

External Funding Alert

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○ The external funding alert from South Ayrshire Council provides details on new funding opportunities available and approaching deadlines of various programmes. More detail on these opportunities can be obtained by clicking on the links provided or by contacting the External Funding Team. If you wish to be added to our mailing list, email: externalfunding2@south-ayrshire.gov.uk

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News

BIG LOTTERY INFORMATION DAYS – INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES SCOTLAND

Following the re-launch of Investing in Communities Scotland, BIG has announced a series of Information Days across Scotland.

Each event will consist of a presentation on BIG funding programmes followed by the opportunity for groups to speak to staff about project ideas. The format for each event is slightly different according to the area. Some will run all day and others will be shorter events repeated over the course of a day. Please make sure you check the timings of events before you book a place.

The Ayrshire event will be held in St Kentigern's Church, Dunbar Drive, Kilmarnock on Wednesday 22 September 2010. They are holding an all day drop-in event providing information and advice on funding opportunities from BIG and other funders from 10.00am-4.00 pm.

BIG have set up an online registration facility which groups can access via the link below; the BIG Information Day programme is also available which provides full details on all events including areas that do not require online registration. The site is designed to accept single registrations. If you wish to register two representatives from the same organisation, please complete the process multiple times.

The closing date for registering for the event is 15 September 2010.

Link: <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk>

AYRSHIRE LEADER

The Ayrshire LEADER has been allocated an additional £1.17 million of rural funding as part of the Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) reallocation of funds from Rural Priorities to LEADER for Community Facilities & Services (CFS) and the Local Collaborative Development Strategies (LDS). This takes the total Ayrshire LEADER funding from £3.38 million to £4.55 million.

For further information on the grant programme and how to apply, visit the website.

Link: <http://www.ayrshire-leader.com>

ESTABLISHMENT OF SCOTLAND'S NEW NATIONAL ARTS, SCREEN AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES ORGANISATION

This month, Culture Minister Fiona Hyslop announced the formal establishment of Creative Scotland which subsequently inherits the functions, resources and funding commitments, and investment strands once delivered by the Scottish Arts Council and Scottish Screen (which have now ceased to exist), and aims to:

- invest in ideas;
- invest in talent;
- invest in education; and
- invest in places.

This includes delivering programmes providing support for crafts, dance, music, drama, visual arts, literature, creative industries and screen. Along with the existing funds, the Creative Scotland team are currently in the process of developing new programmes of support, including a scheme to support creative projects. This new fund will support Gaelic arts activity such as drama, new writing and learning through arts in communities, helping to increase the number of Gaelic speakers by providing more opportunities for people to use the Gaelic language.

During the transition period, applications for existing investment programmes should be made in line with the previous SAC and Scottish Screen procedures, using the existing application details and guidelines. Such information is available on the archived websites until the new Creative Scotland website has been finalised.

Details of new schemes will be reported when they become available.

Link: <http://www.creativescotland.co.uk/>

Programme updates

2014 COMMUNITIES

This scheme's maximum grant available is doubling to £2,000. The application process has also been simplified making the grants easier to access. Supporting documentation such as constitutions or governing documents and bank statements will now only be requested once a conditional offer has been made. If the documents you return are satisfactory, they will pay the grant directly into your organisation's bank account.

BIG's 2014 Communities programme aims to build a legacy from the 2014 Commonwealth Games. Through the programme, more people will be encouraged to take part and volunteer through sport or physical activity as well as using sport as a way to bring together people from different generations. In total £6.8 million will be invested over the lifetime of the fund, which is recognised as part of the Scottish Government's Games Legacy plan with the aim of supporting projects that reach people who are less likely to take part in sport or physical activities.

There are no deadlines for applications.

Link: http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_2014_communities.htm?regioncode=-sco

CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES

This scheme invites youth projects throughout Scotland to apply for funding from a £2.5 million pot of cash created from the proceeds of crime.

YouthLink Scotland, the national agency for youth work, has been allocated the monies to distribute over the next two years to local youth projects in the form of grants up to a maximum of £30,000.

Projects can include one-off events or run over 20 months. All projects must be completed on or before 31 May 2012.

Further information and guidance is available from the YouthLink website. Alternatively, contact Dougie Peddie or Hazel Selby on 0131 313 2488.

The deadlines for applications are: 27 August 2010; 28 January 2011; and 16 September 2011.

Link: <http://www.youthlinkscotland.org>

SUS IT OUT PLUS

This scheme, funded by the Big Lottery Fund in Scotland and developed by Forward Scotland, provides an opportunity for community groups in Scotland to improve what they do. It aims to help communities come together, reducing local environmental impacts and increasing communities' likelihood of attracting additional funding.

It is open to constituted not-for-profit groups and charities across a range of issues. This support project is more concerned about how you deliver your activities than the focus of your group. Eligible organisations are typically local or regional and include:

- Local development trusts
- Arts organisations
- Community transport
- Social enterprises
- Hall committees
- Local environmental improvement groups.

Successful applicants receive an individual session with a Sus it Out Plus facilitator to create a Sustainable Communities Action Plan leading to funding of £1,500 to support training and other capacity building supports. There is the opportunity for up to 200 community groups to access this support between 2010 and 2012 and there is a rolling application with no fixed deadlines.

Additional support is available through a wider collaboration called Stronger Communities working with Scottish Community Foundation and the Scottish Community Development Centre.

Further information and expression of interest forms are available from the website, by email at susitout@forward-scotland.org.uk or by calling Forward Scotland on 0560 0010 560.

Link: <http://www.susitout.org.uk>

WOODLAND TRUST – TREE PLANTING PACKS

This scheme has announced the replacement of its grant scheme with a new community tree planting pack, including tree packs available to schools and youth groups. The community tree planting packs are designed to help community groups to plant more trees, hedges and copses in their local shared spaces – by a church, community centre or playground for example – or on patches of land that are currently unused. The packs are available in two different sizes: 105 trees, ideal for planting as a hedge or copse; or 420 trees, ideal for planting on roughly an acre of land.

Each of these packs is available in four different themes:

- Year-round colour
- Wood fuel
- Jams, jellies, chutneys and cordials
- Wildlife.

Packs of trees are available to schools and youth groups, sponsored by Sainsbury's Active Kids. Schools and youth groups must register on the Sainsbury's Active Kids website.

There are no deadlines for applications, however trees are for autumn and there is a limited number of packs available.

Link: <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk>

LANDTRUST

This scheme is operated by a distributive environmental body that was set up by the Scottish Greenbelt Foundation and the Universities of Strathclyde and Glasgow. It is a not-for-profit company and, since inception, has received in excess of £8 million from landfill operators to the benefit of over 170 projects.

Its key strength is the ability to bring together landfill operators and appropriate environmental projects that require funding. These have ranged from the repair of historical buildings to the provision of leisure amenities and reclamation of disused land. Projects must conform to one of the following criteria:

- projects that involve reclaiming land, the use of which has been prevented by some previous activity;
- projects that reduce or prevent pollution on land;
- projects that provide or maintain public amenities or parks within 10 miles of a landfill site;
- delivery of biodiversity conservation for UK species habitats;
- projects to restore or repair buildings for religious worship, or of architectural or historical interest within 10 miles of a landfill site; or
- projects fund the cost of administrative, financial or other similar services, supplied to other enrolled environmental bodies (EBs)

Further information on the application process and the selection process is available from the website.

There are no published deadlines.

Link: <http://www.landtrust.demon.co.uk>

YOUTH ON THE MOVE INITIATIVE

The European Commission has announced this scheme will be launched in September 2010. The initiative aims to promote the mobility of students and trainees in order to improve the employment situation of young people, and will encourage EU countries to work together to give young people in Europe better opportunities to make the best of their skills.

The initiative is intended to contribute to Europe 2020, the EU's reform strategy for the coming decade, by supporting better education, training and access to the labour market. The aim of Europe 2020 is to develop an economy that is based on knowledge and innovation.

Commissioner Androulla Vassiliou will hold a press conference dedicated to Youth on the Move on 15 September 2010. She will also host a webstreamed debate with European youth on 17 September 2010.

As well as answering questions from a live audience, the Commissioner will answer questions from remote participants who can send in questions either beforehand or in real time.

Further details of the initiative will be reported when available.

Link: http://ec.europa.eu/education/news/news2455_en.htm

New funding opportunities

Arts & Culture

ARTS TRUST SCOTLAND

This scheme aims to support work that:

- is created by artists in Scotland;
- adds to the growing reputation of Scotland's arts community; and
- helps talented individuals to develop their skills and ideas.

It provides grants, between £500 and £2,000, for work in any art form. Further information and application forms are available from the website.

The deadline for applications is Tuesday 24 August 2010.

Link: <http://www.artstrustscotland.org.uk>

THE BRIT TRUST

This scheme considers all applications for funding which meet the criteria within its mission statement:

'To encourage young people in the exploration and pursuit of educational, cultural or therapeutic benefits emanating from music.'

The Trust does not consider individual grants, scholarships, capital grants, or grant donations outside the UK. Its main financial commitment is currently to the BRIT School for Performing Arts & Technology and Nordoff-Robbins Music Therapy Centre so it is limited to the amount of donations it can make outside this commitment. Applications have a better chance if the organisation/project is known to the UK music industry, and applicants will be asked to provide the relevant contact details in the form.

There are no published deadlines.

Link: <http://www.brittrust.co.uk/main.php>

THE FIDELIO TRUST

This scheme invites applications from colleges, arts festivals and other arts organisations seeking financial support for individuals or groups of exceptional ability to enable them to:

- receive special tuition or coaching;
- participate in external competitions;
- be supported for a specially arranged performance; and

- receive support for a special publication, musical composition or work of art.

The Trust provides grants of up to £5,000 in support of the arts, in particular the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance.

The next deadline for applications is 1 October 2010.

Link: <http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/index.php>

THE FOYLE FOUNDATION

This scheme operates a Main Grants Scheme supporting charities whose core work covers arts and learning and a Small Grants Scheme covering small charities in all fields.

Main Grants Scheme:

The Foundation seeks applications that make a strong artistic case for support in either the performing or visual arts. It is anticipated that grants will normally range from £10,000 to £50,000. However the maximum amount of a large grant will not normally exceed £500,000 and may be payable over several years. Typical areas of support include:

- helping make the arts more accessible by developing new audiences, supporting tours, festivals and arts educational projects;
- encouraging new work and supporting young and emerging artists; and
- building and infrastructure projects to construct new arts facilities or improve or re-equip existing arts venues.

Please note that community arts activity will not generally be supported.

Small Grants Scheme:

The Small Grants Scheme is designed to support smaller charities, especially those working at grassroots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities. Small grants will normally range from £1,000 to £10,000. Applications are welcomed from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £100,000 per annum.

Further information and guidance is available from the website or by calling 0207 430 9119

There are no deadlines for applications.

Link: <http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk>

HISTORIC SCOTLAND (HS)

This scheme aims to provide support to voluntary sector organisations in Scotland that provide services or input to the historic environment sector. It seeks to safeguard Scotland's historic environment and is targeted at projects and organisations that can help HS meet the following corporate objectives:

- To care for, protect and enhance the historic environment.
- To secure greater economic benefits from the historic environment.
- To increase public appreciation and enjoyment of the historic environment.
- To ensure that the historic environment delivers benefits for communities.
- To promote and develop knowledge and skills.
- To build capacity in the historic environment sector.

Funding is available on a three-year basis and is aimed at securing agreed outcomes and objectives. Funding is also made on a 'full cost recovery' (FCR) basis.

The deadline for applications is 30 September 2010.

Link: <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/grants/grants-voluntary-sector-funding.htm>

Community

IBRAHIM FOUNDATION

This scheme is operated by a private, independent grant making foundation, which aims to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK, both now and in the future. It considers work that others may find hard to fund, perhaps because it breaks new ground, appears too risky, requires core funding or needs a more unusual form of financial help such as a loan.

Grants are awarded twice a year for works that help transform the UK. The grants range from £500 - £10,000. Extraordinary projects may receive grants up to £50,000. Applications are not accepted from the same organisation in successive grant cycles. The foundation looks for situations where small amounts of funds will make significant impact; however, it is particularly interested in the following areas:

- community building;
- environment;
- strengthening non-profits; and
- supporting families.

For full details of the grant programmes and the application process, visit the website.

There are no published deadlines.

Link: <http://www.ibrahimfoundation.com/home.html>

Disability

CEREBRA GRANTS

This scheme aims to support children who have disabilities because of a brain related condition or injury. The condition may be of a physical nature, a learning disability or both. Potential applications should consider the following prior to submitting an application.

- Does the child have a brain injury, neurological disorder, mental disability or developmental problem?
- Is the child aged 16 or under?
- Is the equipment or resource that would benefit the child not available from statutory agencies like the social services or the NHS?
- Will the equipment or resource improve the child's quality of life?

The following are examples of approved grants:

- touch screen computers
- specialist car seats
- power wheelchairs
- therapies (please check if your therapy is one the scheme is able to fund)
- trampolines
- sensory toys
- tricycles and quadricycles
- digital drum kits.

Further information is available from the website. Alternatively, contact grants co-ordinator, Debbie Godsave on 01267 244216 or email her at debbieg@cerebra.org.uk.

There are no published deadlines.

Link: <http://www.cerebra.org.uk/grants>

Environment

SOUTH AYRSHIRE WASTE & ENVIRONMENT TRUST

The South Ayrshire Waste & Environment Trust (SAWET) is a registered environmental body set up to give out money raised through the Landfill Communities Fund to approved projects. The aim of the Trust is to help organisations, groups and communities within South Ayrshire make practical improvements to their environment by providing funding for environmental projects.

- Grants of up to £20,000 are available, though larger grants can be awarded if a sufficient case can be presented to the Trustees.
- Match funding is NOT necessary.
- Up to 100% of the total eligible cost of the project can be funded.
- Applications are welcomed from any group in South Ayrshire providing that it is non-profit making and formally constituted.
- Projects MUST be within a 10-mile radius of an active landfill site to be eligible for funding.

There are no published deadlines.

If you have a project you feel may be eligible for funding under the scheme, contact Fiona Ross on 01292 616673 or email: fiona.ross@south-ayrshire.gov.uk.

Families

KELLY FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme supports charities whose activities involve the whole family in initiatives which seek to tackle problematical issues that face one or more of its members, and whose aims include the strengthening of family bonds by helping all elements of the family unit to grow together and support each other.

The Trust will normally award grants in the range of £1,000-£5,000. It will consider the possibility of ongoing funding where appropriate. However, applicants are expected to show what other sources of funding have been sought and secured.

The next deadline for applications is 1 September 2010.

Link: <http://www.kfct.org.uk/apply.html>

Miscellaneous

THE RS MACDONALD CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme focuses on four separate areas: neurological conditions; sight impairment; child welfare; and animal welfare.

The Trustees have discretionary power to make awards to any one or more of six charities named in the original Trust Deed and/or any other charitable bodies resident in, based in or operating in Scotland, which provide any of the following benefits:

- a) The care and welfare of individuals suffering from neurodevelopmental or neurodegenerative disorders of genetic or other aetiology (cause) or from disorders affecting the nervous system resulting from specific incidents of trauma, poison or infection, which result in damage to motor control, behaviour, communication or personality or from a combination of these.
- b) The care and welfare of individuals who are either blind or suffering from visual impairment.
- c) Research into the causation, or prevention, or treatment and/or management, of the conditions set out in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b).
- d) The care and welfare of children and young persons under the age of eighteen years who have been or are in danger of being abused physically, sexually or mentally.
- e) The encouragement and promotion of welfare conditions for children whereby the likelihood of physical, sexual or mental abuse is reduced.
- f) The care and welfare of non-human living creatures which are either in danger, facing danger, the victims of, or in danger of being the victims of, physical abuse.
- g) The encouragement of welfare conditions for non-human living creatures with a view to the reduction of the likelihood of physical abuse.

The level of award made will vary according to the nature of the project for which funding is sought, but will not normally exceed £40,000. The average award granted is likely to be less than £20,000. The Trustees will consider applications for funding over periods of up to three years. They will also consider applications both for revenue and capital funding.

Applicants and potential applicants are encouraged to speak to the Trust's secretary, Richard Austin, if uncertain as to how to proceed with an application to the Trust or would simply like to talk through their thoughts in relation to a possible application. Contact him on 0131 228 4681 or by email: secretary@rsmacdonald.com.

Applicants are invited to apply by letter; there is no application form. The Trustees request that the application letter should not exceed two pages in length. Further information can be downloaded from the Trust's website or obtained from the Trust's secretary.

The next deadline for applications is 30 September 2010.

Link: <http://www.rsmacdonald.com/>

Sports

THE BIRNIE TRUST

The scheme aims to provide support for young Scottish athletes aged 13-18 years from a wide variety of sports across Scotland. Preference is given to top junior level athletes competing in minority sports. The following sports are not eligible: football, cricket, rugby, golf, tennis.

Funding is intended to be used to help with additional coaching or to help pay for competition fees and the travel costs associated with travelling to events in locations outside of Scotland.

In particular, the Trust aims to help those individuals who have shown potential at either a district or national level of representation and who have been unable to secure adequate additional funding from other sources to compete internationally.

Further information and online application form are available from the website or by email: enquiries@theBirnieTrust.co.uk.

There are no deadlines for applications.

Link: <http://www.thebirnietrust.co.uk/howToApply.php>

CASH4CLUBS

This scheme accepts grant applications from clubs on an ongoing basis. Successful organisations are chosen by a judging panel consisting of representatives from Betfair, SportsAid and other panellists who provide further input and an independent perspective.

Grant recipients will be informed as soon as they have been selected to receive a grant from Cash4Clubs and the list of winning sports clubs will be announced on the news section of the website.

Decision-making sessions are held three times a year with applications received being processed during the next decision-making session.

The next decision-making session will be held in November 2010.

Link: <http://www.cash-4-clubs.com/>

PETER HARRISON FOUNDATION

This scheme operates the following four programmes:

- Opportunities through Sport
- Special Needs and Care for Children and Young People
- Opportunities through Education
- Trustees' Discretion.

However, its only nationwide programme open to organisations across the UK is Opportunities through Sport. This is open to registered charities; Community Amateur Sports Clubs; friendly

societies or industrial provident societies; organisations in Scotland and in Northern Ireland whose charitable status is recognised by HM Revenue & Customs; and local branches of national charities – but only if they have either a separate legal constitution or the endorsement of their national head office.

The trust will support sporting activities or projects that provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and to develop other personal and life skills.

Grants will often be 'one-off' grants for capital projects. However, the Trust will also consider revenue funding for a new project or if funding is key to the continuing success or survival of an established project. The Trustees welcome applications for the following:

- Projects that provide a focus for skills development and confidence building through the medium of sport.
- Projects that have a strong training and/or educational theme within the sporting activity.
- Projects that provide sporting equipment or facilities for disabled or disadvantaged people.
- Projects with a high degree of community involvement.

Further information, including an online initial enquiry form, is available from the website; however, organisations are asked to read the information about eligibility and grant programmes carefully. It is important to ensure your charity and your particular project meet the grants criteria before making contact.

There are no published deadlines.

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

THE SCOTTISH COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Scottish Community Foundation provides information and advice to charities, organisations and communities to help in supporting good causes. It provides a Scotland-wide grant programme for a wide range of projects and grants are usually between £250-£5,000. Subject to eligibility, not-for-profit groups working to benefit people in Scotland can apply to these programmes at any time, although please note that some programmes have annual deadlines. The overall grants programme can be found online.

Link: <http://www.scottishcf.org/strengthening-communities/apply-for-a-grant/>

It also provides specific grant funding for organisations working with women. Please see below for more detail.

Women

WOMEN'S FUND FOR SCOTLAND

This scheme is currently open to support charities and voluntary organisations working with disadvantaged women in 2010/11.

Further information, application forms and guidelines are available from the website or by calling Jennifer McPhail on 0141 341 4964.

This is a rolling programme with no deadlines. However, if you are applying for an International Women's Day event in March 2011, applications received in November or December 2010 will not receive a decision until February 2011.

Link: <http://www.scottishcf.org/womensfund>

Youth

GIRLS ON THE MOVE PARTICIPATION PROGRAMME

This scheme is operated by Youth Scotland, the largest non-uniformed youth organisation in Scotland – one of the key providers of information, training, advice and support to part-time and voluntary youth workers. The strategic aims of the organisation are to support:

- young people to become successful learners, confident individuals, responsible citizens and effective contributors in their youth groups and communities; and
- the youth work sector to deliver more choices and more chances for more young people through a stronger network of volunteers.

The Girls on the Move Participation Programme provides grants of up to £2,000 with the aim of increasing physical activity levels among girls and young women, aged 12-18 years, and introducing them to the physical, social and psychological benefits of exercise. The project seeks to encourage the young women to want to remain active following the Girls on the Move project.

Projects must support participants to increase activity levels, self-esteem, confidence and skill levels.

Funding can be put towards staff, volunteers, start-up, running costs, sessional staff and equipment. However, projects should also demonstrate knowledge of appropriate local progression routes and a clear exit strategy.

Application forms are available from the Youth Scotland website. If assistance is required in making the application or if potential applicants would like to discuss project ideas, contact Jo MacDonald at Youth Scotland on 0131 554 2561 or email: girls@youthscotland.org.uk.

Grants must be used in the year they are awarded. If applicants are applying for funding for new activities or if they are targeting a different group of girls and young women, they can make another application to the Girls on the Move Participation Programme.

The next deadlines for applications are: 1 September and 1 December 2010.

Link: <http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/>

SITA TRUST YOUNG PERSON'S VOLUNTEERING FUND

This scheme has been created to assist young people aged 14-25 to volunteer their time to create or enhance facilities that can be enjoyed by the wider community. To be eligible, projects must make physical improvements to a public amenity such as a community hall, sports club, public park or museum. Grants of up to £10,000 can be awarded towards agreed project costs.

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that:

- young people will be fully involved in the design and development of the project;
- the project is compliant with the rules of the Landfill Communities Fund; and
- the project takes into account the nine principles of volunteering as set out by the Youth Action Network.

The next deadline for applications is 11 October 2010.

Link: <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/volunteering>

Trusts

IDLEWILD TRUST

This scheme seeks to support the advancement of education and learning and the encouragement of music, drama and the fine arts. It also seeks to preserve land and buildings of historic interest. It will consider making grants of up to £5,000, however the average grant in 2009 was £2,120. Applicants are expected to show what other sources of funding have been sought and secured.

The Trust makes grants for projects concerned with the encouragement of the performing and fine arts and the preservation of buildings for the benefit of the public, objects of beauty and items of historic interest and national importance. Occasional support is given to bodies for educational bursaries in these fields or for conservation of the natural environment.

Applications are accepted from the following organisations:

- UK registered charities.
- Churches that are excepted charities with an income of less than £100,000.
- UK publicly exempt charities, such as public museums and some educational establishments.

The Idlewild Trust does not normally make grants for:

- repetitive nationwide appeals by large charities;
- appeals where all, or most of, the beneficiaries live outside the UK;
- local appeals – unless the artistic significance of the project is of more than local importance;
- appeals whose sole or main purpose is to make grants from the funds collected;
- endowment or deficit funding;
- individuals; or
- applications from any organisation within 24 months of a previous grant.

This list of exclusions is for guidance purposes only. Applicants unsure about a particular project should contact the Trust's administrator to discuss in more detail on 020 8772 3155 or email: info@idlewildtrust.org.uk. Successful applicants will be asked to submit a one page report on completion of the project, or after 12 months, whichever is sooner.

The Trust prefers applications to be submitted by e-mail, but postal applications will be accepted.

Applications should not be sent by registered delivery as the Trust's office is not open full-time.

The next deadline for applications is 24 September 2010.

Link: <http://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/how-to-apply.htm>

PERCY BILTON CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme provides grants to organisations and individuals in need throughout the UK.

- Organisations assisting disadvantaged youth, people with disabilities and older people may apply for grants towards capital expenditure.
- Social workers may apply on the behalf of individuals who have a disability or mental health problem, or who are over 65, for grants to purchase basic furniture, equipment and clothing.

For more detailed information on how to apply, visit the website.

Link: <http://www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk/>

TORCH TROPHY TRUST

This scheme offers bursaries to help volunteers improve their skills as coaches or officials in youth sport and sport for disabled people. A bursary will cover 50% of costs up to £1,000. Awards can be used for providing funding for volunteers or encouraging and helping club workers at voluntary level.

Further information is available from the website. Alternatively, contact Angela Sasso on 020 7976 3900.

There are no published deadlines.

Link: <http://www.torchtrophytrust.org/>

Awards

BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION – ACCESS TO LEARNING AWARD

This award scheme established by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation is dedicated to improving people's lives by sharing advances in health and learning with the global community. Led by Bill Gates' father, William H Gates Snr, and Patty Stonesifer, the Seattle-based foundation has an endowment of approximately US \$24 billion.

The Access to Learning Award is aimed at encouraging new, innovative ways to provide library services to people in need and will promote development of new ways to increase public access to information technology around the world.

The recipient of the Award will receive a prize of up to US \$1 million in recognition for work accomplished, in progress, or completed. The prize must be spent exclusively in furtherance of the charitable, educational, scientific or literacy purposes of the winning organisation.

Applications are invited from public libraries or similar organisations outside the United States to apply, if they provide free public access to information through the use of computers and the internet. However, preference will be given to organisations that reach out to underserved groups, such as poor or disabled patrons, or those from minority communities. Organisations that have applied previously and been unsuccessful may re-apply.

Further information and application forms are available from the Foundation's website, and must be submitted via the online application system.

The deadline for the 2011 Award is 30 September 2010.

Link: <http://www.gatesfoundation.org/atla/Pages/access-to-learning-award-how-to-apply.aspx>

SCOTTISH GREEN ENERGY AWARD

This scheme, funded by Scottish Renewables, aims to highlight and celebrate the achievements of people and organisations supporting and working in renewable energy in Scotland.

Sustainable energy comes from sources that are safe. Scottish Renewables promotes the effective use of Scotland's abundant wind, wave, hydro, biomass, solar, landfill gas, tidal and geothermal resources to generate social, economic and environmental benefits for all.

Since devolution, renewables development in Scotland has continued apace. The role of Scottish Renewables is to support this work, and ensure successful delivery of a sustainable renewable industry for Scotland.

Nominations are invited for individuals, companies or groups that deserve public recognition for their contribution to the growth of renewable energy in Scotland.

Self-nomination by organisations and individuals is also acceptable.

The deadline for nominations is 8 October 2010.

Link: <http://www.greenenergyawards.co.uk/>

VOLVO ECO ADVENTURE AWARDS

This scheme is a joint project between AB Volvo and Volvo Car Corporation and is in partnership with The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). It is an educational programme that rewards environmental activities among the decision-makers of the future. Environmental projects are undertaken by young people to improve their local environment.

Eligible applicants are teams of young people around the world that are aged between 13 and 16 years. Teams should be planning, or carrying out, a local environmental project, and should consist of between two and five young people with one adult team leader.

Projects can focus on any environmental subject. Examples of previous projects include the following:

- **Biodiversity** – how young people help animals and plants in their community.
- **Waste** – what young people have done to reduce, reuse and recycle waste.
- **Water** – how young people improved the water quality in their community or school.
- **Energy** – how young people helped to reduce energy use or make it more sustainable.
- **Transport** – how young people campaigned to reduce local traffic congestion.

Although there are no specific exclusions cited in the scheme's guidelines, potential applicants are advised to contact the sponsoring body to ensure projects meet the scheme's eligibility criteria.

The deadline for applications is 31 January 2011.

Link: http://www.volvoadventure.org/int_project_judgingcriteria.aspx

Forthcoming deadlines:

August 24 - October 19

THE ARTS TRUST OF SCOTLAND

This scheme, operated by an independent Scottish charitable trust, awards grants to support: artists of considerable talent to develop their skill, ideas and potential; and the development of emerging artists who live and work in Scotland. The Trust's objective is to help working artists in Scotland fulfil their potential, realise their visions and enable those who value the contribution of Scotland's arts, artists and creativity to national life to contribute to their continued development.

DEADLINE: 24 August 2010

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.artstrustscotland.org.uk/intro.htm>

THE EAGA PARTNERSHIP CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme supports projects and research in two main areas: the relief of fuel poverty and the promotion of energy efficiency; and vulnerable consumers – multiple needs and preferences.

DEADLINE: 27 August 2010

MAX GRANT: None

Link: <http://www.eaga.com/>

MUSEUM IMPROVEMENT GRANTS (MGS)

This scheme provides funding for both large and small projects that will benefit registered/accredited museums and the Scottish museum sector. Supported projects should align with MGS' vision for a welcoming museums and galleries sector that opens doors and celebrates collections, inspiring creativity, learning and enjoyment for all.

DEADLINE: 27 August 2010

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk>

THE SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS FUND

This scheme is aimed at individuals who want to set up and run a business with a social and/or environmental purpose. The Fund will provide financial and business support to help get new enterprises off the ground.

DEADLINE: 30 August 2010

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.socialentrepreneursfund.co.uk/>

THE WILL CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme is open to provide financial assistance for activities in the following two categories: conservation of the countryside in Britain, including its flora and fauna; and care of, and services for, people suffering from cancer and their families. Projects supported by the Trust are likely to require some form of contribution from the applicant.

DEADLINE: 31 August 2010

MAX GRANT: £20,000

Link: <http://www.willcharitabletrust.org.uk/>

THE KELLY FAMILY CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme supports charities whose activities involve the whole family in initiatives which seek to tackle problematical issues that face one or more of its members, and whose aims include the strengthening of family bonds by helping all elements of the family unit to grow together and support each other.

DEADLINE: 1 September 2010

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.kfct.org.uk/apply.html>

CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES – SMALL GRANTS

This scheme is a programme of diversionary activities for young people to increase their opportunities to develop interests and skills in an enjoyable, fulfilling and supported way, using funds recovered from criminals. This Small Grants Scheme aims to use such funds to help new local volunteer-led youth groups to get off the ground and to enhance the activities on offer to young people through existing groups. The pilot scheme ultimately hopes to increase the participation of both young people and adult volunteers in youth groups, particularly in areas of deprivation in Scotland.

DEADLINE: 1 September 2010

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashback-small-grants-scheme.htm>

LEVERHULME TRUST – ARTS

This scheme aims to support highly talented students receiving professional training in any area of the arts. Before submitting an outline application for any of the awards, it is strongly recommended the principal applicant contacts the Assistant Director of the Trust in order to discuss their proposal.

DEADLINE: 1 September 2010

MAX GRANT: None given

Link: <http://www.leverhulme.ac.uk>

VOLUNTARY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT FUND

This scheme aims to contribute to the costs associated with meeting the phase two qualification criteria set by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) for registration and to assist employers in achieving a qualified workforce. The fund will provide further investment in the voluntary sector to develop a confident, competent workforce and to meet the demands now required of these staff.

DEADLINE: 3 September 2010

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.ccpscotland.org/>

HILDEN CHARITABLE FUND

The aim of the fund is to address disadvantage, notably by supporting causes that are unlikely to raise funds from public subscriptions. Grant-making priorities in the UK are: homelessness; community-based initiatives for young people aged 16-25; asylum seekers and refugees; and penal affairs. Preference is given to charities with less than £200,000 per annum.

DEADLINE: 5 September 2010

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://hildencharitablefund.org.uk/uk.htm>

IDLEWILD TRUST

This scheme makes grants for projects concerned with the encouragement of the performing and fine arts and the preservation of buildings for the benefit of the public, objects of beauty and items of historic interest and national importance. Occasional support is given to bodies for educational bursaries in these fields or for conservation of the natural environment.

DEADLINE: 24 September 2010

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.idlewildtrust.org.uk/>

ELEPHANT TRUST

This scheme aims to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds. It is committed to helping artists and institutions that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities.

DEADLINE: 27 September 2010

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/>

ROWING FOUNDATION

This scheme makes grants to pump prime projects. Projects must incorporate participation in sport and games, particularly water sports. In aiming to 'put young people on the water', the RF does not confine its assistance to rowing. Grants have been made towards the purchase of buoyancy aids, splash suits, canoes and the promotion of taster rowing courses for youth clubs, sailing and other water sports clubs.

DEADLINE: 28 September 2010

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.britishrowing.org/rowing-foundation>

B&Q – ONE PLANET LIVING GRANTS

This scheme provides grants of between £50 and £250 (at retail cost) worth of B&Q materials – for example, pond liners, plants, peat-free compost for projects such as a pond/wildlife garden or paints labelled low or minimal VOC for redecoration projects.

DEADLINE: 30 September 2010

MAX GRANT: £250

Link: http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment_ethics/ethics/community/grants.jsp

FAITHS IN SCOTLAND COMMUNITY ACTION FUND (FISCAF)

This scheme will work with local faith groups to build hope and fight against poverty by providing grants and support in Scotland's most fragile urban and rural communities.

DEADLINE: 30 September 2010

MAX GRANT: £15,000

Link: <http://www.fiscaf.org/>

PHILIP HENMAN TRUST

This scheme aims to support long-term projects operated by major UK overseas development charities. The Trust offers grants to organisations requiring partnership funding for projects lasting between three and five years.

DEADLINE: 30 September 2010

MAX GRANT: £25,000

Link: <http://www.djclark.com/pht>

RS MACDONALD CHARITABLE TRUST

This scheme's principal areas of interest are: neurological conditions; sight impairment; child welfare; and animal welfare.

DEADLINE: 30 September 2010

MAX GRANT: £40,000

Link: <http://www.rsmacdonald.com/>

TESCO CHARITY TRUST – COMMUNITY AWARD SCHEME

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Award Scheme supports local community projects whose core work supports the welfare of children, elderly people and people with disabilities, which are based in areas where Tesco has stores.

DEADLINE: 30 September 2010

MAX GRANT: £4,000

Link: <http://www.tescopl.com/>

ULVERSCROFT FOUNDATION

This scheme aims to benefit the visually impaired (blind and partially sighted). It provides grants to organisations that work to relieve, assist and improve the treatment and education of those suffering from defective eyesight. It also funds medical research and the provision of facilities for the treatment or alleviation of visually impaired people.

DEADLINE: 30 September 2010

MAX GRANT: None given

Link: <http://www.foundation.ulverscroft.com/>

VAF – COMMUNITY CHEST (SCOTLAND)

The aim of the Community Chest is to help build the capacity of small community groups in Scotland to deliver their activities. The programme is designed to help small community groups in Scotland sustain and develop their activities by providing grants and free training.

DEADLINE: 30 September 2010

MAX GRANT: £1,000

Link: <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/>

HISTORIC SCOTLAND (HS)

This scheme aims to provide support to voluntary sector organisations in Scotland that provide services or input to the historic environment sector. It seeks to safeguard Scotland's historic environment and is targeted at projects and organisations that can help HS meet its corporate objectives.

DEADLINE: 30 September 2010.

MAX GRANT: None given

Link: <http://www.historic-scotland.gov.uk/index/heritage/grants/grants-voluntary-sector-funding.htm>

THE FIDELIO TRUST

This scheme invites applications from colleges, arts festivals and other arts organisations seeking financial support for individuals or groups of exceptional ability. It prioritises the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance.

DEADLINE: 1 October 2010

MAX GRANT: £5,000

Link: <http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/index.php>

THE ELEPHANT TRUST

This scheme aims to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds. It is committed to helping artists and institutions that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities.

DEADLINE: 4 October 2010

MAX GRANT: £2,000

Link: <http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/>

FIRST LIGHT MOVIES

This scheme was set up to fund and inspire the making of short films that reflect the diversity of young people's lives. First Light Movies is not just about young people (aged between five and 19) devising the idea and acting in the film, it is about them being given the necessary skills to make their own film. There are two main production funding strands available: the Pilot and Studio Award Scheme. Support is also offered for generating those first film ideas through the Script Award Scheme.

DEADLINE: 5 October 2010

MAX GRANT: Various

Link: <http://www.firstlightmovies.com/funding>

E.ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUND

This scheme aims to support community energy projects which either result in the production of energy from a sustainable source or which reduce the amount of energy used by a community organisation.

DEADLINE: 8 October 2010

MAX GRANT: £20,000

Link: <http://www.eon-uk.com/about/2688.aspx>

SITA TRUST YOUNG PERSON'S VOLUNTEERING FUND

This scheme has been created to assist young people aged 14-25 to volunteer their time to create or enhance facilities that can be enjoyed by the wider community. To be eligible, projects must make physical improvements to a public amenity such as a community hall, sports club, public park or museum.

DEADLINE: 11 October 2010

MAX GRANT: £10,000

Link: <http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/volunteering>

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED (CIN)

This scheme distributes the funds raised each year as grants to organisations that work with disadvantaged children and young people, under the age of 18, living in the UK. It aims to positively change the lives of those affected by: disability; behavioural or psychological problems; poverty or situations of deprivation; or illness, distress, abuse or neglect.

DEADLINE: 15 October 2010

MAX GRANT: Various

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

SCOTTISH POWER ENERGY TRUST

This scheme's objective is to help combat fuel poverty. Assistance is available for organisations to fund projects or schemes that will help fuel poor or vulnerable groups of people, with priority given to projects that are aimed at helping families with young children and young people.

DEADLINE: 19 October 2010

MAX GRANT: £100,000

Link: <http://www.energypeopletrust.com>