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ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Expressive Arts Competition Fund 2016-17

Voluntary Action Fund (VAF) is inviting applications from schools and community-based organisations working with children aged 10 - 11 in Scotland. VAF have been asked by American Mothers to pilot this scheme for the first time outside the USA. Using a variety of mediums, we would like to invite children to explore the theme "What my mother* means to me..." * 'Mother' in this context is not gender specific and therefore could mean anyone that undertakes this role and espouses these values to the children – whether a teacher, an older brother/sister, parent, grandparent. Children may choose to work individually, in pairs or small groups to produce their chosen art. They can choose to:

- Write a 500 word essay
- Make a short film
- Use photography
- Write a poem
- Produce artwork

The fund outcome is to:

- Raise awareness of the values associated with nurturing and building the capacity of humankind
- Celebrate diversity;
- Recognise societal values;
- Enable children to come together from a diversity of areas and backgrounds.

Who can apply?

- This is an open and competitive fund for:
- Third sector organisations (voluntary organisation or community group) whose Board of Trustees or Management Committee are predominantly volunteers;
- Schools or parent councils;
- Organisations must have a bank account in their own name;

Grants of up to £400 are available to schools and third sector organisations to cover related costs e.g. tutors, sessional workers, art materials, equipment or transport. Two final exhibition events and prize-giving ceremonies will be organised by VAF. We would like fund recipients to exhibit the artwork produced and select two pieces to put forward to represent the school/organisation at the regional events in March. The children producing these pieces will be invited to attend this exhibition and celebration. A judging panel will select the final 6 winning entries. Prizes will include gift vouchers for the winning individuals/groups and a small monetary donation will be made to the school/organisation.

Deadline: 16th January 2017

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/funding-and-support/expressive-arts-competition/>

2. Five@5 for Women

FIVE@5 is a new short film programme, which will support five exciting Scottish-based women filmmakers through the production of five excellent short films, all at five minutes long. They are searching for bold aspiring filmmakers in need of some experience, or established directors looking to develop their showreel. They are offering five filmmakers a £5,000 award to experiment, be daring and showcase their talent.

Deadline: 5th January 2017 <http://www.scottishfilmtalent.com/five5-for-women-2017/>

3. Scottish Clan Event Fund

Event Scotland has announced the launch of the Scottish Clan Event Fund which is open to Clans and Clan Societies who are organising events which supplement or enhance Clan engagement in the 'Splash of Tartan' programme at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. The fund is intended to support activity taking place outside Edinburgh and Glasgow around the performance dates (4th -26th August 2017) which will enhance Clan activities in local communities and encourage more people to celebrate their clan and family heritage across Scotland. Grants are available up to a maximum of £1,500 per clan and must not exceed 50% of the total budget.

Deadline: 9th January 2017 <http://www.eventscotland.org/funding/scottish-clan-event-fund/>

4. Arts Access and Participation Fund

Through the fund grants are available for not-for-profit organisations to test, implement and develop ambitious plans to widen access to and deepen participation in the arts. Two types of grant are available to support work at different stages of development. The Access and participation 'explore and test' grants provide funding of up to £60,000 for up to two years to help test new approaches or gather evidence for the first time about approaches that have been used before; and the Access and participation 'more and better' grants provide larger grants of up

to £400,000 for up to four years to help increase the impact and effectiveness of work which has already shown promise or positive impact.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.phf.org.uk/funds/access-and-participation-fund/>

5. Museums, Galleries Scotland Purchase Fund

The Museums Galleries Scotland Purchase Fund allows accredited museums in Scotland with an annual unrestricted expenditure of less than £30,000 to apply for between £150 and £600 of funding to make small equipment purchases such as ICT, audio visual, environmental monitoring or collections care equipment. Up to 100% of the total purchase cost can be funded.

Deadline: 17th February 2017 <http://www.museumsgalleriesScotland.org.uk/funding/purchase-fund/>

6. National Events Programme

The EventScotland National Events Programme is designed to develop and enhance events taking place in Scotland – out with the major metropolitan centres of Glasgow and Edinburgh – which have the capacity to contribute to the development of domestic tourism in other towns and regions of Scotland. Funding is specifically aimed at supporting cultural and sporting events that can demonstrate sustainability and the capacity to grow and develop, and will fund only additional event elements or new event activity. The programme is open to new and existing cultural and sporting events taking place across Scotland, outside of the key metropolitan areas of Glasgow and Edinburgh. The minimum award available is £4,000 and the maximum £25,000, up to 25% of the total event budget. Events can receive up to three years of funding in total but must submit a new application for each request. EventScotland supports both new and existing events and offers financial assistance, advice and help with coordinating partners in order to maximise the potential of events and the return on investment for Scotland. Events will be assisted that can demonstrate sustainability and the capacity to grow and develop. It is a development programme, therefore, it does not provide long-term or core funding. It is designed to support additional elements or new activity specifically to help events grow.

Deadline: 3rd February 2017 <http://www.eventscotland.org/funding/national-events-programme/>

7. Historic Scotland's Organisational Support Fund

Historic Environment Scotland has announced that its Organisational Support Fund is open for applications. The Organisational Support Fund can provide financial support to organisations responsible for the operation, management or safeguarding of historic environment assets. Funding is available for the operation, management or safeguarding of historic environment assets; to assist in the delivery of defined projects/ activities; and/or to provide resilience funding where organisations are experiencing financial or organisational difficulties.

Deadline: 30th September 2017

<https://www.historicenvironment.scot/grants-and-funding/our-grants/organisational-support-fund/>

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

8. Social Business Trust

The Social Business Trust provides grants and business advice to UK-based social enterprises. Successful organisations will have the opportunity to work in partnership with Social Business Trust and its partners to use the advice and guidance offered to pursue substantial growth for further social impact. Registered charities or organisations which demonstrate a clear charitable purpose, such as a community interest company (CIC) are eligible to apply. Organisations must:

- Have annual revenues of at least £1 million or robust plans to achieve that soon, including a significant proportion of earned income (income that is not grants or donations).
- Have at least one year's audited trading accounts.
- Benefit a minimum of 1,000 people per year, directly or indirectly, from the organisation's goods or services.
- Be based predominantly in the UK, serving UK beneficiaries.

Organisations should exhibit the following:

- A robust business model.
- A proven track record.
- Ambitious growth plans.
- A willingness to change.
- A well-defined need for the support offered.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.socialbusinesstrust.org/>

9. Migrants Entrepreneurship Support Scheme

Grants are available to empower migrants and refugees to develop the skills and to get access to knowledge and support schemes that can enable them to become entrepreneurs and thus contribute to further job creation. This scheme aims to support the networking of organisations working in the field of migrant entrepreneurship while facilitating mutual learning and the exchange of experiences and good practice. The maximum grant per project will be €375,000 and the grant is limited to a maximum reimbursement rate of 90% of eligible costs. Who Can Apply: Organisations active in helping the economic and social integration of migrants, in fostering migrant entrepreneurship and/or providing support services to entrepreneurs and would-be entrepreneurs including:

- Public administrations
- Business support organizations
- Non-profit organisations and NGOs
- Educational Institutions

Deadline: 20th December 2016

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/cosme/topics/cos-migrantsent-2016-4-02.html>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

10. Woodward Charitable Trust

The Woodward Charitable Trust, which is one of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts has announced that its General Grant making programme is open for applications. Applications are welcomed from UK registered charities working addressing a wide range of social issues. This includes children and young people who are isolated, at risk of exclusion or involved in anti-social behaviour; projects that help the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners and/or ex-offenders; disadvantaged women, covering refugees, domestic violence and parenting; disability projects, which can include rehabilitation and training for people who are either physically disabled or learning disabled; arts outreach work by local groups involving disadvantaged people; and projects that promote integration and community cohesion amongst minority groups, including refugees and travellers. The fund offers grants of up to £5,000 through their small grants scheme and grants of over £5,000 through their large grants scheme.

Deadline: 16th December 2016 http://woodwardcharitabletrust.org.uk/general_applications/

11. Family Holiday Association - Holiday Grant

Through its funding programme families on a low income, that have not been on holiday for the past four years and have at least one child between three and 18 years of age can obtain financial support for a break during 2016 and 2017. The FHA can only accept applications from referring agents (such as a teacher, social worker or health visitor, etc.) and not directly from families. Holiday breaks include free accommodation, linen rental, entertainment passes and holiday insurance (subject to medical conditions). FHA may also make a contribution towards the family's holiday expenses. To be eligible families must be on a low income (household income must be less than £24,000), not be going on holiday this year and be unlikely to afford a day out.

Deadline: 31st December 2016 <http://www.familyholidayassociation.org.uk/apply-for-a-break/>

COMMUNITY FUNDING

12. Capacity Building Fund

Groups can apply for up to £500 towards the costs of a learning opportunity or training.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/cfhs-funding-opportunities/capacity-building-fund-2016-apply-online/>

13. Co-op Launches Local Community Fund

The Co-op is looking to support projects led by small, locally based organisations that benefit the local community centred around Co-op food stores and funeral homes; have the greatest possible benefit to their community; and make maximum use of the amount of funding available. Preference will be given to organisations with annual incomes of less than £1million. The fund is open to applications from registered charities, churches that are an 'excepted' charity and scout and guide groups.

Deadline: 16th December 2016 https://causes.coop.co.uk/?_ga=1.86963674.397452584.1478102284%20

14. Community-led Activity – Scotland

The Community-led Activities Fund has been established by the Big Lottery Fund Scotland as part of its mission to help communities and individuals most in need. The Big Lottery Fund Scotland has set the following three approaches as being vital to helping it achieve its mission and to address inequality in Scotland and will fund activity that embraces these approaches:

- People-led – meaningfully involving people in the development, design and delivery of the funded activity.
- Strengths-based – making the most of, and building on, the skills and experiences of people and assets within communities.
- Connected – having a good understanding of what others are doing locally, developing good working relationships and complementing and adding value to other relevant activity in the area

This Fund has been designed to support organisations deliver activity that enables:

- Everyone in the community to influence and get involved in community-led activity.
- Residents to work together to improve their well-being and become better connected.

Grants of between £10,000 and £150,000 are available. Voluntary and community organisations in Scotland that are based in the local area they serve and are run by local people are eligible to apply. Applicants must:

- Have a governing body with at least three unrelated people on it.
- Have a written governing document, such as a constitution, which clearly states that the organisation has: a social purpose; open membership; and community control.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/scotland/grants-for-community-led-activity>

15. Bank of Scotland Foundation

The aim of the Foundation's grant making is to support projects that improve and develop local communities and promote financial literacy and financial inclusion. The small grants category includes amounts between £1k and £10k, whilst the medium grants range from £10k to £25k.

Deadline: 6th January 2017 <http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/funding-programmes>

16. Funding to Build Resilient Local Economies

The Friends Provident Foundation provides financial support to projects that promote a more resilient, sustainable and fairer economic system. Support is available through the Foundation for projects that aim to transform current financial systems into an 'engine' for social benefits. The Foundation works on two levels. Systems change which aims to support work that can help to transform corporate behaviour, and to stimulate change in the current financial system; and building local economic resilience which aims to test and review local or small-scale initiatives that build economic resilience through diversity, flexibility and building capabilities. Trustees will consider applications for grants, loans, underwriting or other forms of financial support.

Deadline: 1st February 2017 <http://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/programme-overview/>

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

17. The Baring Foundation - Strengthening the Voluntary Sector

This programme supports effective use of the law and human rights based approaches by the voluntary sector in the United Kingdom to tackle discrimination and disadvantage. It is a collaboration with The Legal Education Foundation and The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation. It focuses on activity in all countries of the United Kingdom. It does not support international work.

- **training, education and capacity building** – seed funding grants of up to £30,000 over six months to two years that support organisations to understand how their objectives can be achieved through use of the law or human rights based approaches

Applications to the training, education and capacity building fund can be made through their online portal.

Deadline: 23rd January 2017 <http://baringfoundation.org.uk/applications/open-programmes/>

18. Scottish Veterans Fund Open to Applications

The Scottish Veterans Fund is provided by the Scottish Government and run in partnership with Veterans Scotland, the national charity for current and ex-Armed Forces personal. From 2017, Standard Life has offered a three-year contribution to the SVF to support employment projects for veterans in Scotland. Legally constituted

organisations in Scotland can apply for grants over a maximum period of three years to support projects under the following two strands:

- **Strand One:** General Support grants of £120,000 per annum for three years (£360,000 in total). Projects under this strand should benefit ex-Service personnel in Scotland, particularly those veterans who have encountered any disadvantage as a result of service.
- **Strand Two:** Employment grants of £80,000 per annum for three years (£240,000 in total). Projects under this strand should increase the employability of veterans.

To be eligible for funding applicants must be a legally constituted organisation and have a presence in Scotland. Applications submitted by a partnership must include a lead organisation which is based in Scotland.

Deadline: 20th January 2017 <http://www.veteransscotland.co.uk/>

ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING

19. Zero Waste Scotland

Zero Waste Scotland is inviting applications from Small and Medium sized enterprises for the local circular economy projects. Applicants can bid for funding for two separate stages:

1. to identify business opportunities locally and
2. to work to develop those opportunities with local businesses and supporting them through to full implementation.

Funding of between £20k and £1m is available.

Deadline: December 30th 2016

<http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/content/enterprise-funding-local-circular-economy-projects>

20. £4 Million Boost to Help Businesses Switch Vans and Trucks to Electric

Grants of up to £20,000 are available to businesses to switch their large trucks to electric vehicles. The Plug-In Grant Scheme was previously available to vehicles under 3.5 tonnes but is now being extended so that N2 vans (3.5 - 12 tonnes gross weight) and N3 vans (over 12 tonnes gross weight) are now eligible. The UK Government is investing an additional £4m and the scheme will be reviewed once 5,000 grants have been processed, or in March 2018, whichever is earlier. The grant amount is automatically deducted from the price of the vehicle by the dealer when it is purchased, and the dealership also completes all the necessary paperwork.

Applications are being accepted now

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/4-million-boost-to-help-businesses-switch-vans-and-trucks-to-electric>

21. Launch of Plug-in Motorcycle Grant

The Office for Low Emission Vehicles has now launched the Plug-in Motorcycle Grant to encourage uptake of zero emission motorcycles and scooters. The scheme is worth an initial £3.75 million. Vehicle manufacturers who successfully apply for their vehicle model to be eligible will receive subsidy under the scheme. The price of each vehicle to the customer will then be reduced by £1,500 or 20% of the total purchase cost (screen price), whichever is the smaller number. The grant will be deducted from the price of the vehicle at the point of sale by the dealership. For a motorcycle to qualify for the plug-in motorcycle grant scheme, manufacturers in the UK need to demonstrate that their completed vehicle:

- has type approval or individual vehicle approval; and
- meets the grant criteria.

Eligibility criteria for the plug-in motorcycle grant is as follows:

Vehicle type: The grant is only payable for eligible zero emission motorcycles and mopeds (vehicle category 'L1e, L1e-B, L3e, L3e-A1, L3e-A2 or L3e-A3 ') at their first (new) registration. Vehicles must be of a type that require the following to allow them to be used legally on UK roads:

- Registration with DVLA, driver licensing.
- The provision of insurance.
- The wearing of a protective helmet.

Vehicle Mass: Vehicles must have a mass in running order (MIRO) of at least 50kg without the traction batteries fitted.

Carbon dioxide exhaust emissions: Vehicles must emit zero grams of carbon dioxide (CO₂) per kilometre driven.

Range: Eligible mopeds must be able to travel a minimum of 30 kilometres between charges. Eligible motorcycles must be able to travel a minimum of 50 kilometres between charges.

Minimum top speed: Vehicles must be able to reach a speed of 40 kilometres per hour or more.

Battery chemistry: The vehicle must not use lead acid or silicone lead acid traction batteries.

Warranty: Vehicles must have a:

- two-year unlimited mileage vehicle warranty (guarantee); and
- three-year or 30,000km battery or fuel cell and electric drive train warranty, with the option of extending the battery warranty for an extra two years or 20,000km.

Interested applicants should note that 'drive train' means the parts that send power from the engine to the wheels, including the clutch, transmission (gear box), drive shafts, U-joints and differential.

Battery performance: Vehicles must have either a minimum five-year warranty on the battery and electric drive train as standard or extra evidence of battery performance to show reasonable performance after three years of use.

Electrical safety: Vehicles must comply with certain regulations that show that they are electrically safe.

Applicants should contact the provider directly to obtain an application pack and discuss any deadlines that may apply.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/plug-in-motorcycle-grant-eligibility/plug-in-motorcycle-grant-eligibility>

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

22. Interreg VB Atlantic Area Programme (2014-2020)

This programme is designed to foster innovation, promote resource-efficient economy, protecting the Atlantic territory against risks of nature and human origin and promoting the natural and cultural assets. The programme promotes cooperation between 38 regions from 5 EU Member States: France, Spain, Portugal, Ireland and the United Kingdom, including the outermost regions of the Canary Islands (Spain) and the Autonomous Regions of the Azores and Madeira (Portugal). The Highlands and Islands region of Argyll and Bute Council is eligible to apply to this programme and it the **second call for projects opened on 31st October**. There are four priorities under this programme which are:

1. Boosting innovation and competitiveness, accelerating smart growth
2. Fostering a resource-efficient economy, promoting the use of renewable energies
3. Strengthening a territory's resilience to risks of natural, climate and human origin
Protecting the biodiversity and promoting the cultural and natural assets of the region

Deadline for project applications: 19th December 2016

Decision: End of March/beginning April 2017

More information for this programme can be found at: <http://www.atlanticarea.eu/>

23. Interreg VB North Sea Region Programme (2014-2020)

North Sea Programme is open to applications. The programme is open to anyone in: the whole of Norway and Denmark, eastern parts of the United Kingdom, the Flemish Region of Belgium, northwest Germany, and northern and western parts of the Netherlands and the south western area of Sweden. The programme has four priority themes:

1. Thinking Growth: Supporting growth in North Sea Region economies
2. Eco-Innovation: Stimulating the green economy
3. Sustainable North Sea Region:
4. Protecting against climate change and preserving the environment Green Transport and Mobility

Deadline for project applications: 1st February 2017

24. Interreg Europe (2014 – 2020)

INTERREG Europe is one of the instruments for the implementation of the EU's Cohesion policy Third call for project proposals will open on **1st March 2017 until 30th June 2017**. The programme will fund the following four priorities:

1. Research and Innovation
2. SME Competitiveness

3. Low Carbon Economy

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/>

4. Environment and resource efficiency

GENERAL FUNDING

25. British Legion - External Grants Programme

Applications for projects supporting the following outcome themes will be prioritised:

- Employment and training
- Family support
- Homelessness and outreach
- Supporting the elderly.

Stage One applications must be completed in the first instance, with successful applicants being invited to complete a Stage Two application. Please note that the Legion is not inviting applications for multi-year funding at this time. Applications will only be considered for 'one off' payments. Continuation funding may be applied for in following years. The typical grant award is not likely to exceed £50,000 – smaller applications are encouraged.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-support/external-grants/>

26. Feminist Review Trust

The Feminist Review Trust was set up in 2001 with funding from the Feminist Review journal. Feminist Review is a peer reviewed, interdisciplinary journal setting new agendas for feminism. The journal is committed to exploring gender in its relationship to other axes of power including race, class and sexuality. Individuals and organisations in the UK and internationally can apply for grants of up to £15,000 for projects including:

- **Hard to fund** projects. Some types of projects are difficult to fund. Typically these projects have no other obvious sources of funding. This might mean, for example, that traditional academic sources are either not interested in the area or that it is an activist project or that it is too feminist for most conventional funding sources.
- **Pump priming** activities. This means that the Trust will provide a small amount of funding to help start an activity in the hope that it will then be able attract sufficient funding to continue.
- **Interventionist projects** which support feminist values. It is often difficult for projects around core feminist concerns such as abortion rights and domestic violence to find funding.
- **Training and development projects:** funding for projects which provide training in relevant areas.
- **One off events:** the Trust supported Cine25 as part of the celebrations of 25 years of Women's Studies at the University of York (UK); a seminar for the Lileth Project (a violence against women housing related project), and a workshop on the gender dimensions of Bulgarian Immigration Policy.
- **Dissemination:** the Trust will fund the production and distribution of relevant material. Too often work has had a more limited impact than it should because it was not well distributed.
- **Core funding:** the Trust realises that many groups struggle to raise core funding. The Trustees are willing to offer core funding to cover staff costs, accommodation etc.
- **Other projects:** the Trust may still support an application that does not easily fit into any of the above categories.

In 2017 and 2018, the Trust particularly welcomes applications from non-OECD countries in the following areas:

- Lesbian and transgender rights.
- Violence against women and girls.
- Disabled women and girls.

Deadline: 31st March 2017 <http://www.feminist-review-trust.com/guidelines/>

27. The Women's Fund for Scotland

The Women's fund for Scotland was established in 2002 and has since distributed almost £2million in grants to over 700 Scottish community groups and local charities run by or for women. Groups in Scotland can now apply for funding of between £500 and £5,000 for projects that support women's development, self-sufficiency and

social and economic equality. The fund is aimed at projects across Scotland that address the following themes: building skills and confidence; improving health and well-being; building social networks; moving on from violence.

Deadline: 6th January 2017 <https://www.womensfundscotland.org/>

28. Spirit of Women Changemakers Grants Programme Launches for UK

The Spirit of Women Changemakers Small Grants Programme has been created and funded by the Spirit of 2012 working in partnership with the Fawcett Society and the BE Group. Registered charities, community interest companies and social enterprises in the UK can apply. Grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 are available to fund new activity in the UK that improves the wellbeing of women and girls who are subjected to harmful gender norms and stereotypes. The funded activity must be for the benefit of women in the UK and must be a new project for the applicant organisation. The funding cannot be used for the continuation of existing activity. The grants can be used to cover staff costs, capital or support costs associated with the delivery of the project. Projects should offer creative, cultural, sporting or volunteering responses to at least one of the following two key impact goals:

- Improve women's body confidence and challenging objectification in all areas of life, including in personal relationships.
- Challenge traditional gendered caring roles and the undervaluing of care.

Projects must be completed by the end of March 2018 and meet each of the following requirements:

- The activity will contribute to social cohesion, bringing diverse groups together to engage in their communities.
- All projects must undertake to improve (and measure through agreed indicators) participants' wellbeing.
- All projects must challenge perceptions of disability. This can be through the project activity itself or through ensuring inclusion of disabled people alongside non-disabled people in the project activity.
- Activities must also have a celebratory aspect in the run up to the 2018 centenary.

The project does not have to be for women only. The funders are open to projects that work with people regardless of gender identity, and they are also open to projects that work with people of a specific gender identity on a case by case basis, depending on the justification. Groups must be able to say how the project will benefit women overall. There is a three-stage application process.

Deadline: Expressions of Interest 22nd December 2016

<http://customerexperience.be-group.technology/spiritofwomen/expressionofinterest.aspx>

29. Woman to Woman Fund Launched

Rosa the UK Fund for women and girls has launched a new £2.2 million "Women to Women" Fund. Supported using funds from the 'Tampon Tax', local women's organisations across the UK can apply for grants of up to £25,000 to support a wide range of charitable work that benefits women: from building confidence and leadership skills, tackling harassment and violence, to training in financial literacy and increasing engagement in decision-making; etc. Rosa plans to support at least 100 local grassroots women's organisations across the UK and the grants are available for groups with an income of under £100,000 per year. Rosa especially wants to support groups that work with disadvantaged communities or in disadvantaged areas. Grants can pay for core work, as well as mobilising volunteers, leadership development, communications and advocacy.

Deadline: 16th January 2016 <http://www.rosauk.org/resources/blog/woman-to-woman/>

HEALTH

30. Muscular Dystrophy UK Launches New Funding Round

Muscular Dystrophy UK has announced that the 2017 Grant Round is now open. Muscular Dystrophy UK are offering funding for PhD studentships and project grants (including shorter, proof of concept projects such as pilot studies of up to one year) that have relevance to one or more type of muscular dystrophy or a related neuromuscular condition. Grants for 3-4 year PhD studentships will be awarded. The charity will cover stipend, consumables and fees. Muscular Dystrophy UK will fund stipends up to MRC rates and consumables to a maximum of £7,000 per year. Muscular Dystrophy UK are also offering projects grants of up to £75,000 per year for up to 3 years as well as grants of up to £30,000 for shorter 1 year proof of concept projects.

Deadline: electronic submissions 13th January 2017

<http://www.musculardystrophyuk.org/app/uploads/2016/10/Grant-Round-2017-web-copy.pdf>

31. James Tudor Foundation Grant

The James Tudor Foundation makes grants, gifts and loans to small to medium sized registered charities within the United Kingdom who have been established for at least two years and that can maximise the effectiveness of its donations. The grants are for charitable purposes across six programme areas: palliative care, medical research, health education, awards and scholarship, the direct relief of sickness, overseas projects for the relief of sickness and the fulfilment of their charitable objects by other means.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.jamestudor.org.uk/our-grants1>

32. The Sodexo Foundation Stop Hunger Campaign

The SODEXHO Foundations Stop Hunger Campaign supports UK or Irish charities which help to alleviate hunger and malnutrition, promote healthy eating and lifestyles or support basic life skills such as cooking. Previous grant awards have ranged between £1,500 and £120,000, however first time applicants can only apply for a maximum of £10,000. Organisations who have previously received funding include Fare Share who redistributes surplus food destined for landfill to local charities and community groups across the UK and Focus Ireland who support homeless people in Dublin by providing hot nutritious meals.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://uk.sodexo.com/home/corporate-responsibility/stop-hunger/about-sodexo-foundation.html>

LAND AND PROPERTY

33. 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>

34. Funding to Regenerate Historic Buildings

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) which is a registered charity that promotes the conservation and regeneration of historic buildings, has announced that the next closing date for applications to its Project Development Grant scheme (up to £25,000) is the . Charities, not for profit companies, CICs, Parish and Town councils can apply for funding to assist with the costs of developing and co-ordinating a project which helps to find a sustainable use for an historic building and takes it towards the start of work on site. Applicants will be expected to cover at least 50% of the cost of the work, must have established that the end use of the building is likely to be viable and have decided to take the project forward. Applications for grants of less than £5,000 (Project Viability Grants) can be made at any time. Project Viability Grants (PVG) are to fund studies to look at potential uses for a building and at its current condition, and produce a Viability Report to a standard template. Successful completion of this will be used to judge whether applicants can then apply for the AHF's Project Development Grant funding, and can be used to secure further funding elsewhere.

Deadline: 15th February 2017 <http://ahfund.org.uk/grants>

35. Grants for Restoring Historic Buildings

Under the Historic Scotland Historic Building Repair Grants Scheme, financial help is available to owners to meet the cost of high-quality repairs using traditional materials and specialist craftsman to conserve original features in buildings of special architectural or historic interest. In return, owners must insure and maintain the building and allow some access to visitors. Financial help is available to owners in both the private and public sectors (home owners, trusts, commercial undertakings, and local authorities) to meet the cost of high-quality repairs.

Applicants must be organisations or individuals who have a legal responsibility for the repair of a historic building. You will normally need to own the building, or hold a full repairing lease, which has at least 21 years to run, or be able to demonstrate that you have an agreement to acquire the property in question. There are a number of

criteria which have to be met before an award can be considered. The building must be of sufficient outstanding architectural or historic interest; the building must be at serious risk from neglect or repair; and a need for grant for repairs to be undertaken must be demonstrated. The grants awarded range from £10,000 to £500,000.

Deadline: 31st January 2017

https://www.historicenvironment.scot/grants-and-funding/our-grants/historic-environment-repair-grant/#eligibility_tab

36. HLF Invites Applications for Final Round of Stories, Stones and Bones Fund

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) is offering the Stories, Stones and Bones grants programme as part of the Scotland-wide celebrations of the Year of History, Heritage and Archaeology (2017). Not-for-profit organisations and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations can apply for grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 for projects which support the HLF's two key outcomes:

- More people and a wider range of people will have engaged with heritage.
- People will have learnt about heritage.

The funding will give everyone the chance to explore their heritage and celebrate and share what they learn with others. The grants can be used for a number of different things, including, but not limited to:

- Paying someone to manage the project or help with the project accounts.
- Extra hours for a member of staff.
- Equipment and materials.
- Training.
- Running activities which engage people with heritage.
- Promoting the project to a wider audience.

The funding is intended to encourage people in communities across Scotland to dig deeper into their past and to find out more about their local history, customs and traditions - resulting in often complex, sometimes quirky but always fascinating stories.

Deadline: 31st January 2017

<https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/what-we-fund/community-heritage/stories-stones-and-bones>

37. National Churches Trust's Maintenance Grants Programme

The National Churches Trust, in partnership with the Pilgrim Trust, has set up this pilot programme which offers grants of between £1,000 and £2,500 to encourage churches to act on small, urgent maintenance issues and repairs to listed church buildings, as identified in a recent Quinquennial Inspection Report, condition survey or report by a gutter management contractor, and costed between £2,000 and £10,000. Proposed works must be to the main listed church building, and applicants must be able to show they have already raised 50% of the total repair costs, and to have obtained two quotes for the works. Applicants are expected to achieve at least one of the following:

- Heritage in better condition.
- Churches will be more sustainable.

Applications will be accepted from listed churches, chapels and meeting houses of any age, as long as they are open for public worship. In the case of buildings that have been closed to the public, there must be plans to reopen the building for public worship and a congregation waiting to use the building. Congregations can be of any denomination that is a member or associated member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. Unitarian buildings may also be considered. Priority will be given to Baptist and Presbyterian/Church of Scotland denominations.

Deadline: 4th January 2017 <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/>

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

38. Lord Taverners Minibuses Grant Programme

Applications will be accepted from schools/ organisations that cater for young people under the age of 25 who have a physical/ sensory/ learning disability. Please note that the Lords Taverners are unable to support schools that cater for socially disadvantaged children, or mainstream schools for children with behavioural problems. Last year the Lords Taverners, delivered 32 specially-adapted, wheelchair-accessible minibuses to schools, clubs and youth organisations across the UK. These vehicles give young people with disabilities access to new places and experiences. Lord's Taverners minibuses are based on the current Ford Transit model, with a diesel engine.

Deadline: 28th February 2017 <http://www.lordstaverners.org/minibuses>

39. Support for Environmental Outreach Education

Schools and colleges can receive up to 80% towards the costs of providing environmental outreach education for groups of disadvantaged young people through the Field Studies Council's Kids Fund. The Field Studies Council is an independent educational charity committed to raising awareness about the natural world and works through a network of residential and day Centres in the UK to provide outreach education and training. It helps disadvantaged young people to attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial. One free staff/adult place is provided for every 12 young people; additional adults pay 20% +VAT. This includes all equipment, tuition and waterproof hire costs. Food and accommodation are included for residential courses.

Deadline: 1st March 2017 <http://www.field-studies-council.org/about.aspx>

40. School Grants to Promote Physics

UK schools and colleges can apply for grants of up to £600 from the Institute of Physics for small-scale projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics. Projects linked to astronomy, space and particle physics are particularly encouraged. The types of activities supported by the grant can include running a science week activity; organising a visit to or from a working physicist; supply cover; transport; marketing and publicity; and materials/resources; etc.

Deadline: 1st February 2017 http://www.iop.org/about/grants/school/page_38824.html

41. Funding for Chemistry Clubs at Schools and Colleges

Schools and colleges can apply for grants of up to £1,000 to run chemistry activities. The funds which are made available by the Royal Society of Chemistry, are targeted at activities run at schools and colleges outside the normal science timetable. Activities should be focussed on generating interest in chemistry in all ability levels or which may provide opportunities to stretch and challenge the already able and motivated students. Applications from existing chemistry clubs looking to expand/ enhance activities would be welcome as would those from schools and colleges interested in starting a new club. An application would need to indicate how the longevity of the proposal was ensured and how best practice and experience from it might be shared within and between other (perhaps feeder) schools. The application must be made by a teacher at a primary or secondary school.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.rsc.org/Membership/Networking/InterestGroups/BMCS/education-support-group/chemistry-clubs.asp>

42. Partnership in Learning Fund

UK-German Connection an organisation dedicated to increasing contacts and understanding between young people in the UK and Germany has announced that its Partnerships in Learning funding programme is open for applications. The programme supports UK-German school partnerships to deliver educational activities in both countries, including mutual visits. Schools that provide a range of relevant and interesting activities around one focus or a range of related themes, can receive funding allowing pupils to experience intercultural learning first-hand. The maximum grant available is £5,000, which is to be shared between the participating schools to support costs such as travel and accommodation for reciprocal partner visits, project resources and joint activities. Applicants must contribute at least 25% of the overall eligible activity costs through participants' contributions and other sources of funding.

Deadline: 31st January 2017 <http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/partnershipslearning>

43. Grants to Enhance the Teaching of Mathematics

The London Mathematical Society has announced that Mathematics Teachers in the UK can apply for grants of up to £400 to attend specific one or two day conferences/events organised by professional mathematical organisations. The aim of the grant is to facilitate mathematical professional development to allow teachers in UK schools/educational institutions to develop their subject knowledge. The grant can contribute to the costs of registration for the course and a proportion of the travel and subsistence expenses of attendees. Any application for a grant under this scheme must be made by a teacher of mathematics or ITE provider based in the UK. The grants are open to teachers of mathematics from primary school to A-Level or equivalent (inclusive of STEP/AEA).

Deadline: 31st January 2017 <https://www.lms.ac.uk/grants/teacher-cpd-grants>

SPORT FUNDING

44. Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund

Local charities, community groups, schools and individuals from across the UK and Ireland are invited to apply for an award to help support sporting or leisure activities or hobbies that are beneficial to individuals or communities. This winter, five separate awards of £300 will be given out each week from 7th November 2016 until 26th February 2017. One of these awards will go to the project that has received the most public votes online each week, while the other four will be selected by a panel of judges who will judge each entry on:

- The extent to which the proposed initiative will help the local community.
- Extent of the proposed initiative's reach.
- The perceived local need for such hobbies, sporting or leisure activities.

Deadline: 26th February 2017 <https://www.galaxyhotchocolate.com/>

45. Rowing Foundation Grants Programme Re-opens for Applications

The purpose of the Foundation is to promote the participation in rowing of young people (those under 18 or still in full time education) and the disabled of all ages. The Foundation gives grants of £500-£3,000 (up to 50% of the cost of the project) to help British rowing organisations, clubs and schools whose requirements may be too small or who may be otherwise ineligible for an approach to the National Lottery or other similar sources of funds.

Deadline: 1st March 2017 <http://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk/home/>

YOUNG PEOPLE

46. Young People Leaving Care

Esmee Fairbairn have a dedicated focus on preparing young people to leave care. 10,000 young people over 16 leave care each year, a third before their 18th birthday. This is in stark contrast to the general population where 50% are still living with their parents at 24. A half of care-leavers believe they are made to do so too early and say they receive very poor preparation and support for the challenges of adult life. They too often find themselves lonely and isolated without people to turn to. Systems that are intended to help with the transition do not work as effectively as they should and the result is that care-leavers make up a hugely disproportionate percentage of people suffering mental and physical health problems, experiencing homelessness and serving prison sentences. Through their funding and non-financial support they wish to see care leavers supported by the system and by their networks to feel emotionally stable and be financially secure, ultimately making a successful transition to independence. The outcomes they want our support to achieve are:

1. Care leavers are more easily able to form healthy relationships that help them make a successful transition to adulthood
2. Young people receive a consistently high standard of statutory support that has been informed by their views

They will support work that develops long lasting, supportive relationships for young people in and leaving care,

- good practice models of how family relationships (including relationships with siblings) can be nurtured rather than broken by the care system
- development of existing non-family relationships with friends and significant adults, such as teachers, previous foster carers, sports coaches etc.
- development of practical, informal networks that allow care leavers to receive advice, make friends, reduce isolation and grasp positive opportunities
- policy and practice for looked after children that values and prioritises long lasting supportive relationships and the positive role the care system can play in nurturing and developing these relationships

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/what-we-fund/young-people-leaving-care>

47. Ironmongers Company's Grants Programme

Registered charities that work with disadvantaged children under the age of 25 can apply for funding of up to £10,000 through the Ironmongers Company's grants programme. In particular, the company wants to support projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential and educational activities that develop learning, motivation and skills.

Deadline: 31st December 2016 http://www.ironmongers.org/charity_organisations.htm

48. Youth Challenge Fund

Fund provides grants of up to £2,500 for joint thematic activities between UK and German youth groups, including a visit to Germany. The funding aims to enhance young people's international experience and intercultural awareness by supporting UK-German youth partnerships undertaking a bilateral collaborative project. At least eight young people from each participating institution/youth group must be involved in the visit and the project activity surrounding the visit. The visit must include a minimum of four full days of collaborative thematic activities. Applicants must contribute at least 25% of the overall eligible activity costs through participants' contributions and other sources of funding.

Deadline: 31st January 2017 <http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/youthchallengefund>