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NEWS AND UPDATES

Argyll and Bute Council

Argyll and Bute Council has been successful in securing Scottish Government funding to let communities decide how £15,000 could be used to "strengthen and grow Gaelic" across the area. Ideas of how the money could be spent can be posted and discussed on the on-line site: <http://tiny.cc/growinggaelic> between **23rd January and March 6th**. The second stage of the process will run between **April 6th and May 6th** when members of the public can vote for which of the final ideas should be funded. The Council's Policy Lead for Strategic Housing, Gaelic, Community and Culture, Councillor Robin Currie, said: "Participatory budgeting means that communities can decide how a specific amount of money can be used to make a positive difference, and then put the money to good use in growing Gaelic. This gives the community a direct say on how the money should be spent, and allows us to look at how we can engage better with people across such a wide geography. I would encourage everyone to visit the site and take part."

To find out more about the project, [visit the ideas site directly](#), see www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/growinggaelic or contact: communitydevelopment@argyll-bute.gov.uk

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. NFTS Directing Workshop

The NFTS is looking for talented female, BAME and disabled filmmakers to apply for the NFTS Directing Workshop. If you're currently working professionally in screen directing and want to take your career to the next level then this is the opportunity for you. NFTS is looking for 6 filmmakers to take part in a two-day introductory session in March followed by intensive training in narrative filmmaking in an innovative, four-week workshop during the summer, which will result in the production of a short film. All participants are guaranteed an interview for the NFTS' Directing Fiction MA. You must fulfil these criteria:

- The scheme is aimed at women and people from BAME backgrounds and those with disabilities.
- You must be a UK resident and able to commit to the programme for its duration. And in particular the initial 2 day workshop in March and the full 4 week workshop in June, and post production in July.
- The scheme is for people of talent who have either directed or written or performed in screen theatre or the arts already, whether as an amateur or professionally.
- You need to be 19 plus years of age.

There will be no course fees and NFTS will cover all production costs; inter-School networking will also be facilitated to help crew the films across all disciplines from producing to editing and sound.

Deadline: 19th February 2017 <https://nfts.co.uk/directing-workshop>

2. Beyond Borders

Beyond Borders is a co-commissioning and touring programme run in partnership with Creative Scotland, Arts Council of Wales, Arts Council of Northern Ireland and Arts Council of Ireland / An Chomhairle Ealaíon. Funding of up to £15,000 is available for projects that include repeat performances of music written in the past five years, new commissions and recordings. This opportunity stimulates collaboration between organisations and bands/ensembles in England, Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland, Scotland and Wales. It enables music creators to produce exceptional new material to be performed in at least three of these countries.

Deadline: 23rd February 2017

http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/Partnerships/Flagship-Programmes/Beyond-Borders/?dm_i=FES,4NNA6,HJS76Z,HH7SR,1

3. Scotland Live Awards

After a successful first two years with 6 new clubs being set up Scotland Live are now taking applications for the 3rd year of this project. They are inviting applications from new Promoters who want to follow their love of music and set up a music club. They will give each of the 3 shortlisted new clubs £2000 each (monthly payments) to help with set up costs. Each club will be mentored by an experienced Promoter, offering advice throughout the process.

Deadline: March 17th 2017 <https://projects.handsupfortrad.scot/scotlandlive/enter/>

4. Publishing Scotland

If you are looking for support with an innovative digital project then this fund could help. The fund helps publishers in three areas:

- (a) accessing training or consultancy on digital matters
- (b) attending digital events in the UK and overseas
- (c) marketing their digital books and content

Publishers can claim costs up to a maximum of £1,000 per company. Criteria for Awards

- As with any Creative Scotland funding, the quality of the publishing programme is important.
- Financial need.
- Type of publishing - priority will normally be given to publishers of fiction, children's books, poetry, and selected non-fiction (normally of a cultural nature) but other types of publishing will be considered.
- Your company must be substantially based in Scotland.
- Self-publishers are not eligible.

Deadline: 24th February 2017

http://opportunities.creativescotland.com/opportunity/index/fe28d1b4-84ef-4825-b209-51788b76e2a6/?dm_i=FES,4NNA6,HJS76Z,HH7SS,1

5. Training and Continuing Professional Development Fund

To support individuals, organisations and networks who work out with school settings to undertake training and continuing professional development that will strengthen youth music in Scotland for the benefit of young people. We understand that many music freelancers and organisations may be working with young people both in and out of school settings and so will be eligible to apply. Intended Outcomes

- People delivering youth music develop their skills and confidence
- The youth music sector develops, strengthens and becomes more sustainable
- Supporting services to be high quality, continually improving, efficient, and to provide innovative responses to people's needs

We welcome applications proposing any training and CPD that will deliver the above outcomes. Types of activities you might want to consider are:

- Professional development, such as attending short-term or one-off training courses, conferences, master-classes, mentoring and any other relevant experiences which develop skills and confidence and lead to improved professional delivery of music to children and young people.
- Receiving private tuition that will lead to improved skills in a particular genre or instrument which will result in improved professional delivery of music to children and young people.
- Development, design and delivery of specialist training courses.
- New and innovative approaches that improve engagement in high-quality music-making activities. Examples of this might be undertaking study visits to research delivery methodology currently not widespread in Scotland, or using new technology in creative ways

Awards to Individuals will generally be within the range of £100 to £750, while the range for Organisations will normally fall between £500 and £5,000

Deadline: 31st March 2017

http://www.scottishmusiccentre.com/development/training-and-continuing-professional-development-fund/?dm_i=FES,4NNA6,HJS76Z,HH7SQ,1

6. Museums Galleries Scotland - World War 1 Fund

Any organisation in Scotland that runs an Accredited Museum can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 to work with communities to explore the broad impact and legacy of World War I on the families and communities of Scotland and its continuing resonance on modern life. Projects involving collaborations with artists and/or partnerships are eligible for up to £20,000. Museums, Galleries Scotland want to encourage

applications that demonstrate innovative approaches to commemoration and are particularly keen to support collaborative projects; projects with a strong creative arts component, including projects that involve working with artists; projects that encourage inquiry and understanding about the war; projects which engage younger generations; and projects which will improve access to WWI collections. Potential applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Museums Galleries Scotland to discuss the application they are planning.

Deadline: 17th February 2017 <https://www.museumsgalleriescotland.org.uk/funding/world-war-1-fund/>

7. Grants to Help New, Innovative Visual Arts Projects

The Trust offers grants to artists and for new, innovative visual arts projects based in the UK. It aims to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when confronted by lack of funds. The Trust supports projects that develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts. Priority is given to artists and small organisations and galleries making or producing new work or exhibitions. The Trust normally awards grants of up to £2,000, but larger grants may be considered.

Deadline 10th April 2017 <http://elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/theapplication.html>

8. Funding for Innovation in the Circus Arts

The National Centre for Circus Arts has announced that the Lab:time programme has re-opened for applications. Lab:time is the Centre for Circus Arts programme for innovation and experimentation in the Circus Arts and is funded by the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation. Through Lab:time individual artists and companies are able to secure research and development time in the Creation Studio at the National Centre for Circus Arts, as well as small but significant amounts of seed funding to support the first stages of exploration. It is hoped that by offering artists the means to explore their ideas at the very beginning of the creative process critical mass of creative development will be generated that will, over time, generate an increase in the quality and quantity of new circus-based performance across the UK.

Deadline: 16th March 2017 <http://www.nationalcircus.org.uk/professional-artists/labtime>

9. Creative Scotland – Regular Funding

Arts and creative organisations can apply for funding to help artists and creative people deliver their work, develop their engagement with the public, and their professional networks. Grants of at least £150,000 (the minimum that can be applied for) are available over a three-year period. There is no maximum amount but resources are limited. All applicants will be expected to have a clearly defined vision that expresses why the organisation exists, what it plans to achieve and who will benefit from its activity. Registered Charities, artists' groups, companies limited by guarantee, consortia (of organisations or groups), cultural and leisure trusts, and community interest companies are eligible to apply.

Deadline: 3rd April 2017 <http://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/regular-funding>

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

10. Firstport Build-It Awards

If you have been able to prove that your concept works, that it has the ability to generate income and sustain itself, Firstport can help you take it further. You can apply if you are a social entrepreneur looking to move on from running your organisation part time to making it your full time career; we can help to cover your salary/living costs for a year to make this happen.

Deadline: 13th February 2017 <http://www.firstport.org.uk/funding/item/287-build-it>

11. Scottish Enterprise High-Growth Spinout Programme

The objective of the Scottish Enterprise High-Growth Spinout Programme is to assist existing, or to create new, high-growth companies based in Scotland that have the commercial potential and capability to grow to companies of scale. Funding is available for non-competitive, pre-commercialisation activities that are being undertaken in Scotland's universities, research institutes and NHS Trusts. Applications should be early stage ideas which have typically reached patent level, and that could lead to the creation of new businesses or licensing innovative technologies. Awards cover 100% of actual direct project costs. No minimum or maximum levels of funding are specified in the guidelines. Successful bidders must demonstrate that their ideas have originality and true commercial potential, and have the potential to form the basis of either a new

high growth business or a license to an existing company. The minimum duration for a potential project would be six months. There is no maximum duration however projects will be reviewed on an annual basis. Funding is intended to help commercialise innovations leading to the establishment of new high-growth businesses in Scotland. Particular interest will be given to projects with the potential to grow to substantial scale within five years, i.e. achieve turnover of £5 million or commercial investment of £10 million within that timeframe.

Deadline: 15th February 2017

<https://www.scottish-enterprise.com/services/support-for-entrepreneurs/high-growth-spinout-programme/how-to-apply>

12. Loans Available through Scottish Microfinance Fund (SMF)

Interested parties may apply for a minimum loan of £500 and a maximum loan value of £2,500 through the Scottish Microfinance Fund. The Fund is administered by DSL Business Finance; an organisation providing start-up and growth loans for small businesses and social enterprises. The purpose of this scheme is to allow businesses that may have previously struggled to obtain funding the opportunity to access low cost microfinance options at a competitive interest rate. The maximum term for the loan is five years with a 6% fixed interest rate. Clients will be provided with a Loan Officer who will support them through each stage. Multiple funding options are available and there will be a team of funding experts on hand to offer guidance. It should also be noted that some sectoral restrictions may apply. This scheme is intended for new and existing businesses and social enterprises based in Scotland that are employing fewer than ten people with a turnover and balance sheet less than, or else equal to, £2 million.

Applications may be submitted at any time https://www.dsl-businessfinance.co.uk/content/apply_by_post/

13. The Carbon Trust Green Business Fund

The Carbon Trust has launched a new energy efficiency support service for small and medium-sized companies in England, Scotland and Wales. Support is provided through energy assessments, training workshops, equipment procurement support and up to 30% capital contribution, to a maximum of £10,000, towards the purchase of energy saving equipment. A series of workshops are planned to help small businesses work out how best to identify the energy saving opportunities available to them. To qualify, SMEs are defined as such if they meet two of the three following criteria: no more than 250 employees; annual turnover not more than £25.9m; or annual balance sheet not more than £12.9m.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.carbontrust.com/client-services/technology/implementation-and-finance/green-business-fund/>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

14. BBC Children in Need Small Grants Programme

Small grants of up to £10,000 are available per year for up to three years (£30,000 total request) to not-for-profit organisations in the UK, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands that are supporting children and young people of 18 years and under who are experiencing disadvantage through:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect.
- Any kind of disability.
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties.
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

Organisations must be working to combat this disadvantage and to make a real difference to children and young people's lives. Projects achieve these differences by either working directly with children or seeking to improve their social and physical environments. Priority will be given to projects where a relatively small amount of money can make a big difference for children and young people.

Deadline: 1st June 2017 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/kkNtnFjsW63c9pXTfQDy4K/small-grants>

15. The St Nicolas Care Fund

This year The St Nicolas Care Fund celebrates its 25th year of funding valuable community projects across Glasgow, Lanarkshire, Dumbartonshire, Refrewshire, Inverclyde, Helensburgh and Gareloch. They welcome applications from all organisations and community groups, operating in these geographic areas and supporting:

Children and Young People;

The Elderly;

People with disabilities;

Those suffering from the effects of poverty or unemployment;

Those suffering as a result of alcoholism and or drug abuse;
Individuals or groups in the community suffering from the effects of discrimination;
Those who have been, or are experiencing mental illness.

Deadline: 6th February 2017 <http://www.rcag.org.uk/index.php/the-archdiocese/st-nicholas-care-fund>

COMMUNITY FUNDING

16. Aspiring Communities

The Aspiring Communities Fund will support fragile and disadvantaged communities across Scotland to develop and deliver community-led solutions that tackle inequality and poverty. The Fund will support applications from community anchor organisations, third sector and other eligible community bodies working collaboratively to accelerate the design and delivery of enduring community-led initiatives that tackle poverty, inequality and exclusion. It will strengthen communities, increase levels of economic activity, stimulate inclusive growth, local service provision and inclusion by:

- Enabling communities to design and establish new or enhanced services addressing poverty and inequalities
- Supporting staff posts within community organisations to increase levels of economic activity, local service provision and inclusion, and enhance community resilience
- Accelerating the implementation of projects and services delivering longer lasting community-led solutions

The funding will support identified target groups and local priorities and the following key areas for community designed and delivered actions including:

- support to combat fuel poverty and food poverty
- provision of childcare and social care
- business and management training for community bodies to increase resilience

The Fund will contribute to the achievement of the ESF Operational Programme targets:

- community based or community led services supported
- new childcare places available
- deprived or fragile communities supported
- increase in earned turnover of supported organisations
- new or improved community owned assets (capital for acquisition via other non ESF sources)

It will also provide an opportunity to test out place-based approaches to tackling inequality, particularly:

- improving access to networks and decision making for communities
- collective leadership and new models of collaboration
- improved access to networks

Deadline: 7th April 2017 <http://www.gov.scot/Topics/People/15300/ESFTPSI/AspiringCommunities>

17. Water and Sewerage Charges Exemption Scheme

Charities and amateur sports clubs are being encouraged to apply for the latest round of water and sewerage rates exemptions. Since 2015, the Water and Sewerage Charges Exemption Scheme has helped more than 7,700 charities and amateur sports clubs to save around £4 million every year. Organisations must apply each year to the scheme. The scheme means eligible charities registered with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, as well as community amateur sports clubs with an income of less than £200,000, do not need to pay water and sewerage charges. Those with incomes between £200,000 and £300,000 will pay a reduced rate.

Deadline: 31st March 2017 <https://www.mygov.scot/water-sewerage-exemption/>

18. Tesco Bags of Help

Tesco Bags of Help grant scheme is now permanently open for applications from a wide range of community groups, schools, local authorities, community councils and organisations. Bags of Help will now see the money raised by the 5p bag charge in Tesco stores in Scotland, England and Wales opened up to a greater range of projects that support community participation in the development and use of open spaces. Projects will be awarded funding on a monthly basis following voting in their local Tesco stores. Projects that will now get the green light as a result of the funding will include volunteer training, physical improvements of open spaces, equipment purchases, community events and sports and leisure activities. Following a public vote in

Tesco stores, three projects in each of the 200 Tesco regions will receive a grant each month, with first place receiving up to £5K, second place up to £2K and third place up to £1K. Bags of Help is administered by Groundwork, working in Scotland with greenspace scotland. They have a team of Community Enablers that can provide support or advice when submitting your application. Don't hesitate to get in touch with your local Community Enabler tamara@greenspacescotland.org.uk 07825 671968

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://bit.ly/bagsofhelp3>

19. Community Trees Fund 2017

The Tree Council has funds available to assist community groups proposing to undertake tree planting projects during National Tree Week (25th November - 3rd December 2017) or as soon as possible afterwards. The Community Trees Fund is open to projects where the total tree planting costs are between £100 and £700. The Tree Council will fund up to 4 fruit trees (but no more than that) on semi-vigorous, vigorous and very vigorous rootstocks. Community Groups wishing to plant more than 4 fruit trees, please apply to the Orchard Windfalls Fund. Eligible costs include the cost of the trees and any reasonable cost of necessary supports and aids to establishment (stakes, ties and guards, plus fertiliser, mulch and soil amelioration but only where conditions make this appropriate). The project costs should total at least £100 in order for the application to be eligible for consideration. The Tree Council needs to be certain that the project organisers have consent to plant on the area of land proposed and a guarantee that the trees will be secure for at least 5 years. Only community groups may apply and Children under the age of 16 must be actively involved in the planting process. Applicants will need to contribute 25% match funding to the project.

Deadline: 31st March 2017 <http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/grants/community-trees>

20. Funding for Projects that Combat Abuse and Violations of Human Rights

In particular, the Trust is seeking applications from charities working to support refugees and asylum seekers; prisoners and penal reform; and those addressing the needs of the most marginalised and neglected groups in society. Grants range in size, with most grants awarded being in the range £10,000 to £20,000. UK registered charities with an income of between £150,000 and £1.5 million are eligible to apply. The Trust does not normally fund charities with large national or international links.

Deadline: 3rd March 2017 <http://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/application.htm>

21. Funding to Improve Local Communities and Promote Financial Inclusion

The aim of the Foundations grant making is to support projects that improve and develop local communities and promote financial literacy and financial inclusion. The types of projects supported include initiatives designed to encourage the involvement in the community of those too often excluded; working with people on low incomes, at risk from poverty or with problems finding accommodation; improving the standards of local facilities; promoting financial awareness and money advice; enhancing debt counselling services within the community; and supporting life-skills in all age groups and sections of the community. Through the small grants making programme, grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available and through the medium grants making programme grants of between £10,001 and £25,000 are available. Applications can only be accepted from charities registered in Scotland.

Deadline: 7th April 2017 <http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes>

22. Yorkshire & Clydesdale Bank Foundation Spirit of the Community Awards

Registered charities, not-for-profit community organisations and constituted voluntary groups in England and Scotland are eligible to apply for funding for projects that will benefit communities where the Yorkshire & Clydesdale Bank operates. Projects must address at least one of the following categories:

- Help people have a healthy relationship with money - This category will focus on initiatives that advance financial education including initiatives that promote accessibility to both financial education and financial services.
- Help people into employment - This category will focus on initiatives that build on and develop skills in individuals to equip them for the workplace and help them become ready for work.
- Help people improve their local environment - This category will focus on projects seeking to protect or improve the environment.

In each category, five projects will receive an Award of £5,000.

Deadline: 6th March 2017

<http://www.cbonline.co.uk/about-clydesdale-bank/community/charitable-donations-about-us/>

23. Postcode Local Trust Re-opens for Applications

The Trust provides financial support for charities and good causes which help communities enhance their natural environment in a way that benefits the wider community. In 2017 Postcode Local Trust will fund projects that support wildlife areas, sustainability initiatives, local indoor and outdoor spaces and citizenship (local volunteering projects). Registered charities in Scotland can apply from £500 - £20,000 whilst other constituted not for profit organisations may apply for up to £2,000 for community based projects that improve local ecology and habitats, encourage bio-diversity and benefit the wider environment.

Deadline: 10th February 2017 <http://www.postcodelocaltrust.org.uk/>

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

24. New EU Call for Labour Market Integration of Migrants, Asylum Seekers and Refugees (UK / EU)

The EU has issued a new call for proposals for projects that fast track labour market integration of third country nationals, specifically those targeting asylum seekers, refugees and their family members. Projects should: promote the development and testing of innovative and effective mechanisms; develop sustainable multi-level partnerships models conducive towards the integration of the targeted groups into the labour market; and foster knowledge and experience sharing between Member States, with a strong emphasis on the challenges faced by women. To be eligible, proposals must involve an international consortium made of at least 4 organisations (1 lead applicant + 3 co-applicants) with at least one established in an EU Member States. Lead applicant must be a public body (such as national, regional and local authorities or public employment services); Co-applicant organisations must be public bodies, for-profit or non-profit-making private entities, or international organisations. There is €14.2m funding available to support 5-7 projects and you applicants must have 20% match funding in place.

Deadline 30th March 2017

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=629&langId=en&callId=502&furtherCalls=yes%20>

25. Funding to Help Homeless Charities

Help the Homeless is, a national Charity which aims to help homeless people throughout the United Kingdom to resume a normal life. Funding of up to £5,000 is available to small and medium sized charities and voluntary organisations towards capital costs to support projects that assist disadvantaged individuals in their return to mainstream society, through residential or training facilities. Grants to larger charities may be considered if the project is suitable innovative and only possible for a larger organisation to develop it.

Deadline: 15th March 2017 <http://www.help-the-homeless.org.uk/applying-for-funding/>

26. Engineering Education Grant Scheme

The scheme aims to engage young people aged 5-19 in learning about engineering and to develop the professional skills of those involved in supporting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) learning and careers awareness. The EEGS also supports projects that improve wider engineering literacy. There are two levels of funding available. Awards of up to £5000 are available for standard applications to the fund, and up-to-four awards of £15,000 are available each year. Any organisation able to develop and deliver educational activities is eligible to apply. This includes schools, Institute of Engineering and Technology or Institution of Mechanical Engineers members and STEM organisations. Applications for funding must be endorsed by an authorised representative of the IET or IMechE no later than

11th March 2017 and must be submitted by the **1st April 2017**

<http://www.theiet.org/resources/teachers/grant-scheme.cfm>

ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING

27. Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge Fund

The Energy Saving Trust has been appointed by Transport Scotland to administer the fund. Public, community and third sector organisations can apply for funding under the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) 2014-2020 Programme to facilitate the delivery of active travel and low carbon transport hubs. Organisations can bid for up to 40/50 percent of their total project costs, up to £2 million, with the remainder of project costs provided through match funding from other non-European public sources.

Deadline: 28th February 2017

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/businesses-organisations/transport/low-carbon-travel-and-transport-challenge-fund>

28. Department for Transport's Innovation Challenge Fund (ICF)

Forming part of the Department for Transport's innovation funding, the Innovation Challenge Fund (ICF) has been launched. The purpose of the scheme is to help support and develop innovations that use or enable science, engineering and technology to address specified DfT policy goals. This could be the implementation of a new idea or applying existing ideas to a different sector or market. The current ICF scheme includes three separate competitions to support development of technologies, methods or processes to help address DfT policy goals on:

- realising the benefits from unmanned and remotely piloted aircraft systems (drones);
- doubling cycling by 2025;
- improving driver training.

Grants of up to £90,000 are available. Grants can fund up to 100% of the cost of a project (dependent on the type and size of the organisation and category of research being undertaken), with up to 30% of the grant available at the beginning of the project. The scheme supports post-feasibility research projects across the following categories of research and development activity (R&D):

- Industrial research.
- Experimental development.
- Feasibility studies (as a small component of a wider project).

The programme offers funding to UK businesses including micro, small and medium-sized enterprises, local authorities and academic institutions. Projects must be innovative, transport-related and focused on science, engineering or technology.

Deadline: 13th February 2017 <https://www.mygov.scot/innovation-challenge-fund-icf/>

29. National Marine Aquarium – Grants Programme

The next closing date for the National Marine Aquarium Grants Programme is the. The National Marine Aquarium awards grants for projects that seek to drive marine conservation through engagement. These projects may be science-based but could equally be based around arts or drama - indeed, the more innovative the better, as long as they make a contribution to raising awareness of the marine environment. Grants awarded so far have been in the region of £1,200 to £5,000 and it is likely that future awards will be for similar amounts. Applications can be submitted by individuals, community groups, schools, or other conservation charities.

Deadline: 21st April 2017 <http://www.national-aquarium.co.uk/marine-conservation/grant-opportunities/>

30. Scottish Power Energy People

The Scottish Power Energy People Trust is an independent charity established to help end fuel poverty in the UK. The Trustees include representatives of organisations including Energy Action Scotland, National Energy Action and Glasgow University Urban Studies. Fuel poverty occurs as a result of three distinct variables - the cost of fuel, the income of the household and the energy efficiency of the home. There are over two million households throughout the UK living in fuel poverty, and spending more than 10% of their income for basic energy needs and to keep warm. Grants of up to £50,000 are available to charitable organisations in Great Britain for projects that address fuel poverty explicitly and as the primary purpose and include the provision of energy efficiency advice. Organisations can apply for funding to support projects or schemes covering the following:

- Energy efficiency measures – improving home energy efficiency through draught proofing, insulating and or other practical measures.
- Income maximisation – providing funding to front line charities who carry out benefits advice to households missing out on financial help that they are entitled to through welfare benefits and tax credits.
- Fuel debt assistance - providing assistance, or funding the provision by other persons of assistance, to reduce or cancel debts for household electricity or gas supply, where such assistance is provided as part of a package of measures aimed at providing customers with long-term relief from fuel poverty.

Any combination of the above.

Deadline: 24th May 2017 <http://www.energypeopletrust.com/content/default.asp?page=s4>

Please note that all Argyll and Bute Council officers considering applying for European funding should contact the European Team - genna.lugue@argyll-bute.gov.uk / Tel No 01546 604899 for more information.

EUROPEAN FUNDING

31. Argyll and the Islands LEADER

The Argyll and the Islands LEADER funding Programme aims to "support community-led economic growth and sustainable rural development within the Argyll and the Islands area". Grants are awarded by the Local Action Group (LAG) to projects that can clearly demonstrate at least one of the following key themes:

- Strengthening the rural economy through maximising the sustainable use of natural, cultural and heritage resources as an economic driver in the area of Argyll and the Islands.
- Enhancing services and facilities within the area of Argyll and the Islands for the purpose of attracting individuals, families, visitors and investors for the purpose of growing and maintaining economically viable communities.
- Small Business Support & Farm Diversification.

For details on the application process, applicants should visit <http://www.aiLEADER.org> The 2017 dates for LEADER funding rounds can be found below:

	March	June	September	December
EOI Deadline	20/01/2017	28/04/2017	28/07/2017	13/10/2017
Application Deadline	03/02/2017	12/05/2017	11/08/2017	27/10/2017
LAG Decision Meeting	16/03/2017	22/06/2017	21/09/2017	07/12/2017

The Argyll and the Islands LEADER LAG is part-financed by the Scottish Government and the European Community LEADER 2014-2020 programme.

32. Social Economy Growth Fund

A new European funded Social Economy Growth Fund is open for the first round of applications, with a deadline for submission of **5pm on Friday 17th February 2017**. There will be at least one further application deadline. It is aimed at established organisations whose primary purpose is to tackle disadvantage, poverty and social exclusion. The Social Economy Growth Fund will enable the third sector/social economy to improve and increase services and support for people experiencing poverty and disadvantage. It will help organisations to increase their capacity to support disadvantaged people – for example by expanding existing services and employing additional staff. The Fund will enable organisations to deliver services which:

- support people to move into better paid employment;
- increase household income;
- improve people's skills; and
- empower people to find and own solutions to poverty themselves.

Grants between £100,000 and £250,000 are available. Full details, including eligibility criteria and the application process, are available at the following link: <https://beta.gov.scot/publications/social-economy-growth-fund-guidance/> The Social Economy Growth Fund is supported by the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Scottish Government. The Scottish Government will provide match funding 'at source'. Applicant match funded is not required as the grant is fully funded by ESF and the Scottish Government. It is delivered by the Equality, Human Rights and Third Sector Division of the Scottish Government who will act as Lead Partner for this programme.

33. Social Innovation Fund

A new European funded Social Innovation Fund is open for applications, with a deadline for submission of **5pm on Friday 17th February 2017** the fund is open to partnerships between at least one social economy organisation and one academic/research institution. There will be future funding rounds however the number

will depend on the level of demand, number of awards made and the availability of funds. The Social Innovation Fund enables social economy organisations to work in collaboration with research institutions, the public and private sector to develop, test and scale up new ideas and solutions to tackle poverty and disadvantage. It supports a pipeline of projects following a three stage approach to social innovation.

Stage 1:

- develop new, innovative and creative ideas and solutions to social problems;
- available funding of between £30,000 to £50,000; and
- support projects for a maximum of 6 months.

Stage 2:

- test social innovation ideas/prototypes to find out if they work in practice and identify what works/what does not and why;
- available funding of between £100,000 to £150,000; and
- support projects for a maximum of 12 months.

Stage 3:

- sustaining and/or scaling up and growing social innovations that work. These will be new ideas/products/services that demonstrate real positive impact and are expected to be sustainable and 'scalable';
- available funding of between £150,000 to £250,000 to 'successful' Stage 2 projects; and
- support projects for a maximum of 12 months.

Full details including eligibility criteria and the application process are available in the following link: <https://beta.gov.scot/publications/social-innovation-fund-guidance/> The Social Innovation Fund is supported by the European Social Fund (ESF) and the Scottish Government. The Scottish Government will provide match funding 'at source'. Applicant match funded is not required as the grant is fully funded by ESF and the Scottish Government. It is delivered by the Equality, Human Rights and Third Sector Division of the Scottish Government who will act as Lead Partner for this programme.

34. ERDF Green Infrastructure Community Engagement Fund

The Green Infrastructure Community Engagement Fund is now open for applications. It is aimed at projects that will support communities to better use, develop or plan their green infrastructure. The fund is open to public sector and voluntary sector organisations. The Community Engagement Fund advises that projects must:

- Be completed by 31 December 2018
- Have eligible budgets between £50,000 – 120,000
- Will benefit an urban area of populations of more than 10,000

The intervention rate is maximum 40% in Lowland and Uplands areas or 50% in the Highlands and Islands areas. Project must demonstrate match funding. Full details about the fund including eligibility and the application process are available in the following link:

Deadline for project submission: 14th April 2017

<http://www.greeninfrastructurescotland.org.uk/green-infrastructure-community-engagement-fund>

35. Interreg North West Europe (2014 – 2020)

The fifth call for project proposals under the North-West Europe Programme 2014-2020 will open on **18th April 2017**. The Programme's mission is to produce measurable positive change in North-West Europe around three themes:

- 1. Innovation**
- 2. Low Carbon**
- 3. Resource and material efficiency**

Governmental organisations, civil society (non-profit organisations), education and knowledge institutions such as universities, intermediate bodies such as chambers of commerce or development agencies, enterprises, social enterprises and social housing providers can apply for grants of up to 60% of eligible costs. Applications must include partners from at least two different Member States in North-West Europe (Ireland, Luxembourg, Switzerland, and parts of France, Germany and the Netherlands).

Deadline for project submission: 24th May 2017

More information about the Programme can be found at <http://www.nweurope.eu/>

36. Interreg Europe (2014 – 2020)

The third call for project proposals under the INTERREG Europe Programme 2014- 2020 will open on **1st March 2017 until 30 June 2017**. The programme will fund the following four priorities:

1. **Research and Innovation**
2. **SME Competitiveness**
3. **Low Carbon Economy**
4. **Environment and resource efficiency**

Interreg Europe supports interregional cooperation projects. These are projects that involve partner policy organisations from at least three different countries in Europe who come together for three-five years to learn from each other and to address a regional policy issue of common concern. Interreg Europe co-finances **up to 85% of project activities**. Depending on the number of partners involved, duration of interregional learning etc., the average total budget of a project is expected to be €1-2 million.

Deadline for project applications: 30th June 2017 more information can be found at:

<http://www.interregeurope.eu/>

GENERAL FUNDING

37. Seafarers UK Grants Programme

Seafarers UK is a leading provider of grants to maritime charities and charitable maritime projects, working to help serving and ex-serving seafarers and their families who are experiencing hardship as well as maritime youth organisations both in the UK and Commonwealth countries. During 2017, priority will be given to projects supporting older seafarers and their dependants; working age seafarers; families and dependants of working age seafarers; and young people in maritime youth groups - for young people who may be considering a career at sea.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.seafarers.uk/helping-you/grant-funding/>

38. Call for Proposals - The Networks of Towns (UK / EU)

The European Commission has launched a new call for proposals under Networks of Towns initiative. This is part of the European Commission's new Citizens for Europe Programme. Through the Networks of Towns initiative grants are available for towns with existing town twinning links to come together in thematic networks that address issues of common concern. This Programme provides financial support for conferences and workshops that address specific themes, involving towns from four eligible countries of which one must be an EU country. These events should be the starting point for future joint initiatives between the twinned towns. The maximum grant to be awarded is €150,000. Applications are accepted from municipalities and twinning committees, local and regional governments and associations representing local authorities. A project must involve municipalities from at least 4 eligible countries of which at least one is an EU Member State and the maximum project duration is 24 months.

Deadline: 1st March 2016 http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/europe-for-citizens/funding/networks-towns-2017_en

39. Grants available for National Vegetarian Week 2017

The Vegetarian Society is making small grants available to help support National Vegetarian Week community activities and events. The grants are available to not for profit organisations in the UK (e.g. community groups, schools, and social housing schemes, etc.); vegetarian groups, local network groups and student vegetarian and vegan societies; and informal groups of friends, parents or students. Activities need to take place during National Vegetarian Week (15 to 21 May 2017) and must promote National Vegetarian Week exclusively as the primary purpose of the funded activity. The Society is accepting applications for both large and small grants this year. Small grants will be up to £200 and large grants to be up to £2,000. Large grant applications need to demonstrate how their activity will have a bigger impact.

Deadline: 26th February <http://www.nationalvegetarianweek.org/grants/>

40. Comic Relief Launches Tech vs Abuse Funding Programme

Organisations and partnerships who are working to develop technology solutions that will make a difference to people affected by domestic abuse and enable service providers to extend their reach, can apply for funding under the new Comic Relief Tech vs Abuse initiative. Grants of between £20,000 and £50,000 are being made available. The fund will support initiatives that aim to address key challenges that will enable women experiencing abuse to access key information in a way that is easy to find, simple to navigate and quick to interact with; enable access to services for support at any time of day or night; provide control over online data, privacy settings and social media accounts; create accessible information on the legal process and the financial situation women find themselves in; use the web to raise awareness of what an abusive

relationship looks like and provoke women and girls experiencing abuse to recognise this and get support. Advice days have been arranged for the 13th, 14th and 15th February with 30 minute calls or online discussions, available to book online.

Deadline: 13th March 2017 <http://www.comicrelief.com/grants/initiatives/tech-vs-abuse>

41. Funding for Projects that Help the Elderly

During this funding round grants of £1,000 will be available to registered charities that have an income of between £50,000 and £1 million for projects that relate to helping the elderly. The Trust will run four funding rounds each year with a different theme and for each funding round will give priority to projects that focus on homelessness, domestic abuse, prisoners/offenders, training/education, counselling/support and activities for those with limited access or opportunities.

Deadline: 28th February 2017 <http://austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/what-we-fund/>

HEALTH

42. Wolfson Foundation – Health and Disability Grants Programme

Through the programme, the Wolfson Foundation, makes grants of between £15,000 - £100,000 to charities for new buildings, refurbishments and equipment for a range of organisations delivering excellent care and support. The funding is focused on enhancing care, providing better opportunities and improving quality of life. Match funding is required for projects over £50,000. The Foundation has awarded over £35 million to more than 200 different organisations over the last ten years. Larger grants are given to key, strategic projects deemed ambitious and well thought-out, with a clear long-term focus. Matched funding is required for projects over £50,000. The Foundation does not provide funding for clinical care which might be considered the proper responsibility of the National Health Service (e.g. refurbishment of hospital wards or other facilities, or provision of surgical equipment). The Foundation also encourage applications from all parts of the UK, especially regions that have few alternative sources of funding.

Deadline: stage 1 applications 1st July 2017 <http://www.wolfson.org.uk/funding/health-and-disability/>

43. Second Phase of Dementia Friendly Communities Funding

In 2015 the Life Changes Trust took the step of investing £3.4 million in dementia friendly communities across Scotland. Since then we have been carefully monitoring and evaluating the progress of these geographical communities and communities of interest. The difference they can make to the lives of people with dementia and their carers is enormous. They challenge stereotypes, raise awareness and look beyond the dementia to see the person. They ensure that people remain connected to their communities, and reduce isolation and loneliness.

Deadline: 30th March 2017

<http://www.lifechangestrust.org.uk/people-affected-by-dementia/funding-opportunities>

LAND AND PROPERTY

44. Scottish Land Fund

Community led organisations in Scotland can apply for funding of between £10,000 and £1 million through the Scottish Land Fund (SLF). The funding aims to support projects both in urban and rural Scotland that will help local community development through the ownership of land and buildings. A total of £10 million is available for 2016-17. Applicants can be from one of a wide range of representative community bodies, including voluntary organisations. To apply, contact the Big Lottery Fund Scotland to discuss your idea at advicescotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk or on **0300 123 7110**. Projects that are eligible will be assigned a Scottish Land Fund Adviser from Highlands and Islands Enterprise, who will help you develop your idea and get ready to submit your application. The SLF will fund the purchase of land or land assets. Eligible organisations can also request some revenue funding to help with the cost of developing their proposal or initial running costs of their project after acquisition.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scottishlandfund>

45. Funding for the Restoration of Historic Buildings

Funding is available to restore historic buildings through the Heritage Lottery Fund's Heritage Enterprise grants programme. The programme provides grants to support not-for-profit organisations in partnership with the private sector for the restoration of unused historic building and sites. The programme provides grants where historic buildings have failed to attract enough investment because the cost of their repair has not been

commercially viable for private developers. Under the programme, two levels of grants are available: Grants of between £100,000 and under £2 million; and grants of between £2million and £5million. For grant requests of over £100,000 and under £2million decisions are made every three months. For grant requests of between £2 million and up to £5 million the next closing date for stage one applications is –

Deadline: 16th March 2017 <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/heritage-enterprise>

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

46. The Classical Association Grants

Each year the CA makes grants in the region of £60,000, mainly in the UK. The Association will consider applications for summer schools and to institutions offering extra-mural courses in Greek, Latin and classical civilisation; bursaries for teachers attending courses abroad to support their professional development, notably the British School at Athens Easter Course; and school teaching and outreach work such as Greek and Latin reading competitions, regional Greek/Roman days and school conferences; etc.

Deadline: 1st March 2017 <http://www.classicalassociation.org/grants.html>

47. Orchard Windfalls Fund 2017

The Tree Council has announced that its Orchard Windfalls Fund 2017 is open for applications. Through the Fund grants of between £100 and £700 are available to schools and community groups for the planting of apple and pear trees with the condition that children aged sixteen or under are involved in the planting or, where the trees are too large to be directly handled by them, related educational activities. This educational aspect might be during the design, planning and planting of the orchard or, in schools, it might be part of curriculum related projects that will be enhanced by the preliminary activities or the subsequent availability of fruit trees on or near to the school site. To be eligible planting must take place on publicly accessible land, usually in public or charity ownership. In addition, the School or Community Group must be able to raise 25% of planting costs.

Deadline: 31st March 2017 <http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/grants/orchard-windfalls>

SPORT FUNDING

48. Comic Relief Launches New Funding Programme to Use Sport to Empower Women and Girls

Comic Relief has launched a new funding programme to support projects that use the power of sport to empower women and girls to reach their full potential. The Levelling the Field, UK programme is a £1 million initiative and organisations working in partnership in the UK can apply for grants of between £30,000 and £250,000, over a period of between 12 and 36 months. Comic Relief will only accept applications from organisations working in partnership. The partnership must include a track record of working with women and girls, and using sport as a tool for change. There must be one lead organisation which must have at least one partner. Comic Relief are encouraging a variety of different types of projects. This could be a pilot for an innovative piece of work or the continued development of a proven piece of work. Funding is available for project delivery, research, or for a campaign.

Deadline: 16th March 2017 <http://www.comicrelief.com/grants/initiatives/levelling-the-field-uk>

YOUNG PEOPLE

49. CashBack for Communities Small Grants Scheme

CashBack for Communities Small Grants Scheme offers grants of up to £2,000 to support local youth groups to provide big opportunities for Scotland's young people.

Deadline: 1st March 2017 <http://www.cashbackforcommunities.org/>

50. The Weaver's Company Benevolent Fund

The Weaver's Company Benevolent Fund supports projects working with disadvantaged young people (aged 5 to 30 years) to ensure that they are given every possible chance to meet their full potential and to participate fully in society. The Fund also aims to help young people at risk of criminal involvement to stay out of trouble and assist in the rehabilitation of offenders, particularly young offenders both in prison and after release. Grants are usually no more than £15k per year.

Deadline: March 31st 2017 <http://www.weavers.org.uk/content/grant-application-guidelines>

51. Faiths in Scotland Community Action Fund

The Faiths in Scotland Community Action Fund (FiSCAF) is appealing for applications to its 2017 rounds of funding in partnership with the STV Appeal. For its February deadline, FiSCAF will work exclusively with local faith-based charity groups working with children and young adults. Grants of up to £5000 are available for this round. Eligible projects must:

- Identify a particular need with regards local children and/or young people up to the age of 18 and/or their families.
- Encourage the widest possible participation
- Build real and meaningful relationships with the wider community.

The following levels of funding are available:

- Major Grants of up to £15,000 are available. This may be spread over a maximum of three years, with no more than £7,500 being awarded in the first year. FiSCAF will give priority to start-up projects.
- Small Grants of between £500 and £2,000 are available to be used in one year.

Locally-based faith groups in Scotland that are registered charities with a signed and dated constitution and a bank account can apply. Groups should be tackling a particular aspect of poverty in the community, their work should be inspired by, and rooted in, faith, and they should plan to encourage the widest possible participation through their work. In addition, applicants for the Small Grants programme should have an annual income of no more than £30,000 and no more than one full-time equivalent employee.

Deadline: 10th February 2017

<http://www.faithincommunityscotland.org/faith-in-community-scotland-action-fund/our-grants/>

52. European Youth Foundation Grants

The European Youth Foundation (EYF) is an independent, international, non-governmental organisation dedicated to the positive development of children and young people. Two types of grants are available during this funding round. Grants of up to €20,000 for international youth meeting of young people or youth leaders; and grants of up to €50,000 towards an organisations / networks work programme for the following year.

Deadline: 1st April 2017 <http://www.coe.int/en/web/european-youth-foundation/who-can-apply>

53. Grow For It 2017 - Get Creative

Grow Wild is awarding £500 to young people aged 12–25 to lead projects that will raise awareness about the importance of UK native wild flowers and plants. There are two funding streams – Transform a Space and Get Creative. Applying is easy! You just need to create a short video application and send it to Grow Wild. Successful projects will be selected by a judging panel of young people, from across the UK, who have previously been involved with Grow Wild. They are looking for talented and imaginative young people aged 12 - 25 to raise awareness about the importance of UK native wild flowers and plants by using visual art, music, poetry, dance, theatre... whatever it is that you're good at! Grow Wild will be showcasing all of the Get Creative projects at a weekend takeover event in Edinburgh. This will take place at the **Summerhall** arts centre on 23 – 25 June 2017, and will be your opportunity to present or perform at an iconic arts venue. Grow Wild will pay for travel and accommodation costs in addition to the £500 grant. Grow Wild recommend you call them to discuss your ideas, particularly if you are doing a performance piece. To ask a question or discuss your project idea please get in touch with Kate on **020 8332 5445** or Catherine on **020 8332 5444** or email: growforit@growwilduk.com

Deadline: 27th February 2017

https://www.growwilduk.com/content/grow-it-2017?utm_source=Kew&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=7918965_Grow%20Wild%20January%20e-

54. Transform a Space

Grow Wild are looking for young people aged 12-15 who have a brilliant idea for transforming a communal space with native wild flowers and plants in their local area. To spread the wild flower love, projects should involve another group of people in your local area. This group should be a different age to you and your friends, such as a local primary school, residents group or community project. Think about who you already know or any new groups you'd like to get involved. Could you transform a small area that would really make a difference in people's lives? Your project can involve more than sowing and growing – be as creative as you

like. Think wild, innovative and eye catching! To ask a question or discuss your project idea please get in touch with Kate on 020 8332 5445 or Catherine on 020 8332 5444 or email: growforit@growwilduk.com

Deadline: 27th February 2017

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55. Strategic Legal Fund for Vulnerable Young Migrants

Not for profit organisations and private law firms that work with young migrants can apply for grants of up to £30,000 through the Strategic Legal Fund (SLF) for Vulnerable Young Migrants. Grants are available to undertake strategic legal work to benefit children and young people who are significantly disadvantaged by migration status. The fund will accept applications in any area of law that affects vulnerable young migrants including asylum; immigration; human rights; family law; community care; housing; education; and mental health; etc. The SLF only funds two kinds of strategic legal action. These are pre-litigation research and "third party intervention" in an existing case. The maximum grant length is 12 months, and most grants are for around six months.

Deadline: 13th March 2017 <http://strategiclegalfund.org.uk/>