

Funding News – March 2010

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Business

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<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/node2580.html>

European Local Energy Assistance Grant

The European Commission and the European Investment Bank (EIB), have launched a new €15 million grant aid initiative to help local and regional authorities accelerate their investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Known as the European Local Energy Assistance (ELENA) facility, this grants programme will fund technical assistance such as feasibility and market studies, structuring of programmes, business plans, energy audits, preparation of tendering procedures and contractual arrangements; etc that will help cities and regions in Europe bring forward viable investment projects in the areas of energy efficiency; renewable energy sources and sustainable urban transport.

ELENA support can be provided for the development of investment programmes or projects within the following areas:

- Public and private buildings, including social housing and street and traffic lighting, to support increased energy efficiency – e.g. refurbishment of buildings aimed at significantly decreasing energy consumption, such as thermal insulation, efficient air conditioning and ventilation, efficient lighting;
- Integration of renewable energy sources into the built environment – e.g. solar photovoltaic (PV), solar thermal collectors and biomass;
- Investments into renovating, extending or building new district heating/cooling networks, including networks based on combined heat and power (CHP); decentralised CHP systems (building or neighbourhood level);
- Urban transport to support increased energy efficiency and integration of renewable energy sources, e.g. high energy efficiency buses, including hybrid buses, electrical or low-carbon propulsion systems, investments to facilitate the introduction of electric cars, investments to introduce new, more energy efficient concepts to improve freight logistics in urban areas;
- Local infrastructure including smart grids, information and communication technology infrastructure for energy efficiency, energy-efficient urban equipment, inter-modal transport facilities and refuelling infrastructure for alternative fuel vehicles

ELENA covers up to 90% of eligible costs required for technical support related to a clearly identified investment programme. In general projects need to be in excess of €50 million. Small projects can be supported when they are integrated into larger investment programmes. In principle proposals can be submitted and funding agreements signed, until the end of 2011, except if the amount allocated to the ELENA facility has been exhausted before that time.

Assistance will be granted on a first-come first-served basis.

<http://www.eib.org/about/press/2009/2009-255-european-commission-and-european-investment-bank-launch-european-local-energy-assistance-elena-facility.htm>

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<http://www.innovateuk.org/content/competition/integrated-delivery-programme-competition-4-.ashx>

£8 Million Announced Under Third Round of the EFT Offshore Wind Demonstration Programme

The Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC) has announced the launch of a third Call for Proposals for capital grant funding under the Environmental Transformation Fund's Offshore Wind Demonstration Programme, following the success of the first two Calls.

The aim of the Scheme in its third round is to support, stimulate and encourage the development and demonstration of offshore wind technologies and components that will:

- create efficiencies across the supply chain;
- reduce costs of deploying offshore wind; and
- enable more reliable and faster deployment.

A total of £8 million is available for this Call, with the maximum and minimum grant amounts for all projects set at £2 million and £250,000, respectively. The Call is being delivered through the Government's Solutions for Business products, and the levels of funding available are, therefore, dependent on the business support product the applicant applies under, which are as follows:

- *Low Carbon Energy Demonstration* - up to 25% of eligible costs, available to single companies.
- *Collaborative R&D* - available for business to business collaboration at the following rates:
 - up to 50% for industrial research;
 - up to 25% for experimental development;
 - up to 25% for demonstration.
- *Grant for Research & Development* - available to single companies at the following rates:
 - up to 50%, and up to £250,000 for industrial research;

- up to 25% and up to £500,000 for experimental development.

Applications are invited from businesses or consortia of businesses that are legal entities registered in the UK (including UK subsidiaries of overseas companies).

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<http://www.decc.gov.uk/>

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http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/index_en.htm

£1,000 Shell LiveWIRE Grand Ideas Awards

The Shell LiveWIRE Grants Ideas Award is now open to applications to young entrepreneurs aged between 16 and 30 years of age. Each month, up to four awards of £1,000 will be awarded to new businesses (within their first 12 months of trading) with the most innovative and unusual ideas.

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<http://www.shell-livewire.org/#>

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<http://www.bis.gov.uk/next-generation-fund>

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Refugee Integration Awards Scheme

Funded by the European Refugee Fund Phase III and with the support of the UK Border Agency, UnLtd – the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs has re-launched RISE: Refugee

Initiative for Social Entrepreneurs, under the name RISE Accelerator. Rise Accelerator aims to unleash and encourage the potential of refugees as social entrepreneurs. Under the initiative grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available to small groups of refugees and individuals to set up projects that will make their communities a happier, safer, healthier and more just place as well as support refugees to achieve their full economic and social potential. The RISE programme has already funded 75 refugees, benefiting over 2000 people around England. The success of the project has allowed UnLtd to extend the RISE programme for another two years. UnLtd will also provide dedicated support including; training opportunities, tools and resources to ensure you develop your own skills as well as helping you develop your project. The scheme will aim to fund and support a further 64 projects over the next two years. Applications can be made any time.

<http://unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=55&PageName=rise:refugeewardsscheme>

Support for Young People Starting Up in Business

Young people wishing to start up their own business may be able to apply for funding and other support measures through the Prince's Trust Business Programme. The programme can provide support to young people who are; aged 18-30; unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week; and living in England or Northern Ireland. The type of support available includes a low interest loan of up to £4,000 (up to £5,000 for a partnership); ongoing advice from a business mentor; access to a wide range of products and services. This includes a free legal helpline, sponsored by Barclays; a grant of up to £1,500 in special circumstances (subject to local availability); and a test marketing grant of up to £250 (subject to local availability). Applications to the programme can be made at any time.

http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/about_the_trust/what_we_do/programmes/business_programme.aspx

Welcome Trust Society Awards

The Welcome Trust has announced that its Society Awards are now open for applications. Society Awards provide grants of over £30,000 for ambitious and creative projects that engage people of all ages and walks of life with developments in biomedical science on a

regional or national scale. Projects should aim to achieve at least one of the following:

- stimulate interest, excitement and debate about biomedical science through various methods
- examine the social, cultural, historical and ethical impact of biomedical science
- encourage new ways of thinking about biomedical science.

The scheme is open to anyone with a good idea for engaging people with developments in biomedical science. This might include:

- mediators and practitioners of science communication
- science centre/museum staff
- artists
- educators
- health professionals
- academics in bioscience, social science, bioethics and history.

Grants will normally be awarded through organisations, but individuals can apply. The preliminary deadline for applications is the 31st March 2010. Potential applicants are advised to contact the Society Awards office well in advance of the preliminary deadline to discuss a potential application.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/Society-Awards/index.htm>

The Bridges Social Entrepreneurs Fund

Bridges Ventures, the privately owned fund management company with a social mission. The £4.25million investment fund for social enterprises that can upscale their operations to have a higher social impact and have a sustainable business model. The Bridges Social Entrepreneurs Fund will invest up to £1million in each social enterprise. The investment will be through equity-like capital providing social enterprises with the risk capital funding they need to grow. The funding will be repayable with an appropriate return, and the fund will re-invest all repayments and returns into further social enterprises.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

http://www.bridgesventures.com/investment_soc_entre.php

Sector Development

'...by restructuring older industries and developing emerging and distinctive clusters'.

Farmers Offered New 'Green Funding' Deal

The Carbon Trust has announced financial help for farmers to invest in energy-saving equipment. From 1 February 2010, British farmers will be eligible for unsecured, interest-free loans for between £3,000 and £20,000 to help them upgrade to more energy-efficient equipment. The new funding has been provided to help the farming sector to meet the carbon reduction aims laid out the Government's Low Carbon Transition Plan. Examples of energy efficiency upgrades which the Carbon Trust loans will fund are; thermal screens, used in greenhouse horticulture, typically cost up to £20,000, and can save over £10,000 / 100 tonnes of CO2 annually; milk cooling accounts for one third of the energy consumption of dairy farms. New systems cost £3,000, and save up to £1,000 / 6 tonnes of CO2 a year; Insulation used in field horticulture crop stores, typically costs around £17,000, and saves up to £10,000 / 50 tonnes of CO2 a year; upgrading heating and ventilation controls, in livestock farms, typically costs £3,000, and saves over £4,000 / 23 tonnes of CO2 a year; grain drying humidity controls, used in arable farming, typically costs £3,000, and saves around £1,500 / 10 tonnes of CO2 a year

http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/news/news/press-centre/2009/Pages/farmers_offered_new_green_funding_deal.aspx

Infrastructure

'...through internal and external transport connections and the development of employment space, ICT infrastructure, utilities and key strategic investment'.

Funding Available to Tackle Digital Exclusion

UK Online Centres, which was set up by the Government in 2000 to provide public access to computers and tackle digital exclusion, has announced that UK online centres members, and other grassroots ICT providers willing to be become member centres are able to apply for grants of between £6,000 and £30,000 in order to further expand UK Online Centre network.

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<http://www.ukonlinecentres.com/corporate/regions-and-network/funding.html>

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£2.9million 'Get Digital' Programme Launched

The Government has announced that nearly 20,000 people living in sheltered housing will be switched on to the internet under the new £2.9million 'Get Digital' programme. 'Get Digital' which will be delivered on the Government's behalf by the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) and Digital Unite - will provide residents with access to computers and the training they need to make the most of the new technology on offer. Local schools will also link up with sheltered housing schemes so that young and old can learn together. As part of the programme, Get Digital will provide grants to set up communal IT facilities and to support and sustain those facilities as well as work with residents, scheme staff, Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) and the wider community to promote, deliver and sustain digital literacy skills for older residents in sheltered housing. Get Digital is open to sheltered housing schemes and RSLs throughout England. The project which will run until March 2011 will support directly 195 schemes and a further 300 via the Get Digital website Sheltered housing schemes will be invited to apply to participate in Get Digital from end-January 2010, with the programme beginning in March

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<http://digitalunite.com/products-services/get-digital/>

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Learning and Skills

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Grants for Adult Education Assistantships in Europe

Individuals working in Adult Education whether formal, nonformal or informal have the opportunity to apply for funding to spend a period of 12-45 weeks as a Grundtvig Assistant at an adult education organisation in another European country participating in the Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP). To obtain a grant, applicants will need to give a clear indication that the proposed Assistantship is relevant to their current or intended area of adult education work; will improve their personal / work skills, including language ability; and will contribute to the host organisation and community. Depending on their specific profile, the Assistant may either; play a mainly ancillary role at the host organisation, assisting in various teaching or management activities; take full responsibility for one or more courses or a particular aspect of management at the host organisation (such cases are known as Expert Assistantships). Applicants can apply for up to €4,000 for up to 16 weeks; €6,000 for up to 24 weeks; and €8,000 for up to 45 weeks. Grants are for subsistence including travel costs. Applicants that are likely to need additional income while they undertake their Assistantship should arrange this themselves. There is also an opportunity for Adult Education organisations in the UK to host an assistant from overseas. The next closing date for applications is the 31st March

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<http://www.grundtvig.org.uk/page.asp?section=00010001001800010004§ionTitle=Assistantships>

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Anglo-Portuguese Joint Curriculum Projects

The British Council has announced that they will be withdrawing the Anglo-Portuguese programme from the 31st March 2010. However there are other ways to work with

Portugal. Through the Global Gateway you can find a Portuguese partner school. If schools are interested in working on a curriculum project involving a Portuguese school you can search on eTwinning or via the Comenius Programme. For further information please click on the link below.

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-anglo-portuguese-joint-curriculum-projects.htm>

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BBC Children in Need Grants

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Examples of projects that recently received funding are:

- 27A Access Artspace Ltd (£21, 690) - the project will provide drama sessions for children and young people with a disability and their siblings.
- Relate Northamptonshire (£58, 589) - the project will provide counselling for disadvantaged children and young people in six schools in Northamptonshire, who have experienced domestic abuse, drug and alcohol abuse and family break up.
- Bushbury Nursery School in Wolverhampton (£67,645) - the project will develop and provide a series of Stay and Play sessions, a Toy library, and outreach work for children and their parents in the Bushbury area.

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<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/>

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Britain Sasakawa Foundation Grants Programme

Schools in the UK that wish to develop links with Japan and Japanese schools are able to apply for funding through the Britain Sasakawa Foundation. The Foundation makes small grants of up to £1,500 to support activities that support the study of the Japanese language and culture, School, Education and Youth exchanges. In the past the Foundation has made grants towards visits the between the UK and Japan between by teachers and young people and the teaching and development of Japanese language and cultural studies in schools. Schools that have successfully applied to the Foundation include George Mitchell School , who received a grant of £1,000 to support an international week at the school with focus on Japan and County Upper School, Bury St Edmunds, which received a grant of £5,000 to help fund a study tour to Japan by eight Year 11 students and two teachers.

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

Youth Music Open Programme 2010/2011 Open to Applications

The Youth Music Open Programme targets nearly £2 million of Youth Music's funding towards projects in England in the following priority areas:

- Early Years – advancing the learning and development of all children in their early

years by aiming to ensure universal access to high quality music making in England.

- Challenging Circumstances – improving the life chances of children and young people in the most challenging circumstances by supporting them to achieve their full potential through engagement and progression in music making.
- Encouraging Talent and Potential – realising the musical talent and potential of children and young people by ensuring opportunity for all to develop their talent, regardless of background or chosen genre.

Grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 are available to organisations that work with children and young people between the ages of 0 and 18 in England. The programme also funds work with young people up to the age of 25 when they are:

- in detention;
- have special educational needs; or
- have disabilities.

The closing dates for applications to the 2010/2011 Programme are 10 May 2010; 10 September 2010; 10 December 2010 and 10 March 2011.

<http://www.youthmusic.org.uk/>

Mix Mediabox Opens for Applications

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- Media Mash Up which received funding to give young people from very diverse backgrounds in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Milton Keynes the opportunity to try their hands at film, print, radio and mixed media techniques.

The closing date for applications is 2 pm on the 9th March 2010.

<http://www.media-box.co.uk/funding/mix-mediabox>

Young People and Alcohol Programme

This programme aims to provide support for young people aged 11-25 who are drinking excessively. Comic Relief will fund services that aim to reduce the levels of young people's drinking, create greater awareness of the dangers of harmful drinking and provide direct support to young drinkers at the greatest risk – those drinking excessively and dangerously. This could include individual or group work sessions, or both. Applications can be made by voluntary and community organisations working with the specified target group. Comic Relief want in particular to encourage joint applications from young people's agencies and alcohol agencies where expertise can be shared, innovative approaches developed and where the added value of working together can be shown. Grants available vary between £25,000 and £40,000 per year for up to three years.

The next closing date for applications is the 21st May 2010.

http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/alcohol

Young Roots

Young Roots offers grants of between £3,000 and £25,000. The scheme aims to involve 13-20 year-olds (up to 25 for those with special needs) in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement. Projects need to be related to the local and culturally varied heritage of the UK. For example, it could involve young people researching a local archive or doing practical casework on a nature reserve. Projects must also show how young people are managing and participating in the project. Projects should promote social inclusion and equal opportunities by involving a wide range of young people of different abilities and cultural backgrounds.

Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/youngroots.aspx>

The Kids Fund

The Field Studies Council is an independent educational charity committed to raising awareness about the natural world. The Council works through a network of 17 residential and day Centres in the UK providing courses for schools and colleges at all levels in addition to adult Individuals & Families courses, outreach education, training and consultancy. The Kids Fund aims to bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by attending a course at a Field Studies Council centre. It helps disadvantaged young people to attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial. Funding will normally be up to 80% of the cost of your group's course to an FSC Field Centre to a maximum of £3000.

http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporters/kidsfund_application.aspx

The Thomas Charitable Fund

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which was established primarily to aid the research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability by making grants to voluntary organisations within the UK and the Republic of Ireland working in this field. The Trust consider under learning disability the conditions generally referred to as severe learning difficulties, together with autism. In this area, they consider projects concerning children or adults. Learning disability, thus defined, is a priority for funding. They will not offer grants for research into or care of those with mental illness or dyslexia. They offer grants from £250 upwards.

The next deadline for applications is 1st May 2010.

<http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/>

Funding to Develop Media Skills for Disadvantaged Young People

Mediabox, a Department for Children, Schools and Families fund to enable disadvantaged 13-19 year olds living in England the opportunity to develop and produce creative media projects, using print, television, film, radio or online platforms, has announced that its Mid Mediabox funding programmes will re-open for applications on the 26th February 2010.

Mid Mediabox is one of several funding schemes and is available to established youth and or media focused organisations with a strong track record of working with young people

to provide opportunities for young people to develop creative ideas and lifelong skills in media production and provides grants of between £5,000 and £20,000.

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<http://www.media-box.co.uk/funding/mid-mediabox>

EU-US ATLANTIS Programme - Call for Proposals

The European Commission has together with the US Department of Education launched a new joint call for proposals under the EU – US Atlantis Programme. The aim of the Atlantis programme is to promote cooperation in Higher Education and Vocational Training between the EU and the US. The type of actions that will be funded include:

- Transatlantic Degree Consortia Projects to implement dual/double or joint degree programs.
- Mobility grants for students and members of the academic and administrative staff to develop international curriculum development projects.
- Policy oriented measures designed to enhance collaboration in the higher education and vocational training field between the EU and the US.

This call for proposals is open to consortia of EU and US higher education institutions and to vocational education and training institutions, as well other bodies active in higher education and vocational training.

Previous projects supported under this programme include:

- A grant of €69,884 to form a network of US and European institutions focusing on delivering Technology Entrepreneurship Education. The aim of the project is to increase the number of high growth start-ups. Partners included Loughborough University (UK), COTEC (Portugal) and North Carolina State University.
- A grant of €404,000 to develop a dual-degree undergraduate program in Hotel Management that specifically aims at creating Transatlantic Hotel Managers. Partners in this project included Robert Gordon University (UK), Turku University of Applied Sciences (Finland) and Oklahoma State University.

The total budget available is € 5,5 million and the closing date for applications is the 8th April 2010.

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/extcoop/usa/2010/call_us_eu_2010.htm

Support for Young Runaways

The Government has announced that they will be launching a new online resource for teachers, youth workers and all those working with young people to help support young runaways, helping identify any problems young people are having and prompt intervention much earlier to give vulnerable young people the professional help and support they need, this will strengthen the already in place Young Runaways Action Plan. They also announced funding of up to £100,000 will be made available through an open competition to voluntary services to provide emergency accommodation, counselling services and family mediation for young runaways. This new package of measures include; new statutory guidance for local authorities, which states how they should work with the police to protect and support young people who run away; introduction of a national indicator in April this year, which requires local authorities to work with their partners to collect information about young people who run away in their area; commissioning the Children's Society to produce an online activity pack for schools to be used in PSHE lessons and youth clubs. Further information can be found by clicking on the link below

<http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/everychildmatters/safeguardingandsocialcare/safeguardingchildren/youngrunaways/youngrunaways/>

The Links Foundation

The Links Foundation, which was formed by 'Working Links', an organisation that delivers services to tackle social exclusion and poverty by helping disadvantaged individuals and communities, provides grants to disadvantaged communities. Since its launch in 2003 it has distributed over £3 million in grants to over 40 projects. The type of activities that the Foundation seeks to support include projects that advance people's education; reduce significant disadvantage; assist those in conditions of poverty, need or distress ; and provide for recreational or other leisure time occupation. The Foundation can fund new or existing projects and can help meet costs such as salary, rent and stationery as well as capital costs. The average grant per project is about £20,000. Previously funded activities include arts, crafts and drama facilities for residents on a deprived estate; funding part-time caseworker to support vulnerable and disadvantaged young people; and supporting people with disabilities to become self-employed. The Board meets every four months.

The closing date for applications is four weeks before the Board meeting.

<http://www.linksfoundation.org/Default.aspx>

£2.9million 'Get Digital' Programme Launched

The Government has announced that nearly 20,000 people living in sheltered housing will be switched on to the internet under the new £2.9million 'Get Digital' programme. 'Get Digital' which will be delivered on the Government's behalf by the National Institute of Adult Continuing Education (NIACE) and Digital Unite - will provide residents with access to computers and the training they need to make the most of the new technology on offer. Local schools will also link up with sheltered housing schemes so that young and old can learn together. As part of the programme, Get Digital will provide grants to set up communal IT facilities and to support and sustain those facilities as well as work with residents, scheme staff, Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) and the wider community to promote, deliver and sustain digital literacy skills for older residents in sheltered housing. Get Digital is open to sheltered housing schemes and RSLs throughout England. The project which will run until March 2011 will support directly 195 schemes and a further 300 via the Get Digital website Sheltered housing schemes will be invited to apply to participate in Get Digital from end-January 2010, with the programme beginning in March 2010 and running until March 2011.

<http://digitalunite.com/products-services/get-digital/>

Playground Partnerships Awards

The Kids Trust has announced that schools within the UK that wish to improve their play spaces have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Playground Partnerships Awards. The First prize is a grant of £10,000 and there are 10 runners up prizes of £250. Schools wishing to apply will initially have to register with the Award Scheme to access further information and the application pack. To be considered for an award, schools need to submit a folder of work (Design Portfolios) and completed application form. Applicants are encouraged to develop a pupil-led approach; involve the whole school; encourage input from the wider school community and include pupils with special educational needs. The closing date for applications is the 19th March 2010.

<http://www.playgroundpartnerships.org/index.php?ID=488>

Free Computer and Broadband for Low Income Parents

The Government has announced the national roll out of a new programme that will provide 270,000 low income families a free computer and free broadband access. The aim of the £300 million Home Access programme is to close the digital and educational divide between rich and poor and will help make England one of the first countries in the world to ensure that young people can use a computer and the internet at home for their education. The initiative will also get parents better involved in and understand more about what their child does at school. Families with children in years 3 – 9 (approximately age 7 – 14), who are entitled to free schools meals or are on certain benefits, will be able to apply for a grant to buy a computer and broadband connection from an approved supplier. Looked after children up to the age of 18 will also receive laptops, and the scheme will offer bespoke packages to provide more support for children with special educational needs. The programme is being rolled out nationally after successful pilots in Oldham and Suffolk showed a positive impact on both the pupils and their parents. For more information how parents can apply for a Home Access Grant call 0333 200 1004 or visit www.homeaccess.org.uk to get more information and request an application form.

<http://www.homeaccess.org.uk/>

B&Q Waste Donation Scheme

Schools, charities and community groups can apply for products and waste materials

through the B&Q Waste Donate Scheme. B&Q operates this Scheme through all of its stores within the UK. B&Q donates products and waste materials they haven't been able to sell for re-use such as slightly damaged tins of paint, off-cuts of timber, odd rolls of wallpaper and end-of-range materials. Donated products should benefit the local community and the environment and can not be resold. Due to its Health and Safety scheme, electrical, petrol and gas items are not available for donation. Applications must be made directly to B&Q stores.

Applications to the scheme can be made at any time.

<http://www.diy.com/wastedonation>

Young Film Fund

First Light Movies provides grants to projects that enable young people to participate in all aspects of film productions. Since launching in 2001, First Light Movies have enabled over 12,000 young filmmakers to write, act, shoot, light, direct and produce over 800 films. The funding is available to organisations such as schools, youth services, community and voluntary groups that work with young people aged between 5 and 18. Every year approximately £700,000 of grants are available through three funding streams. The Studio Awards provides grants of up to £30,000 for between two and four films of up to 10 minutes. The Script Awards provides grants of up to £3,000 for script writing projects that team young people with script professionals. The Pilot Awards provides grants of up to £5,000 for one short film of up to five minutes in duration. Previous grants awarded included Hartside Primary School, County Durham, which received a grant of £3,000 to help produce a five minute shadow puppet film using an original fairy tale devised, told and filmed by the children in Year 1 and Balfour Junior School in Brighton, which received funding to make an environmental documentary 'The Amazing Adventures of the Plastic Bag'.

The Script and Pilot elements of the fund will re-open for applications on the 2nd March and closes for applications on the 27th April 2010.

<http://www.firstlightonline.co.uk/funding/young-film-fund>

The Fair Share Trust

The Fair Share Trust, part of the Fair Share Initiative was created to target areas throughout the UK that have previously received less than their 'fair share' of National

Lottery funding. The focus of the programme is medium and longer term revenue projects, not short-term one-off projects, and grants of between £5,000 and £250,000 can be made to almost any kind of organisation (including schools), as long as the work undertaken is not primarily for private gain or individual benefit. Grants awarded must address the three wider aims of the programme, these are:

- to build capacity
- increase social capital
- improve 'liveability' - and must also meet the local priorities set by the Local Panel.

Each of the Fair Share Trust areas have been given a specific amount of funding in England this is £859,378k per area, in Northern Ireland it is £2,250,000 for the whole programme, in Scotland it is £5,750,000 for the whole programme, and in Wales it is £3,250,000 for the whole programme. There are 77 Fair Share areas across the UK. Previous projects funded include; Kirton Lane Primary School, South Yorkshire, which received a grant of £35,000 to install play equipment in their playground to keep pupils healthy and active. For more information on the programme and to find out which areas are eligible please click on the link below.

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and should be made to your local agent (Community Foundation).

<http://www.fairsharetrust.org/index.php>

Communities

'...by encouraging and supporting the regeneration of communities'.

Funding Available to Tackle Digital Exclusion

UK Online Centres, which was set up by the Government in 2000 to provide public access to computers and tackle digital exclusion, has announced that UK online centres members, and other grassroots ICT providers willing to become member centres are able to apply for grants of between £6,000 and £30,000 in order to further expand UK Online Centre network.

UK online centres are in places like public libraries, community centres, schools, housing associations, children centres, mosques, temples, and churches

The funding is being made available through a £30 Million investment in digital inclusion made by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills and the Learning and Skills

Council to extend the existing UK online centres network and to get one million people online for the end of 2012. In particular, UK Online Centres are seeking to use the funding to recruit new centres in areas of high deprivation, low network coverage, or those working with very deeply excluded groups.

Two types of grant are available:

- Direct grants to expand or create online centres to work with socially disadvantaged people and engage with them directly
- Cascade delivery grants to support a small number of online centres which will be recruited to act as Champions, who as well as providing direct delivery of ICT services, will be able to build and oversee a network of "cascade centres" in their area.

Grants will be available for all three years of the funding programme. Funding will be distributed on an annual basis subject to review and each round will have its own separate funding process

The deadline for bids is noon on the 10th February 2010, with projects funded by the grant due to run from the 1st April 2010 until the 31st March 2011.

<http://www.ukonlinecentres.com/corporate/regions-and-network/funding.html>

Big Lottery Fund Announces Details of a 'Lighter Touch' Version of the Reaching Communities Programme for England

The Big Lottery Fund has announced that at least £100 million a year is to be invested across England, in an improved version of its Reaching Communities programme, for each of the next five years.

The main aim of Reaching Communities is to help bring real improvements to communities and to the lives of people most in need. The new funding, which will be introduced this spring, comes with two distinct improvements.

Firstly, applicants seeking smaller sums of money - up to £40,000 a year - will be able to access this funding more easily, with a simplified application and assessment procedure. Secondly, a two-stage decision making process for larger bids will ensure that all applicants learn sooner whether their project is likely to receive funding. For those invited to the second stage, the likelihood of success will be higher.

Additionally, a third element, due to be launched in the autumn, will comprise a dedicated capital stream, responding to the high, unmet demand for funding for community buildings. This element will fund medium-sized refurbishments, new builds or extensions to community centres and village halls, meeting local community needs and aspirations.

These changes are a response to the Big Lottery Fund's *Big Thinking* consultation, which took place last year.

Applications to the current Reaching Communities Programme, for grants of between £10,000 and £500,000, may be submitted at any time.

<http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/>

Comic Relief UK Grant Programme - Cycle 3 Now Open to Applications

Comic Relief's UK Grant Programme aims to bring about positive and lasting change in the lives of poor and disadvantaged people in the UK by investing in work that addresses people's immediate needs as well as tackling the root causes of poverty and injustice.

Registered charities and voluntary organisations (including social enterprises and community interest companies) in the UK are invited to apply for grants of between £25,000 and £40,000. Grants are available to cover running or capital costs of organisations or projects under the following programmes:

- Mental Health.
- Domestic and Sexual Abuse.
- Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women.
- Sexually Exploited and Trafficked Young People.
- Young People and Alcohol.
- Young People with Mental Health Problems.
- Local Communities.

The Cycle 3 deadline for applications is 14 May 2010.

<http://www.comicrelief.com/>

Launch of the Big Ideas Grant

The Big Ideas Grant is a £50,000 fund aimed at helping to unlock the potential of hundreds of small ideas and give people the helping hand they need to prove their idea works and share them widely.

To enable health and social care services to meet the Dignity Challenge, there is a need to think differently and find new, better ways of doing things. Almost 3,000 people took part in a survey to vote on what they felt were the top three dignity issues that needed addressing. The top three voted issues were:

- Treat people as individuals.
- Give people a sense of purpose and stimulating activities to do.
- Give people more choice and control over their daily routine.

Ideas that help ensure people's experience of care services is a good one and that they feel they are able to retain their personal dignity and self respect, are sought. Ideas can be big or small and applicants should think about what help, financial or otherwise, is needed to take the idea to the next stage, to test it and prove it works.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to individuals and organisations.

The 2010 deadline for receipt of applications is 18 March 2010.

The Mark Leonard Trust

Not for profit organisations and organisation with a charitable purpose can apply for funding through the Mark Leonard Trust. The Mark Leonard Trust is one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts and focuses on environmental education in the UK. In particular the Trust seeks to support projects that focus on:

- Finding practical ways of involving children and young adults; sustainable agriculture and bio-diversity
- Sustainable transport, energy efficiency and renewable energy and youth work that supports the rehabilitation of young people involved in anti-social or criminal activities.

Projects supported in the past have included:

- A grant of £10,000 to the Federation of City Farms and Community gardens towards a pilot project in Coventry to develop food growing activities in schools
- A grant of £10,000 to Plumpton College to complete the construction of an environmentally friendly classroom.

Applications to the Trust can be submitted at any time.

http://www.sfct.org.uk/mark_leonard.html

Young Carers Grant Programme 2010 Now Open to Applications

The Princess Royal Trust for Carers has been contracted by Comic Relief to deliver a three year, £1.5 million grant programme aimed at supporting young carers in the UK.

The programme will target funding at the following:

- The most isolated and vulnerable young carers.
- Young carers from potentially excluded communities (including those from black and minority ethnic communities, newly arrived to the UK, refugee community members or young carers who may be socially excluded due to stigma attached to the cared for person).
- Young carers experiencing a significant negative impact (emotional and/or physical) as a direct result of their caring role.

The maximum grant is £72,000 over three years from July 2010.

Applications are accepted from any third sector or not-for-profit organisation that wishes to help young carers.

The deadline for applications is 5 March 2010 (5 pm).

<http://www.carers.org/>

Phase 2 of the Community Learning Champions Support Programme Development Fund

The Development Fund is one of the strands of the Community Learning Champions Support Programme, which was announced in the Learning Revolution White Paper (reported on POLICYfinder).

The purpose of the Fund is to support the establishment of new Community Learning Champions schemes, or schemes that focus their work on particular groups that are currently excluded from learning, in eligible local authority districts in England. It will support schemes that will work to increase participation in informal learning among adults aged 19 plus.

A Community Learning Champion is defined as a person who promotes the value of learning to others - friends, relatives and work colleagues - and encourages them to get involved.

Phase 2 of the Fund offers up to £25,000. Funding can be used for full cost recovery for all the eligible and direct costs of the scheme.

Applications may be made by public, private and voluntary and third sector organisations working in partnerships and operating in the eligible areas of high level of need (listed on the Community Learning Champions website).

The deadline for Phase 2 of the Fund is 2 March 2010.

<http://www.communitylearningchampions.org.uk/>

UnLtd RISE Programme - Notice of First 2010 Round

The Refugee Initiative for Social Entrepreneurs (RISE) aims to unleash and encourage the potential of refugees as social entrepreneurs in England. It is funded by the European Refugee Fund Phase III with the support of the UK Border Agency and is administered by UnLtd - the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs.

RISE offers grants of between £500 and £5,000 as well as dedicated project management support to set up projects in England that will encourage community cohesion and make communities happier, healthier and safer places.

Applicants must be:

- a refugee with proof of status;
- living in England;
- over the age of 16, and
- applying as an individual or as part of an informal group.

The deadline for applications is 21 March 2010.

<http://www.unltd.org.uk/>

National Home Safety Equipment Scheme

The main focus of this new scheme is to provide home safety equipment to the most disadvantaged families in areas with the highest accident rates. 'Safe at Home' will be run by The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) until March 2011. RoSPA aims to work with existing and new local Home Safety Equipment Schemes in the areas with the highest accident rates. This support will take the form of information, training and the provision and fitting of home safety equipment. One of the long term objectives of Safe At Home is to promote understanding of the importance of home safety and to build the capacity of local communities to run their own schemes providing equipment and advice to families.

For further information and how to participate in the scheme please contact the Safe At Home team for further information or email: nhses@rospa.com

<http://www.safeathome.rospa.com/index.htm>

Funding for IT Projects Supporting Disadvantaged Groups

The Nominet Trust, which was created in January 2008, with the declared aim of funding innovative Internet projects that make a positive difference to the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people, primarily in terms of education, safety and inclusion, has announced that it has made its first grants. Organisations that have been funded include:

- The British Computer Society of the Blind
- Cambridge Global Grid for Learning
- Cambridge Library Learning Services
- Childnet
- Internet Society
- Youthnet.

The Trust was initially awarded £5 million from Nominet, the Internet registry for UK domains and will provide grants to organisations that can show that their innovative IT-related projects can make a positive difference to disadvantaged and vulnerable groups - in the UK, developing countries and around the world.

Organisations wishing to apply need initially to complete an online eligibility questionnaire. Those organisations deemed successful will be provided with a link to a more detailed application form. Grant application will be considered by the board of trustees. They meet in May, August and November. Applicants will hear from the Trust in

the month following each meeting.

<http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/index.php>

Nationwide Foundation Small Grants Programme

Through the small grants programme, the Nationwide Foundation makes grants of up to £5,000 to registered charities with incomes of under £500,000, which fit the Nationwide Foundation's funding guidelines. Under its small Grants programme the Foundation currently makes grants in the following areas. These are:

- Money Matters - which aims to tackle financial exclusion affecting disadvantaged groups across the UK. In particular the Foundation seeks to support survivors of domestic abuse to build their financial capability in order to help them live independently and achieve improved quality of life; and older people who face financial exclusion in order to help them achieve improved quality of life.
- Home Matters - which aims to address housing issues and homelessness among vulnerable groups in the UK. In particular support survivors of domestic abuse to live independently and achieve improved quality of life; and to support older people with their housing needs.

Applications to the Small Grants Programme can be made at any time.

<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/grants.asp#a2>

BBC Children in Need Grants

BBC Children in Need provides grants for up to three years to properly constituted not for profit organisations working with disadvantaged young people aged 18 or under. Funding is available to organisations (including schools) that work with young people who are suffering from illness, distress, abuse or neglect, are disabled, have behavioural or psychological difficulties and / or are living in poverty or situations of deprivation. Last year the programme made grants of £33 million to over 1,500 organisations.

Examples of projects that recently received funding are:

- 27A Access Artspace Ltd (£21, 690) - the project will provide drama sessions for children and young people with a disability and their siblings.
- Relate Northamptonshire (£58, 589) - the project will provide counselling for

disadvantaged children and young people in six schools in Northamptonshire, who have experienced domestic abuse, drug and alcohol abuse and family break up.

- Bushbury Nursery School in Wolverhampton (£67,645) - the project will develop and provide a series of Stay and Play sessions, a Toy library, and outreach work for children and their parents in the Bushbury area.

The next closing date 15th April 2010.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/>

DFID Launches Fund to Support Work of Community Groups

The Department for International Development has announced the launch of its new £7 million Development Innovation Fund (DIF). This fund which is open to any small community based organisation such Scout troops, Church groups, groups from the Women's Institute and Rotary Clubs, etc will provide grants to support their work that targets poverty in the developing world, including development awareness work in the UK. Grants of up to £60,000 are available for one off projects lasting for up to 1 year. Applications must show that the intended activities will improve the lives of poor people in the developing world and also how the intended work will be used to help raise awareness of development issues in the UK.

Applications can be submitted at any time and will be evaluated within one of three funding rounds that the DFID are planning to hold over the next 16 months.

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-not-for-profit-organisations/Development-Innovation-Fund-DIF/>

Ecominds - Urgent Notice to Small Grant Applicants

Ecominds has announced that due to the large number of applications received to date, the closing date for Small Grants has been brought forward to 12 noon, Friday 30 April 2010.

Through the small grants programme, Ecominds will fund a range of community and voluntary groups who want to encourage people with experience of mental distress to get involved in environmental projects, such as:

- Improving open spaces and wildlife habitats

- Designing public art; and recycling.

Ecominds, which is run by Mind as an award partner of the Big Lottery Fund, is looking to fund smaller projects with grants of up to £20,000. To be eligible for funding projects must have:

- Both a mental health and environmental perspective
- Involve people with direct experience of mental distress
- Encourage community access, collaboration, and improve the environment and environmental sustainability
- Have a budget of under £250,000.

The amount of funding currently available for Small Grants is limited and prospective applicants are encouraged to consider carefully before applying.

<http://www.mind.org.uk/ecominds>

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<http://www.media-box.co.uk/funding/mix-mediabox>

Church and Community Fund

Under the Church and Community Fund grants of up to £10,000 are available to community projects run by parish churches, deaneries, dioceses and other bodies connected to or working in partnership with the Church of England. Projects supported must promote and further the work of the Church of England. This does not exclude Anglican projects in partnership with ecumenical or other-faith partners, which are warmly welcomed, but it does exclude projects run by secular bodies which have little or no connection to the Church of England, overseas projects and projects in which an Anglican body is not a key player at a local level. Typical projects supported by the CCF might include:

- Employing a youth worker
- Renovating an old church hall for use as a community centre
- Providing hot meals for the homeless in a church room.

The next application deadline is the 5th February 2010 followed by the 7th May, 16th July, 30th September and the 31st December.

http://www.churchandcommunityfund.org.uk/about_us.html

Hilden Charitable Fund

The Hilden Charitable Fund has announced that the next deadline for submitting applications is the 26th March 2010.

Within the UK, the Hilden Charitable Fund makes grants to projects that address disadvantages, notably by supporting causes which are less likely to raise funds from public subscriptions. In particular, the Fund wants to support projects that address homelessness; asylum seekers and refugees; Community based initiatives for disadvantaged young people; Penal Affairs. Preference is given to supporting small community organisations with an income of less than £200,000 per year. During 2009 the average grant given was £5,000.

Europe's Information Society Policy Support Programme

The European Commission has launched the fourth call for proposals under Europe's Information Society Policy Support Programme (ICT PSP). The aim of the ICT PSP is to support transnational pilot actions and thematic networks to stimulate innovation and competitiveness through the wider uptake and best use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) by citizens, governments and businesses.

- The themes for the 2010 call for proposals are:
- Using ICT for a low carbon economy and smart mobility
- Developing Digital Libraries; ICT for health and inclusion
- Open innovation for future internet-enabled services in "smart" cities
- ICT for improved public services for citizens and businesses
- Developing a multilingual web.

This call for proposals is open to consortiums of organisations consisting of national Governments, public administrations and private sector organisations from a minimum number of different Member States or associated countries. The total budget available is € 108 Million.

Closing date for applications will be the 1st June 2010.

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/ict_psp/index_en.htm

Cracking the Code

Cracking the Code is a bursary Scheme from the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) to improve governance within Third Sector infrastructure organisations. The scheme offers up to £500 to improve the way that community and voluntary organisation are led and governed. The type of activities that could be funded include:

- Organising a Board away day
- Attend training on the latest legal updates or the roles and responsibilities of board members
- Improving an organisation's recruitment and induction systems
- Holding a stakeholder forum to improve strategic planning

- Carrying out a governance review.

In return for the bursary the NCVO will ask organisations to write a case study and develop a method to share the knowledge and experiences with other in the local area.

The deadline for applications is the 31st March 2010.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/crackingthecode>

Funding for Community Shops

The Village Retail Services Association in partnership with Esmee Fairbairn Foundation and Co-operative and Community Finance have funding available to support start up funding to new Community owned shops in rural areas of England or saving an existing shop by transfer to community ownership. The funding which will be available over the next three years will provide up to £40,000 per shop. This will be made up of a mix of grant and loan funding, as well as advice from the Village Retail Services Association. Eligible applicants will include community based organisations located in rural communities of not less than 300 residents. The community is required to raise match funding through community contributions, which could take the form of share capital, donations raised through community fundraising events and grants obtained from other sources to the same or greater value than the grant requested from the Village CORE Programme. At least some of the funds raised should have been provided by the community itself and not solely through external grants.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.plunkett.co.uk/whatwedo/core/Core.cfm>

Sport England's Small Grants Programme

Sport England have announced the Small Grants Programme is open to any bona fide non-for-profit club or association, statutory body or educational establishment. The programme aims to support local community projects which seek to increase participation, sustain participation or develop opportunities for people to excel at their chosen sport. Grants available are of between £300 and £10,000 towards projects which total costs do not exceed £50,000. Projects the programme will support can include; helping a club expand its age range by helping it to buy extra team kit or paying additional coaching fees; helping youth clubs work together with local sports clubs to get

more young people playing sport.

http://www.sportengland.org/funding/small_grants.aspx

Sportsmatch

Sportsmatch, which is funded by Sport England to support the development of grassroots sport, has announced that it is now seeking applications for funding for 2009/10. Through the scheme, Sportsmatch offers pound for pound matched funding to investments made by businesses, trusts and individuals into projects that encourage sports participation at grass roots level. The funding available is primarily for running costs (maximum grant £100,000) although capital awards of up to £25,000 can be made through the scheme. This can include non personal sports equipment such as outdoor basketball nets, kwik cricket surfaces, boats, sports wheelchairs etc. The scheme is open to community based sports projects, in particular those that benefit young people, disability groups, black and minority ethnic groups and/or women and girls. Since its original launch in November 1992, Sportsmatch, together with commercial sponsorship, has invested more than £102 million into 5784 community sports projects across England. Previous grant recipients include Devizes School, a secondary school and specialist sports college in Wiltshire. They obtained a three year sponsorship from a local construction firm, Gaiger Brothers, which amounted to £10,000 per year. The school matched this with a further £10,000 from Sportsmatch and were able to run an annual multi-sports coaching camp during the school summer holidays.

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<http://www.sportengland.org/funding/sportsmatch.aspx>

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<http://unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=110&PageName=sportrelief>

Older People's Programme

Comic Relief is inviting the voluntary and community sector throughout the UK where older people aged 65+ are developing ideas for action and change, to submit applications through their Older People's Programme. The programme aims to:

- Support older people to bring positive change to their community
- Help older people feel less isolated, especially those who are most excluded such as:
 - black and minority ethnic elders
 - frail older people with mental health needs
 - older carers
 - those on lower incomes.

Examples of the types of projects Comic Relief will fund include:

- bringing the generations together to learn from each other through, for example, the creative arts or IT
- older people acting as a resource to other older people and supporting those who may be less physically and mentally able
- projects that are engaging hard to reach groups
- activities which generate profits to further social or environmental goals, such as community cafes run by older people.

Most grants are expected to be of between £15,000 and £40,000 per year. Grants may be for up to 3 years.

The next closing date for applications is the 21st May 2010.

http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/olderpeople

Funding for Sports Projects that Promote Positive Community Change

Comic Relief have announced that the next closing date for its "Sport for Change" programme is the 21st May 2010. The aim of the programme will be to understand more about how sport can play a part in delivering positive change within the lives of individuals and communities. Comic Relief will welcome applications from community groups and organisations using sport as part of a broader programme of work to bring about change at an individual and /or community level. Comic Relief are happy to receive applications from consortia of agencies as long as there is a lead community-based organisation. Applicants will also need to:

- Demonstrate how they are using sport as part of a broader programme to achieve a measurable social change or impact
- Show how the work is based in community development principles
- Have monitoring and evaluation systems in place to track the impact of the work.

The maximum grant size in this programme is £100,000 in total.

Previous projects supported include:

- YMCA Cambridgeshire & Peterborough which received a grant of £320,638 for a project that tackles longstanding tensions between local communities by using the motivating power of sport to bring young people together to help them realise that they have more in common than they think. The project gives them the chance to get together to break down barriers, learn skills and improve community relations.
- Tranmere Rovers in the Community received a grant of £88,187 to work with young people in care to get them involved in sport to build skills and confidence so that they can look forward to a more positive future.

http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/sport

Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women Programme

Organisations that work with or can reach women refugees and asylum seekers that have experienced rape, torture and other forms of violence in their home countries can apply for funding from the Comic Relief Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women programme. There are two strands to this programme:

- Direct support to women which will fund support services with the aim of helping women cope better with the trauma they have experienced. This could include services such as counselling, group work or self help support. Comic Relief will also fund services that help women access legal support, health care and housing for example.
- Training support to help organisations to develop training for people working both in refugee and mainstream organisations to increase their skills, knowledge and practice in working with this vulnerable group.

Grants available vary between £25,000 and £40,000 per year for up to three years.

Previous projects supported include the Rights Project in Newcastle which received a grant of £25,684 over three years provide a better understanding of what trauma that many refugee and asylum seeking women have gone through.

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http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/asylum_seeking_women

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<http://www.jpgettytrust.org.uk/funding.html>

The Joanies Trust

Registered charities working with young people aged 11 to 25 are eligible to apply for grants through the Joanies Trust. Each year, the Trust makes approximately 30 grants with an average value of £1,000 to support projects that offer intensive support to young people as well as those that promote preventative work, and especially those that are designed to lead to individual development through integration, work opportunities or accreditation. In particular the Trust is looking to support projects that show innovation and imagination as well as evidence of close consultation with young people in developing their project.

Grants awarded by the Trust include:

- The Trinity Sailing Trust to use offshore sail training on traditional vessels as a way of engaging disadvantaged and disaffected young people.
- The Derby Playhouse to fund a scheme, which distributes tickets to members of the community who may never have a chance to see a live performance due to financial circumstances or to social exclusion.

The next deadline for applications is 5 pm on the 30th April 2010.

<http://www.joaniestrust.org.uk/index.htm>

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<http://www.unltdsportrelief.com/>

BBC Children in Need Small Grants Scheme

BBC Children in Need are inviting not-for-profit organisations (including registered charities, voluntary organisations, schools, local authorities, churches, social enterprises, community interest groups, universities etc) working with disadvantaged children and young people 18 years and under, living in the UK, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands, to apply for grants of up to £10,000 through their small grants scheme. BBC Children in Need can only fund projects that focus on the differences made (outcomes) to the lives of disadvantaged children and young people. For this reason, when applying for a grant organisations must provide clear evidence that disadvantaged children and young people will be the primary beneficiaries of the project; and experience positive changes in their lives from the activities or services you are providing. BBC Children in Need aims to fund projects where a small amount can make a real contribution to the success of the project. Grants can be used to cover both, capital and revenue costs. There are four application deadlines in the year.

The first deadline for applications is the 15th January 2010 followed by the 15th April, 15th July and the 15th October 2010.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml

Opportunities Through Sports Programme

Registered charities that wish to support sporting activities or projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and to develop other personal and life skills can apply for funding through the Peter Harrison Foundation "Opportunities through Sports" programme. Grants will often be "one off" grants for capital projects. The Foundation will, however, also consider revenue funding for a new project or if funding is key to the continuing success or survival of an established project. Recent projects supported through the programme

include a £30,000 grant to the Swadlands School to enable the school to reach its fundraising target in order to claim a Big Lottery Fund grant for a new multi-gym and dance facility, which will have wide community use; and a £50,000 grant to the Brae Partnership towards the building and running costs of a new riding centre for people with disabilities. In addition the Foundation also operates two funding schemes open to organisations in the South East of England. These are the "Special Needs and Care for Children and Young People programme and the Opportunities through Education Programme. The Peter Harrison Foundation operates a two-stage application process. An initial enquiry to check whether your project might be of interest to the Peter Harrison Foundation and a full application.

<http://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/programme.htm>

The Civil Society Challenge Fund

The Department for International Development (DFID) has announced that the deadline for submission of concept notes under the Civil Society Challenge Fund (CSCF) has changed to the 1st of April 2010. The CSCF is an annual competitive fund which can provide up to £500,000 for 5 years for projects that support the British government's fight against world poverty in the developing world and to help raise awareness of development issues within the UK. The fund is open to not-for-profit UK-based civil society organisations, networks or coalitions which share DFID's overall goal of poverty eradication. DFID welcome applications from; non-governmental organisations; Membership groups; faith based organisations; trade unions; etc. Applicants need not be organisations whose primary purpose is international development. However, applicants need to demonstrate that they have an established and effective relationship with local civil society organisation(s) in the countries where the project will be implemented. Applicants must first submit a Concept Note.

The deadline for full proposals will remain unchanged and is the 31st May 2010.

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-not-for-profit-organisations/CSCF/>

Funding to Prevent the Misuse of Alcohol

Organisations working to tackle alcohol misuse and raise awareness about the impact of alcohol misuse in the community have the opportunity to apply for funding through the

Drinkaware Trust Awareness Grant scheme. The main objectives of the trust is to help reduce alcohol misuse, reduce alcohol related injuries and change the drinking culture in the UK. The Awareness Grant scheme is intended to help organisations develop existing and successful alcohol-awareness projects for people aged under 18 or between 25 and 44. Grants fall into 4 categories

- Alcohol education and awareness work
- Community based work
- Alcohol specific youth work in local communities
- Projects focusing on generating ideas and developing new approaches to alcohol education and awareness

Grants fall into 3 categories: community based work, alcohol education work and projects focusing on generating new approaches to alcohol misuse that have the potential to be rolled out to a wider audience. The Awareness Project Grants are made up to the value of £25,000 for the development of existing alcohol awareness schemes.

Applications are accepted from

- Registered charities
- Not for profit groups working in education, health and with young people
- Community organisations and constituted voluntary groups
- Statutory organisations and partnerships (but only where our support is in addition to, not replacing, statutory funds AND organisational income is below £10 million)

Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.drinkaware.co.uk/grants#drinkwiseprojects>

HBOS Foundation - Community Action Programme

Through its Community Action programme, the HBOS Foundation makes grants of up to £10,000 to support a diverse range of local activities. The programme which is available in those communities where the HBOS bank operates, is open to registered charities and has two key themes: Money advice and financial literacy, and developing and improving local communities. Previous projects funded include a grant of £2,500 to Ravenscliffe Special School in Halifax to purchase an adapted tricycle providing pupils with the opportunity to engage in fun filled exercise sessions whilst providing much needed sensory stimulation and a grant of £2,100 to purchase sensory play equipment, arts and

crafts materials and a number of musical instruments for a family support centre based in Perth for children, young people and adults with autistic spectrum disorder.

Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.hbosfoundation.org/index-community.html>

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Funding to Engage People with Science

The Wellcome Trust is inviting organisations and individuals to apply for funding through its Arts Awards. The Arts Awards support projects that engage the public with biomedical science through the arts including dance, drama, performance arts, visual arts, music, film, craft, photography, creative writing or digital media. Applications are invited for projects up to £30,000. The aim of the awards is to support arts projects that reach new audiences which may not traditionally be interested in science and provide new ways of thinking about the social, cultural and ethical issues around contemporary science. The scheme is open to a wide range of people including, among others, artists, scientists, curators, filmmakers, writers, producers, directors, academics, science communicators, teachers, arts workers and education officers.

For medium sized projects up to £30,000 the next closing date for applications is the 30th April 2010.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/node2580.html>

PRS for Music Foundation Announces 2010 Application Deadlines

The PRS for Music Foundation, which is the UK's largest independent funder for new music of any genre has announced the closing dates for its funding schemes for 2010. Its main aims are to stimulate and support the creation and performance of new music in the UK, ensuring this reaches a wide audience. The PRS Foundation provides a range of grants to support performance groups, festivals, promoters and organisations. Since March 2000 it has supported over 3000 new music initiatives with over £12 million. The average size of grants in 2008 was £3,000.

The closing dates for applications are the 12th February, 16th April, 9th August and the 15th October.

<http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/>

Grants to Help New, Innovative Visual Arts Projects

The Elephant Trust offers grants of up to £2,000 to artists and institutions (priority is given to small organisations and galleries) for new, innovative visual arts projects based in the UK. Recipients of grants have included Rachel Whiteread; Vong Phaophanit; and significant contributions have been made to institutions such as Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art; and Hayward Gallery and Camden Arts Centre, London.

The next deadline for the submission of applications is 13th April 2010.

<http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/intro.html>

Art Fund Collect 2010

The Art Fund has announced that they have allocated up to £75,000 towards their Art Fund Collect 2010, and is inviting proposals from museums and art gallery curators who collect contemporary craft. The aim of the fund is to recognise curatorial excellence and foster the ambition and scope of contemporary craft collection in the UK, and will offer 100% grant funding to enable selected curators to acquire works by important makers currently under-represented in UK public collections. The fund will select between 10 and 15 curators.

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<http://www.artfund.org/grants/artfund-collect.html>

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Mid Mediabox is one of several funding schemes and is available to established youth and or media focused organisations with a strong track record of working with young people to provide opportunities for young people to develop creative ideas and lifelong skills in media production and provides grants of between £5,000 and £20,000.

Previous projects supported through Mediabox includes:

- Kent Refugee Action Network which delivered a series of animation workshops to 20 young unaccompanied asylum seekers. The project resulted in the production of four quality animation shorts that illustrate different aspects of the journey of a young person to the UK;
- Media Mash Up which received funding to give young people from very diverse backgrounds in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire and Milton Keynes the opportunity to try their hands at film, print, radio and mixed media techniques.

<http://www.media-box.co.uk/funding/mid-mediabox>

The War Memorial Trust

The War Memorials Trust is open to applications for the protection and conservation of war memorials in the UK. The Trust currently runs three different grant schemes, which provide support to projects that aim to repair, conserve and preserve the war memorials in their existing form as well as reinstate the memorial in its original design. The Trust only offers grants to projects that relate to existing war memorials and not for the creation of new war memorials or projects for which work has already started and/or is completed. Graves of any type are not eligible for support under any of the schemes. The grant scheme you will need to apply for will depend on where in the UK the memorial is located and whether it is freestanding or not and what work needs doing. For further information on what scheme is the most appropriate to apply for please contact the Conservation Officer on 020 7233 7356 or email conservation@warmemorials.org

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<http://www.unltdsportrelief.com/>

Young Roots

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<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/youngroots.aspx>

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