culture
b) With an education or youth focus
c) Which include an element of participation
d) Which focus on the local community or take place in the regions

Previous projects supported include Witchford Village College which ran a Japan Day for year 9 students. It involved a variety of activities, such as kendo and taiko drumming performances, Japanese cookery, origami folding and haiku writing. The Japan Society small grant was given to support the workshop leader, lecturer and performer of the event.

Useful Links:
Application Guidelines

Apply Online

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

ChurchCare - Grants for Fabric Repairs (UK)

The Church of England has announced that the next deadline for applications to its ChurchCare - Grants for Fabric Repairs is the 29th July 2019.

ChurchCare supports all those in parishes, dioceses and cathedrals caring for their buildings. The Fabric Repairs programme helps PCCs with the eligible costs of essential fabric repairs in architecturally or historically significant Anglican churches in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Applications are considered on the grounds of the historic and architectural significance of the building and also on a parish's engagement with the history and interpretation of the site/building.

- The criteria for consideration include the following:
  - The church must only be listed either Grade I or Grade II*
  - The church should not have benefited from a Wolfson Foundation grant in the previous five years

50% of the required funding needs to have been secured as 'cash in the bank' or pledges at point of application

Works eligible for funding tend to be Category A or B recommendations in a quinquennial inspection report and include things such as:

- Roof repairs
- Masonry repairs
- Rainwater disposal and drainage.

For further information or advice, please click here to contact John Webster, Conservation Grants Administrator, T: 020 7898 1872. The address for correspondence sent by post is Cathedral & Church Buildings Division, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ.

Useful Links:

Apply Here

http://www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/funding-and-grants/our-grants/fabric-repairs
Grant Programme to Support Rural Communities Opens June 2019 (England, Scotland and Wales)

The Prince’s Countryside Fund provides more than £1m in grants each year to projects delivered by Charities, Community Benefit Societies, Community Interest Companies, Companies limited by guarantee, Not for profit organisations, Social enterprises and Unincorporated associations.

The Programme re-opens in June 2019 when grants of up to £50,000 will be available for innovative projects that will provide a lasting legacy to the individuals and communities they seek to benefit. Supported applications will deliver activity that result in a long-term positive impact on rural communities by helping the people that live and work in the countryside by tackling the following key rural issues:

- Improving the prospects of viability for family farm businesses
- Sustaining rural communities and drive economic vibrancy
- Supporting aid delivery in emergency and building resilience

The Fund will reopen for grant applications in June 2019.

Previous projects funded include:

Countryside Classroom, a network of more than 30 organisations based around a website offering school children the opportunity to learn about food, farming and the countryside through a variety of activities and resources linked with curriculum subjects.

Farm Cornwall, £49,235 to support farming families through the challenges, opportunities created by the farm and help them back towards stability and sustainability.

Uplands Alliance, £13,800 to enhance the capacity of English hill farmers and land managers to run viable and resilient businesses post 2020

Useful Links:

Eligibility and Guidance Document

https://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme

Grants for the Conservation of Wildlife and the Environment (England and Wales)

Monthly grants are made to support the conservation of wildlife and the environment by the HDH Wills 1965 Charitable Trust. The Trust makes grants of between £250 and £1,000 (sometimes up to £5,000) to general, environmental and wildlife charities, so long as they are registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales or they are exempt or excepted charities (within the meaning of the Charities Act 2011).
The Trust also make grants to charities which focus on the conservation of wildlife and the environment which are typically in the £1,000 to £2,000 range.

Supported charities will be small in size or be applying for support for a modest project, such that the grant will have a meaningful impact. There are no deadlines, grants may be made towards revenue, capital or project expenditure and email, postal or online applications are accepted.

Useful Links:

**Application Form**

https://hdhwills.org/grants/

New Fund to Support Scotland’s Screen Professionals (Scotland)

Screen Scotland has announced the launch of a new Screen Professional Development Fund to help screen professionals to further their skills in their chosen field. The £100,000 Fund will support individuals working in film and television to access training, mentoring and other professional development, nationally and internationally. The fund will support individual professionals to advance their careers through activities tailored to their individual needs and ambitions.

Individual awards of between £250 and £5,000 are available for creative or technical skills development, screen-related business skills development, participation in talent labs, mentoring, shadowing, work-based learning and other developmental activities.

Priority will be given to professional development in areas of identified skills shortages, and to applicants under-represented in the screen industries.

Applications are welcome from individuals who live in Scotland and work within the Scottish film and TV sector. The fund is aimed primarily at freelancers, however, applications from individuals working in small and growing screen businesses may be considered, if a strong case for public funding is made, and there is a cash contribution from their employer to the budget.

Those currently in full-time education are not eligible to apply.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and there are no deadlines.

Useful Links:

**Application Guidance**

https://www.screen.scot/funding-and-support/screen-scotland-funding/professional-development-fund
Grant Available to Encourage People to Walk and Cycle (Scotland)

The Smarter Choices, Smarter Places (SCSP) Open Fund aims to encourage people to change their behaviours to walk or cycle as part of their everyday short journeys. The fund will also encourage people to use sustainable travel choices for longer journeys.

New, innovative projects are sought that can demonstrate how they will deliver one of the following outcomes:

- Increased walking and cycling modal share for short local journeys
- Increase in other sustainable travel choices for longer journeys i.e public transport/car share
- Changes in knowledge, attitudes and beliefs towards sustainable travel choice
- Reduced car use for short local journeys
- Reduced driver only journeys

Smaller grants of £5,000 to £10,000 and larger grants of between £10,001 and £50,000 are available for up to 50% of total project costs (25% of the total project cost can be in-kind contributions).

Organisations eligible to apply are: Constituted groups, clubs and community organisations; Registered charities; Not-for-profit company or Community Interest Companies; Schools, universities or colleges; Statutory bodies (including town, parish and community council); Regional Transport Partnerships; Health and Social Care Partnerships; Health Boards; Business Improvement Districts; Local authorities.

Expressions of interest are invited at any time from interested applicants.

Useful Links:

Application Guidelines

Case Studies


Funding for Local Projects and Good Causes (Glasgow)

Glasgow Airports Flight Path Fund provides grants to community groups and charities within close proximity to the airport for projects that improve opportunities, facilities and services available to local people. Grants are made for projects falling with three key areas:

- Employment – especially local projects that breakdown barriers to employment through skills development
- Environment – especially projects that protect and enhance the natural environment
- Education – especially projects designed to bring positive benefits to and change the lives of
people in the local community

Awards can be made for all or part of project costs and are generally not made to cover core or running costs.

No minimum or maximum grant levels are published, however awards over £5,000 are subject to the approval of the Managing Director of Glasgow Airport.

The committee meets approximately once every two months and applications must be submitted no later than three weeks prior to the meeting date.

The 2018 next meeting is on the 10th May 2019, applications must be received three weeks before the meeting to be considered – apply by 20th April 2019.

Previously supported projects include:

- The Tannahill Centre: £25,000 towards a complete revamp of this Paisley-based community café and turn it into a learning café for local residents.
- Drumchapel United Free Church: £750 to set up Little Lambs Nursery Group.

Useful Links:

Flight Path Guidelines for Applicants

Application Form

Flight Path Fund Video

https://www.glasgowairport.com/flight-path-fund/

Grants for Small Charities and Community Groups (South Wales)

Track 2000 Grant Legacy Fund offers grants to small to medium registered charities, community voluntary groups and social enterprises with incomes of £50,000 or less and with less than 12 months running costs in reserve. Funded organisations will need vital grant support to help them to achieve organisations goals and aims in three key areas:

- Environmental Improvements to both inner town/cities and semi-rural areas led by pro-active grass roots groups that include volunteers of all abilities and ages in full participation in the activities being delivered.
- Training/Education, especially for disadvantaged youth/adults, individuals with special needs or who are disabled for careers opportunities and overcoming barriers to mainstream opportunities.
• Strengthening Disadvantaged Communities, this strand supports small charitable organisations, community/voluntary groups and social enterprises, working at grassroots level to improve quality of life for individuals and families and assisting community regeneration in deprived areas.

Grants of £5,000 and up to £35,000 to cover revenue and capital cost are available for 1 – 2 years work to small charities in South Wales. Grants can cover capital items (but not buildings), staff costs, project costs or expansion due to demand for the project, operation or service.

Apply anytime as there are no deadlines.

Useful Links:

Apply Online

http://grantlegacyfund.org.uk/

Funding Available to Schools to Raise the Attainment of Children from Disadvantaged Backgrounds (North East, North West and Yorkshire and Humber)

Schools in the North of England can apply for funding to help raise the attainment for children from low income homes. The funding is available to try out new ideas to improve teaching and learning in schools and help the best ideas grow to scale.

The funding aims to address the following priorities:

• Ready for School: improving the school readiness of children during the reception year, with a priority focus on language and communication skills (age 4-5)
• Bridging the Gap: supporting vulnerable children who may not meet Age Related Expectations at primary school to make better academic progress during Key Stage 3 (age 9-14)
• Flying High: supporting high attaining students to build on their achievements at primary school and stay on a high attaining trajectory during the first few years at secondary school (age 9-14)

The funding is being made available through the educational charity Shine and funding decisions are made four times a year typically in March, June, September and December.

Any grants to non-school organisations, including to other charities, will need to involve a strong element of co-delivery and/or training for schools, with the aim of the project becoming sustainable without SHINE over time.

On average, it takes 3-6 months between initial contact with the SHINE office to a grants decision being reached.
If you have an idea which you think may meet our funding criteria, please email info@shinetrust.org.uk with a basic outline detailing the following points, in no more than 3-4 paragraphs:

- An overview of the project and its aims, specifically related to academic attainment in maths, literacy or science;
- How it would meet SHINE’s core priorities;
- The number of beneficiaries and schools it would reach; and
- The overall project budget and size of request to SHINE.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

https://www.shinetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/

**Viridor & Prosiect Gwyrrdd Community Fund (Wales)**

Viridor has committed to make £50,000 a year available for the Viridor & Prosiect Gwyrrdd Community Fund to support projects across Caerphilly, Cardiff, Monmouthshire, Newport and Vale of Glamorgan.

This scheme will be funded for the next 25 years. Charities, and properly constituted not-for-profit groups, can apply for funding of up to £3,000 to deliver projects that positively impact their local community. Funding decisions are based on a set of criteria around sustainability, local need, community involvement, value for money and education.

A Panel meets quarterly to review eligible applications to the fund and make the final decision on how monies from the fund are to be distributed.

**Useful Links:**

- Guidance Document
- Application Form
- [https://viridor.co.uk/our-operations/energy/energy-recovery-facilities/cardiff-erf/community/](https://viridor.co.uk/our-operations/energy/energy-recovery-facilities/cardiff-erf/community/)

**Small Grants for Organisations with an Annual Income of Under £75,000 (London)**

The City Bridge Trust provides grants totalling around £15m per year towards charitable activity benefiting Greater London. The Trust’s Connecting Capital programme includes this small grant scheme for organisations with an annual income of less than £75,000. Through its grant making programmes, the Trust aims to make London’s communities stronger, more resilient and recognises
that working with a healthy and vibrant voluntary sector, working with communities and across sectors, plays a vital role.

- Small Grants of £1,000 to £10,000 are available for 12 months work in the following areas of work:
  - Greening and growing projects which bring communities together and improve the local environment.

A project which enables disabled people and/or older people who are disadvantaged to actively participate in the arts, sports and health and well-being opportunities.

Applications can be for Capital or Revenue or a mixture of the two. A revenue grant cannot be for more than 50% of the organisation’s annual turnover, based on the most recent set of accounts.

This programme is open to groups working in London with an income of less than £75,000 (as shown in the organisation’s latest annual accounts). Eligible organisations will be:

- Registered charity or Exempt or excepted charity
- Registered Community Interest Company or Charitable company
- Registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation
- Registered charitable industrial and provident society or charitable Bencom

Potential applicants are asked to complete an Eligibility Quiz prior to application. Apply at any time.

https://www.citybridgetrust.org.uk/what-we-do/grant-making/what-we-fund/connecting-the-capital/small-grants/

**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 25th April 2019 to run activities during the May half-term holidays.

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

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

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

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

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

Organisations supported in 2017 included:

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

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

**Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust Strategic Pathways Programme Opens for Applications (UK)**

The Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust has announced that it is seeking Expressions of interest from national organisations who will provide support and mentoring to organisations delivering activities and opportunities under the Positive Pathways Programme. A total of £1 million is available through the Strategic Pathways Programme.
The Strategic Pathways Programme will only award grants to large organisations that want to help smaller organisations connect their work to support better recovery pathways for veterans in the longer term.

Strategic Pathway Providers therefore need to be:

- Large organisations experienced in running projects to support veterans with poor mental health
- Experienced in being part of, and developing cross sector pathways of care
- Able to work nationally
- Able to encourage, share learning and good practice; and act as a mentor
- Be able to help smaller organisations insert their activities into wider recovery pathways

There is a two-stage application process.

Expressions of Interest need to be submitted by the 1st February 2019 and organisations successful at this stage will have until the 29th March 2019 to submit a full application.

Useful Links:

Programme Guidance

Apply Online

http://www.covenantfund.org.uk/strategic-pathways-programme/

Funding for Digital Technology Projects that Address Social Needs (UK)

After two successful co-funded rounds, Comic Relief and the Paul Hamlyn Foundation (PHF) have extended their commitment to the Tech for Good funding programme. The first UK Tech for Good funding programme of this 3-year partnership is worth a total of £2.4 million. The programme was developed in response to the emerging need for charities to use technology to explore different approaches to delivering better services. The aim is to support charities in tackling the biggest social challenges enabling them to increase the range of digital products and services available to their beneficiaries in an increasingly digital world.

Tech for Good aims to help 13 not-for-profit organisations to develop their digital products or services. Projects should address one of four core issue areas:

- Children Survive and Thrive
- Global Mental Health Matters
- Fighting for Gender Justice
- A Safe Place to Be.
For this initiative, Comic Relief would also welcome applications addressing challenges related to disability and inclusion outside of the themes specified above, recognising the critical potential of digital technology in tackling these issues.

Successful organisations will receive funding of up to £48,000 for nine months alongside access to dedicated technical expertise and an intensive support programme between July 2018 and March 2019. This will include a residential camp at the start to connect the funded projects with leading tech for good experts, and ongoing mentoring and report back days. A public ‘wrap-up’ event at the end of the funding will allow the projects to show what they have created with the grant and support.

Previously funded projects have included the development of a Braille e-reader, a programme to digitise food vouchers for fruit and vegetable markets, and an app to help young people who sleep rough find a safe place to stay. Projects funded in the last round can be viewed [here](http://www.comicrelief.com/news/comic-relief-and-paul-hamlyn-foundation-announce-new-tech-good-funding-round)

Tech for Good will be open to applications from February 11th to March 25th 2019.

**Religious Education Grants for Schools Scheme (UK)**

The Jerusalem Trust makes available to schools a number of grants to support the purchase of resources for teaching Christianity in Religious Education. The fund is open to all primary and secondary schools in the UK, although priority will be given to non-church state secondary schools.

The scheme is open to state secondary schools in England and Wales, including middle deemed secondary and upper. There are currently no primary school grants available. Please do not apply as your application will not be taken into consideration.

The maximum size of any grant is £600, and applications can be submitted at any time.

Grants can cover teaching resources including textbooks, teacher resources, artefacts, videos, tapes and CD-roms for use in RE lessons.

Apply at any time.

**Recently purchased items include:**

- 20 x NIV Bibles
- Lent and Easter artefacts collection
- Commentary on Paul’s Epistles
- Illustrated Easter story books
Funding for Projects that Promote a Better Understanding of the Environment and Countryside (UK)

UK based not-for-profit organisations and schools can apply for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research. Whilst the Trust does not specify a minimum or maximum grant amount that can be applied for, an analysis of previous grants would suggest a maximum of £5,000 per year for up to three years.

Previous projects supported include:

- Busby Primary School which received a grant of £2,000 to build a ‘vertical garden’ for environment enhancement as well as the children’s educational value;
- a grant of £1,400 to Bickleigh-On-Exe Primary School to create an all-weather school and community gardening area with poly-tunnel and shed;
- Castlemilk Day Nursery which received a grant of £5,000 to build a multi-function shelter with provision for special needs teaching; and
- St Joseph’s Specialist School & College, which received a grant of £4,000 towards a community garden expansion.

Applications are usually discussed at the Trustees’ quarterly meetings and applications can be submitted at any time.

Useful Links:

Grants Awarded

https://www.ninevehtrust.org.uk/%C2%A0

Project Development Funding for Churches (UK)

The Gateway Programme supports congregations and local communities to look after and build a sustainable future for their church buildings.
Preference is given to projects from Churches that can demonstrate strong community engagement and sound plans for economic viability. Priority is given to projects that demonstrate support beyond the congregation, and into the future.

Gateway Grant Programme grants can be used for project development and investigative work up to RIBA planning stage 1, to support churches preparing for a major project, and in developing their project to the point at which they can approach a major grant funder.

Grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 for up to 50% of the project costs are available.

Applications are excepted from listed and unlisted Christian places of worship, of any denomination, across the UK. The Trust particularly encourages applications from priority areas i.e. North East England, Northern Ireland and Wales.

The first deadline to apply for a Gateway Grant is the 9th May 2019.

Useful Links:

Application Guidelines

Guidance Notes

https://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/gatewaygrants

Challenge Fund for Healthcare Technologies Opens for Applications (UK)

The Biomedical Catalyst has 4 funding strands to support progression of projects from initial concept through to late stage development. This competition combines the early and late stage strands. Projects in the competition can be in any life science sector or discipline, including:

- Medical technologies and devices
- Stratified healthcare, which involves grouping patients based on risk of disease or response to therapy
- Advanced therapies, such as gene and cell therapies
- Digital health
- Drug discovery
- Diagnostics

The aim of this competition is to enable companies to create a data package that can support the subsequent testing of your products or carry out evaluations in a clinical setting or other relevant environment. Projects must focus on the development of a product or process that is an innovative solution to a health and care challenge.
This competition has 2 stages: Stage 1 is an assessed written application and Stage 2 an interview with our Major Awards Committee (MAC).

UK-registered micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) or research and technology organisations are eligible to lead a project. Grants representing up to 70% of their eligible costs will be awarded.

Projects must start by 1st September 2019 and end by 31st March 2021 and last between 3 and 18 months.

The competition is now open and the deadline for applications is midday on 3rd April 2019.

Useful Links:

General Guidance for Applicants

https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/306/overview#summary

Field Studies Bursary Fund (England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland & Republic of Ireland)

The Field Studies Council (FSC) Bursary provides support to individuals who are from disadvantaged backgrounds enabling them to take part in FSC curriculum focused courses with their school class. This support, for individuals, is valuable as it can be a deciding factor on whether or not a whole class experiences fieldwork and out of classroom learning.

Bursaries can be awarded to a maximum per school of £1500 for residential courses and £450 for day visits per academic year. Each individual student may only benefit from one bursary.

Bursaries will represent a maximum of 80% of the curriculum course fee. Applications from schools with a group size of more than 30 students of whom at least 50% are eligible for bursary support will be considered on an individual basis.

Children and young people aged 4-19 attending school or college in the state sector who live in the 10% most deprived areas of England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland and who are attending a curriculum focused FSC course are eligible to apply.

Applications can be made at any time but must be made at least 4 weeks prior to the date of the FSC course.

Examples of Projects Funded include:

• Archbishop Sentamu Academy, Hull: 25 of the group who visited FSC Malham Tarn to study GCSE geography received a bursary to enable them to go.
• Corpus Christi Primary, Glasgow: This school received bursary support for 12 of their group of 45 primary students to attend a course at FSC Kindrogan.

Useful Links:

Download the Terms and Conditions

FSC Bursary Application Form

https://www.field-studies-council.org/about/the-fsc-bursary-fund.aspx

Funding for Projects that Raise the Attainment of Disadvantaged School Students (England)

The Shine Trust which funds projects that help disadvantaged young people to realise their academic potential, has announced that the Let Teachers SHINE competition is now open for applications. The competition aims to find the country’s best teachers and some fresh, imaginative and practical ways to raise attainment among disadvantaged students in literacy, numeracy and/or science. In previous years, funding of up to £15,000 has been available for 10 winning ideas that help disadvantaged children and teenagers to recognise and then realise their academic potential.

The competition is free to enter and open to any teacher working in England with students aged up to 18. Successful ideas might involve after-school programmes or innovative use of technology; etc.

Previous winners included:

• Amy Hanna: Ark Academy, London for the Miss Hanna Loves Grammar project working with students from year 7 and 8, the large majority of whom have a reading age below their peers. Amy created 150 engaging and age-appropriate YouTube videos, covering basic grammar rules.
• Andrew Otty: Exeter College, Exeter for Andrew’s Write On! project aiming to produce a bespoke English curriculum for post-16 GCSE learners with very low prior attainment.
• Elizabeth Hope: Children’s Hospital School, Leicester to develop Science at the Bedside, a comprehensive set of teaching resources for specialist and non-specialist staff, both at her own hospital and others around the country. These resources will enable children of all key stages and abilities to have access to practical, stimulating and engaging science lessons whilst in hospital.

The closing date for applications is midnight on the 23rd April 2019.

Useful Links:

Previous Winners
funding for Projects that Benefit Local Communities (Scotland)

The Scot Mid Cooperative Community Connect Initiative has re-opened for applications. The fund supports projects that benefit local communities in Scotland centred around Scotmid or Semichem stores in its three Scottish regions (North; East; West).

Through the fund, local community groups can apply for grants of up to £15,000 for projects that benefit their community. The fund is being made available through the Scot Mid Cooperative Community Connect initiative. Applications will then receive votes from Scotmid members every time they make a purchase. Within each Scotmid region, three Groups will be shortlisted by a panel of Scotmid representatives from all the applications received.

The group with the most votes receives £15,000, the runner-up is awarded £7,500 and third place receives £2,500.

Applicants must be an established Good Cause Group or Charity or part of a new group who have an idea which will enhance and have the greatest possible benefit to their community that is scheduled to be completed within 24 months of the award date.

Priorities for the fund are projects which fall broadly into one of the following categories:

- Children & Youth
- 65+ Group
- Community Group
- Social Inclusion
- Health & Wellbeing
- Environment
- Arts & Culture
- Active Lifestyles
- Fairtrade and ethical issues
- Co-operative

Groups are chosen each April and September and the closing date for this funding round is 5pm on Friday 22nd March 2019.

Useful Links:
Grants of up to £5000 Available to Support Community Arts and Environmental Projects (Wales)

Charitable and not for profit, voluntary groups working with local authorities and organisations working with young people can apply for a grant of up to £5,000 for projects that focus on Arts and the Environment.

The focus of the Millennium Stadium Trust’s Arts and Environment Fund is to support projects costs, volunteer costs, purchase of equipment and training costs that enable the delivery of projects focussing on these two areas. The Trust is keen to support volunteer-based projects, particularly from ethnic minorities and people with disabilities.

Grants of up to £5,000 are offered for capital, equipment & training – some project delivery costs may also be included.

Eligible applicant organisations will be:

- Charitable organisations
- Properly constituted voluntary organisations
- Not for profit organisations
- Voluntary groups working with local authorities
- Groups working with young people

Applications for this round close on the 1st April 2019.

Useful Links:

Application Guidelines

https://www.millenniumstadiumtrust.org.uk/

£300 Million Fund Announced to Secure Peace Funding for Northern Ireland (Northern Ireland)

Around £300 Million of funding will be committed to projects to support peace in Northern Ireland, the UK Government has announced.
The UK Government has committed to contributing millions of pounds to PEACE Plus, the programme that will succeed the current PEACE scheme, until 2027, as part of its commitment to uphold the hard-won peace in Northern Ireland after Brexit.

PEACE has helped promote economic and social progress in Northern Ireland and the border region of Ireland since 1995. The current programme – run with funding from the UK, Ireland and EU – will end in 2020.

This new funding will enable work to continue to build on the almost £1.8 billion (£2 billion) of investment in projects in both Northern Ireland and Ireland, including landmark projects such as the £14.5m PEACE bridge in Derry-Londonderry, which has linked communities across the River Foyle.

One organisation that has shown the benefit is Youth Action NI in Belfast, an organisation that used PEACE funding to help bring together young people from different communities in Northern Ireland. It established the ‘Youth Network for Peace’ – a regional project involving 10,000 young people in a range of participative social action projects on a cross-community and cross-border basis.


Late additions

**Veolia Environmental Trust Grants (UK)**
The next closing date for stage 1 applications to the Veolia Environmental Trust is the 30th May 2019. Grants of up to £75,000 are available to constituted 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; and bio diversity projects.

To be eligible to apply, the applicant organisation needs to be within the vicinity of a qualifying Veolia site; 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.

**Sustainable Development Fund (Brecon Beacons)**
Charities and community groups are amongst the organisations invited to apply for funding for sustainable development projects that build capacity and genuinely support or involve communities within the Brecon Beacons National Park. Grants of up to £10,000 for up to 50% of project costs are available. The Sustainable Development Fund (SDF) has been allocated £200,000 for 2018/19 to support projects which bring organisations together in partnership to improve quality of life for communities in the National Park.
Apply initially by Expression of Interest to the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and submit a full application by the 5th June 2019.

**Grants for Families Facing Financial Hardship Whilst Caring for a Child with a Serious Illness (UK)**
Families facing financial hardship whilst caring for a child with a serious illness can apply for grants of up to £1,000 per child to 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. Applications must be completed by health or social care professionals on behalf the family and are considered at monthly meetings.

The funding is being made available through the Roald Dahl Marvellous Family Grants scheme and the next application deadline is 5pm on the 29th March 2019.

**The Classical Association Grants (UK)**
The Classical Association (CA), which awards grants to support classical projects and conferences, has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 1st June 2019. The Association will consider applications for summer schools and to institutions offering extra-mural courses in Greek, Latin and classical civilisation; bursaries for teachers attending courses abroad to support their professional development, notably the British School at Athens Easter Course; and school teaching and outreach work such as Greek and Latin reading competitions, regional Greek/Roman days and school conferences; etc.

**Environmental and Sustainability Grants for the Community (London and South East)**
Grants of between £2,500 and £25,000 per year for up to two years are available for charities, voluntary groups, schools, colleges, and Community Interest Companies for projects that reduce energy consumption, tackle climate change, boost recycling or create a nature reserves. The funding is being provided through the Heathrow Community Fund’s Environmental and Sustainability Grants programme. Projects must be based in Ealing, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Slough, Spelthorne, Richmond, Runnymede, Windsor and Maidenhead or South Bucks.

The Funding is being made available through the Heathrow Community Fund. The deadline for stage 1 applications is the 13th September 2019.

**Teaching Physics Scholarships (UK)**
Talented individuals in England who would like to train to teach physics or physics with maths have until 1st April 2019 to apply for a scholarship for the 2019/20 academic year. Run by the Institute of Physics in partnership with the Department for Education, the scholarships are worth up to £28,000.
in tax-free funding. The scholarships are only available for eligible initial teacher training programmes in England will replace any other government bursary received.

**Grants of up to £2,000 Available to Reduce Deprivation in Disadvantaged Communities (England, Scotland & Wales)**
Not-for-profit organisations developing local community projects are being offered the opportunity to apply for a grant of up to £2,000. Any not for profit organisation working to reduce disadvantage experienced by the most deprived people in the community such as the disabled, those living in poverty, voluntary carers and isolated older people can apply. Larger organisations with a turnover in excess of £300,000 are unlikely to be successful with those located near to a Greggs shop most likely to receive awards.

Apply to the Greggs Foundation Local Community Projects Fund by the 30th June 2019.

**The Open Fund For Music Creators (UK)**
Songwriters, composers, and artists, bands, producers and performers who are writing their own music or commissioning other songwriters or composers can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to support the creation, performance and promotion of outstanding new music in any genre and to enable the UK’s most talented music creators to realise their potential. The funding is being made available through the PRS Foundation’s Open Fund for Music Creators and can support activities such as touring, music creator residencies, community projects and live performances featuring new UK music, etc.

The closing date for applications is the 10th June 2019.

**Kent Community Foundation (Kent)**
The next deadline to apply for a grant from Kent Community Foundation’s Themed Programme is the 31st May 2019. Through its grant programmes, the Foundation aims to empower organisations and charities in the local communities of Kent and Medway who make a real and positive difference to people’s lives. Projects supported will fall into four themes: Employability, Skills and Enterprise: Projects which raise the aspirations and increase the skills and opportunities of people who are far from the labour market; Employability, Skills and Enterprise: Projects that help vulnerable adults stay well and independent, with a focus on early intervention projects to tackle disadvantage, deprivation and social exclusion; Elderly and Isolated; and Children, Young People and Families.

Priority will be given to groups with an annual income up to £1 million; grants of up to £5,000 are on offer.

**Funding to Support Vulnerable Young Migrants (UK)**
Not for profit organisations and private law firms working with young migrants who are significantly
disadvantaged by migration status can apply for grants of up to £30,000. Grants will enable the organisation to undertake strategic legal work to benefit children and young people (under the age of 25). Applicants should note that the average grant size is around £12,000.

The funding is being made available through the Strategic Legal Fund (SLF) for Vulnerable Young Migrants and the closing date for applications is the 3rd May 2019.

**The Application Closing Date for the Funding to Help Isolated and Marginalised Women Return to Work Has Been Extended (England)**

A grants programme that provides support to voluntary and community sector organisations and social enterprises running projects aimed at helping marginalised women overcome barriers that prevent them from returning to work has just reopened. A total of £500,000 will be awarded as grants of up to £100,000 - the majority of awards are expected to be between £50,000 and £100,000. Grants will only be awarded for start-up costs of new projects, training, and related support for Returners, especially women who have been economically inactive for at least one year having previously had a job and taken time out to undertake caring responsibilities.

The funding is being made available through the Government Equalities Office Returners Fund and the closing date for applications has been extended to the 19th March 2019.

**Homes in Community Hands: Funding Programme Opens for Applications (England)**

Community groups have the opportunity to apply for funding to help them to take forward innovative community led housing projects. Grants are available to build or refurbish well-built, affordable and future-proof homes designed around the needs of local people. A total of £4.2 million is available as revenue grants over the next three years (up to 2021). The average grant will be £50,000. Small amounts of capital funding averaging around £25,000 are also available to applicants to sit alongside the main revenue grant. The funding will be mostly focused in Leeds City Region, Liverpool City Region, Tees Valley City Region, West of England and West Midlands but will also be available to anywhere in England.

The funding is being made available through the Power to Change Trust and applications can be submitted at any time. All funding must be committed by December 2021.

**£1.6 Billion Stronger Towns Fund Announced (England)**

The Government will launch a £1.6 billion fund this year to boost growth and give communities a greater say in their future after Brexit. The Stronger Towns Fund will be targeted at places that have not shared in the proceeds of growth in the same way as more prosperous parts of the country. It will be used to create new jobs, help train local people and boost economic activity – with communities having a say on how the money is spent. A total of £1 billion will be allocated using a needs-based formula. More than half this share (£583 million) will go to towns across the North with a further £322 million allocated to communities in the Midlands.
Communities will be able to draw up job-boosting plans for their town, with the support and advice of their Local Enterprise Partnerships.

**Grants of up to £100,000 Available for Projects that Enable Young People to Challenge Social Injustice (UK)**
The Paul Hamlyn Foundation has announced that its £3.2 million Act for Change Fund is open for applications. The Fund, which is a joint initiative between Paul Hamlyn Foundation (PHF) and Esmée Fairbairn Foundation (EFF) in partnership with the National Lottery Community Fund provides grants of up to £100,000 to enable young people to challenge social injustice, find ways of overcoming inequality and give voice to issues they are experiencing.

Act for Change Fund promotes the potential of young people with experience of disadvantage to devise and develop activities and programmes to shape the world around them. It aims to create a more diverse group of social, cultural and political leaders for the future.

**Grants of up to £5,000 Available to Support Women In their Fight for Gender Equality (UK)**
Non-profitable organisations that are run predominantly by, for and with women can apply for grants of between £500 and £5,000 to support women at the front of the fight for gender equality. The funding is available support projects that will increase the skills, capacity and credibility of women who wish to challenge gender inequality and promote awareness and change. The funding is being made available through the “Rosa” the UK fund for Women and Girls.

The closing date for applications is the 14th May 2019. Previous projects supported through the fund include a grant of £2,000 to Fourth Wave: London Feminist Activists towards their project tackling period poverty and a grant of £1,500 to Tender Education & Arts for their student campaign around sexual abuse and consent.

**Grants for Projects that Promote Inclusion and Diversity within the Chemical Sciences (UK)**
Grants of up to £5,000 are available to enable the development of innovative products, activities and research projects which promote inclusion and diversity in the chemical science community. Members of the Royal Society of Chemistry, professionals, network groups, volunteer groups, institutions and organisations are all eligible to apply for funding that will make a significant difference to their ability to deliver the project. Outreach projects may also be funded.

Apply by the 16th June 2019 to the Royal Society of Chemistry’s Inclusion and Diversity Fund.

**Funding for Projects that Support Disadvantaged and Disengaged Young People (England & Wales)**
Registered charities in England and Wales can apply for funding for projects that help disadvantaged and disengaged young people in England and Wales. Priority is given to projects designed to help
disadvantaged and disengaged young people in the age range of 14 to 30, to pursue pathways to Education, Training and Employment with the ultimate aim of helping them to become financially independent. There is no minimum or maximum amount and projects can be funded for more than one year.

The next closing date for applications to the Peter Cruddas Foundation is the 1st September 2019.

**Royal College of Pathologists Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme (UK)**

The Royal College of Pathologists has announced that applications are now being accepted for the Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme. Under this scheme grants of up to £1,000 are available for individuals or organisations who wish to run a project that engages audiences such as secondary school students, undergraduates, health professionals or local communities with pathology.

The closing date for applications is the 3rd June 2019.

**Grants of £120,000 Available to Use the Power of Science to Make a Positive Difference to Disadvantaged Young People (UK)**

Grants of up to £40,000 per year for up to three years are available to not for profit organisations that want to use the power and excitement of science to create change for children and young people experiencing disadvantage in the UK. Projects should encourage young people to be curious about the world around them and inside them, making a positive difference in their lives: building confidence and self-esteem, developing life skills and expanding horizons.

The Fund is open to applications from not-for-profit organisations with a track record of working with disadvantaged children and young people up to 18 years old and living in the UK. Schools that want to apply should do so in partnership with a local community-based organisation.

The closing date for applications is midnight on the 12th April 2019.

**The Pargeter Trust Fund - Next Deadline Announced (Kent)**

Charities, voluntary and community groups providing services and support or advice to older people can apply to the Pargeter Trust Fund for a grant of up to £5,000 to support their work. The Trust is particularly interested in reaching smaller grassroots organisations (as opposed to larger organisations) in Kent working to improve health and wellbeing; improve access to facilities, advice and training; and overcoming a range of problems that make daily life difficult.

Applications are made via Kent Community Foundation and the next deadline to apply is the 31st May 2019.
Funding Support for Former Mining Communities (East & West Midlands, North East & North West of England and Yorkshire)

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

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

University Liaison Grants Scheme (UK)

Grants of up to £360 are available to university student mathematical societies to fund activities to enhance their programmes for their members and to promote mathematics. Grants can cover, for example, mathematical activities, helping students to participate in and attend the Tomorrow’s Mathematicians Today Conference, careers, promotional or networking activities and quizzes.

Apply to the Institute of Mathematics at any time.