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ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Fusion Fund for Professional Musicians to Develop and Test New Work

Help Musicians UK (HMUK) has launched the Fusion Fund, providing financial support for professional musicians to undertake UK-based projects that develop and test new work, ideas or potential career directions through inspiring periods of collaborative research and development. HMUK is looking for collaborations that create work across art forms, creative sectors and other disciplines. Applications must be music-focused and projects should include contributions from at least one non-music discipline, for example storytellers, lighting designers, choreographers, technologists, scientists, gaming designers, theatre directors, visual artists etc. The funder is also interested in seeing applications that consider 'unusual and extraordinary spaces' to show work to new audiences. The Fusion Fund can award between £2,000 and £5,000 per application. Within the application, applicants may include costs for the following:

- Venue and rehearsal space costs
- Recording costs (live or documentation)
- Travel costs
- Fees for musicians, artists or collaborators time to allow for the project to happen
- Access costs
- Accommodation costs
- Subsistence
- Any other reasonable costs associated with the project

The fund is open to professional and emerging professional musicians of all genres and disciplines. The applicant can be a solo instrumentalist, conductor, composer, vocalist, singer songwriter or a multidisciplinary artist. HMUK can also support bands or ensembles with six members or fewer.

Deadline: 13th October 2017

<https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/current-opportunities/help-musicians-develop-fund/fusion-fund>

2. Theatres Trust Extends 'Small Grants Scheme' to 2020

The Theatres Trust, the national advisory body for theatre in the UK, has extended this funding scheme, with continued support from the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation and the Charles Michael Holloway Trust. The fund will continue to strengthen the valuable relationship between theatres and surrounding communities until 2020. The UK Theatres Small Grants Scheme offers capital grants of up to £5,000 to theatres that are run by charities and not-for-profit groups across the UK as long as the capital improvements will add value to their work in their local communities. The grants can be used for small capital projects that address urgent building repairs, improve operational viability, introduce environmental improvements, and enhance physical accessibility. Applications towards specific items within capital projects or capital projects under £250,000 will be prioritised, while technical equipment and refurbishment of soft furnishings are a low priority. To be eligible, groups must:

- Have a bona fide UK charitable or not-for-profit legal structure and provide certified or audited accounts for at least two years.

- Own or manage theatres with titles or signed leases of more than five years on buildings in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Clearly demonstrate the value that capital improvements to their theatres would make to their work with local communities.
- Show that they run a regular theatre programme of professional, community and/or amateur work presenting no less than 30 performances a year.

Applicants are advised to contact the Trust before making an application.

Deadline: 7th January 2018 <http://www.theatrust.org.uk/uk-theatres-small-grants-scheme>

3. Europa Cinemas Network

As part of the Creative Europe / MEDIA Programme of the European Union, and with the support of the Centre national du cinéma et de l'image animée (CNC), EUROPA CINEMAS intervenes in 33 countries.

EUROPA CINEMAS objective:

- To increase European programming in film theatres and to raise attendance, particularly with regard to European non-national films.
- To encourage exhibitors to develop European initiatives aimed at Young Audiences.
- To promote diversity within European programming.
- To develop a network of theatres to enable joint initiatives at a national and European level.
- To support the transition to digital projection in cinemas.

The EUROPA CINEMAS / MEDIA Network intervenes in 611 European cities and supports 1,024 cinemas totalling 2,463 screens.

Deadline: 15th September 2017

http://www.europa-cinemas.org/en/Financial-Supports/MEDIA?dm_i=FES,527LG,HJS76Z,JG93U,1

4. Museum Galleries Scotland Small Project Fund

Accredited museums in Scotland can apply for a grant of up to £5,000 and up to 75% of the cost of a small project that will help their museum develop. Any Scottish non-profit, non-Accredited organisation that holds a collection which is accessible to the public can apply for up to £1,500. Projects should demonstrate one of the following: an enterprising approach - either with an innovative way of solving a problem or involving income generation; skills development (for staff or volunteers); advocacy - helping to raise the museums profile.

Deadline: 15th September 2017 <https://www.museumgalleriesScotland.org.uk/funding/small-project-fund/>

5. FST Assistant Director Bursary

The FST Assistant Director Bursary nurtures the professional development of individual artists by supporting a directorial attachment to an established theatre company from the UK or internationally. The objective of this bursary scheme is to develop the director as a creative artist and to encourage the adoption of best practice. The Assistant Director Bursary operates as a partnership between the applicant and host Theatre Company, any submission to the programme via the application form must be jointly developed. We encourage applicants to identify and approach potential hosts independently but FST does hold a list of FST members who are, in principle, willing to host assistant directors. We also hold a list of individuals who are interested in the programme. Please note that individuals are welcome to apply with hosts that are not on this list and no priority is given to those applying with hosts identified on this list. The specific nature and responsibilities of each agreement will vary and will be negotiated between the participant and the company prior to application. There is a project specification below which outlines the key elements that we seek from potential applications. The key areas the application should demonstrate are as follows:

- Evidence of applicant's commitment to Scottish dance, opera and theatre (as appropriate)
- A clear rationale for the partnership expressing why you have chosen to work together (we expect a statement outlining this from both parties)
- A statement about why undertaking a bursary with this particular host is a clear expansion of the experience of the applicant
- Detail on how the placement will extend the assistant's knowledge of directing approaches
- A clear outline of how the host company will integrate the applicant into the creative process, guaranteeing a high quality learning experience

- An articulation of how the applicant will be supported during the placement including supervision and coaching/mentoring
- A timeline for the bursary period highlighting duration planned for key areas/tasks
- A budget indicating the total cost for the bursary.

A company and the assistant can apply to work together for a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 weeks full time equivalent. Please note that typically awards are for 6-9 weeks but applications for up to 12 weeks will be considered where there is a strong rationale for this amount of time. Weeks need not be consecutive.

Deadline: 18th September 2017

http://www.scottishtheatre.org/training-development/bursaries/assistant-director-bursary?dm_i=FES,527LG,HJS76Z,JG93V,1

6. FST Producer Placement Bursary

The Producer Placement Programme focuses on the professional development of producers and will support them to undertake a placement with established producers from the UK and internationally. Applicants may come from a range of producing backgrounds. Priority will be given to established producers, although emerging producers may apply. This programme is flexible in its structure, allowing individuals to apply for specific projects directly related to their development needs. The key areas the application should demonstrate are as follows:

- Evidence of applicant's commitment to Scottish dance, opera and theatre (as appropriate)
- A clear rationale for the partnership expressing why you have chosen to work together (we expect a statement outlining this from both parties)
- A statement about why undertaking a bursary with this particular host is a clear expansion of the experience of the applicant
- Detail on how the placement will extend the applicants knowledge of producing
- A clear outline of how the host company will integrate the applicant into the process, guaranteeing a high quality learning experience
- An articulation of how the applicant will be supported during the placement including supervision and coaching/mentoring
- A timeline for the bursary period highlighting duration planned for key areas/tasks
- A budget indicating the total cost for the bursary

The programme operates as a partnership between the applicant and host, and all applications must be jointly developed. A host can be freelance or a company and based in Scotland, the rest of the UK or working internationally. FST would be happy to accept applications for producers to carry out placements across a number of host organisations.

Deadline: 18th September 2017

http://www.scottishtheatre.org/training-development/bursaries/producer-placement-bursary?dm_i=FES,527LG,HJS76Z,JG93V,1

7. Onward International Touring

One of the key aims of Made in Scotland is to maximise the benefit for Scottish artists on the international platform that is the Fringe. As part of this, funding is available to support any work created in Scotland which attracts interest from international promoters as a result of being showcased at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe - it is not just limited to those companies which have been part of a current or previous Made in Scotland Showcase. The Made in Scotland Onward Touring fund is open to any individual or company based in Scotland which has presented a professional piece of theatre, dance or music at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe, and which, as a result, was seen by and programmed by an international presenter.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/targeted-funding/made-in-scotland>

8. Young Scot - Nurturing Talent - Time to Shine Fund

The fund aims to support young people aged 14-20 interested in developing skills in drama, dance, music, film, visual arts, literature and digital arts. Support will be provided for: artistic development (such as auditioning expenses, work shadowing, mentoring); promotion and showcasing (such as staging an exhibition, recording a demo, marketing, publishing written work); peer-to-peer delivery (such as hosting a workshop, setting up a local group). The fund is open to both groups and individuals for youth led projects.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://young.scot/time-to-shine/>

9. Launch of the Moth Poetry Prize 2017

The Moth Poetry Prize 2017 offers one of the most lucrative awards in the world for a single unpublished poem. Prizes are as follows:

- One prize of €10,000.
- Three runner-up prizes of €1,000

The Moth Poetry Prize is open worldwide to anyone over the age of 16 as long as the poem is previously unpublished. Entries must be entirely the work of the entrant. Applicants can write on any subject and there is no line limit. Entries must be in English, typed, with each entry on a new sheet.

Deadline: 31st December 2017 <http://www.themothmagazine.com/a1-page.asp?ID=8010&page=14>

10. Shorts2Features

Shorts2Features is a new development initiative which aims to support filmmakers make the transition from short films to the development of their first feature and potentially the production of a career-defining short. They are searching for 10 project teams with a feature film project and sufficient experience to be eligible for support through our First Feature Development fund. Selected teams will have the opportunity to participate in three intensive workshops designed to accelerate your move to the next level.

Deadline: 18th September 2017 <http://www.scottishfilmtalent.com/shorts2features/>

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

11. Stelios Award for Disabled People

The 2017 Stelios Award for Disabled Entrepreneurs is now open for applications, with a first prize of £30k and mentoring from Sir Stelios, alongside prizes of £10k for four other finalists.

Deadline: 6th October 2017

<https://www.leonardcheshire.org/support-and-information/life-and-work-skills-development/employment-programmes/stelios-award-for>

12. Good Ideas Academy

In the true spirit of social innovation, the 'Good Ideas Academy' attracts a wonderfully diverse range of people and projects. All are united in a vision and passion to find a better way to help society fulfil its potential. Participants range from those with a 'good clear idea' to those with emerging non-profit organisations. This year we are particularly interested in ideas that: use a creative approach to improving people's lives; have been inspired by personal experience of a particular problem or issue. But whatever your idea, if positive social impact is at its heart then we'd like to hear from you.

Deadline: 1st October 2017 <http://www.themeltingpotedinburgh.org.uk/good-ideas-academy/apply/>

13. Bridging Loans for LEADER Grants

Social Investment Scotland (SIS) is offering Local Action Groups and successful applicants delivering LEADER projects the opportunity to apply for a Bridging Loan to cover timing issues. Covering the spend and receipt period of approved grant monies, loans enable projects to proceed when the secured grant funding is being paid in arrears. Short term finance can be provided at short notice, for period of up to 2 years as loans from £10,000 to £250,000 with no security normally required. For example, Fyrish Gymnastics, Alness, a gymnastics club based in the Highlands, successfully applied for £35,000 of LEADER funding to install a specialised 'fitted floor' and received a Bridging Loan to pay for the installation up front. SIS will also consider underwriting business loans of £10,000 to £1.5M that can be used as match funding to unlock the grant.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/looking-for-investment/our-funds/>

14. The Prince's Countryside Fund

The Prince's Countryside Fund aims to create long-term positive impact on rural communities by helping the people that live and work in the countryside. Grants of up to £50,000 are available for projects that improve the prospects for family farm businesses; sustain rural communities; and to support aid delivery in emergency and building resilience. Organisations eligible to apply include Charities, Community Benefit Societies, Community Interest Companies, Companies limited by guarantee, not for profit organisations, Social Enterprises and Unincorporated Associations.

Deadline: 5th October 2017 <http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/grant-giving-programme/grant-programme>

15. Nesta Launches £50,000 Inventor Prize to Realise Innovations that will Improve Lives

Nesta's new Inventor Prize is intended to inspire and harness the potential of the UK's home-grown inventors and stimulate user-led innovation. The Prize aims to identify and support the country's best inventions that will help make people's lives better. The Prize is a thematic, and therefore it is open to projects that relate to any issue, providing the end-product has the capacity to improve lives, thereby helping to tackle a social issue affecting the UK. In November 2017, a panel of judges will select 10 finalists to each receive a grant of £5,000, coupled with bespoke mentoring to develop their products. The overall winner of the Inventor Prize will be announced in September 2018 and they will receive a £50,000 grant to realise their innovation. Two further promising products will receive runners-up prizes in the form of grants of £5,000 and £15,000. The scheme is open to individuals and small organisations based in the UK. It is targeting individual inventors, teams or companies that may struggle to otherwise access resources and support. To be eligible, entrants will need to have a working model and be able to show that their invention will help to tackle an important societal issue. The Prize will seek to:

- support the development of selected products;
- build the capacity of prize participants (inventors); and
- champion and raise the profile of the lone or small scale inventor.

Nesta is looking to support both physical and digital products that can make the lives of people in the UK better. It should be clear how the product is achieving this aim (how it tackles issues faced by people in the UK, from energy and the environment, jobs and the economy, to public health, education and ageing, for example).

Deadline: 22nd October 2017 http://www.nesta.org.uk/?gclid=CO364P3vgtYCFYg_Gwod7c0H0Q

16. Data Pitch Innovation Programme Offers Equity-free Funding for SMEs Addressing Data Challenges

Data Pitch is an EU-funded open innovation programme bringing together corporate and public-sector organisations that have data with start-ups and SMEs that work with data. The programme is comprised of a competition with several tracks, which describe challenges set by the data-provisioning organisations, and a six-month accelerator programme to help start-ups and SMEs to develop solutions that meet these challenges. The funder is inviting proposals from start-ups and SMEs from all over the EU (and associated countries) on how to address the following twelve challenges: Retail; Transport; Empowering Users Online; Smart Manufacturing; Sports & Recreation; Data Management; Lifelong Learning; Tourism; Data Analytics; Health & Wellness; and Living Open Innovation. Businesses will put forward proposals for creating high impact, innovative products and services in response to these challenges. Each challenge can be addressed via the use of one or more datasets, open, shared or closed. Applications must target one challenge only, and explain how it will address it. The programme has a total funding budget of €4.89 million for two calls; one in 2017, one in 2018. The funder expects to support around 50 companies in total. For the first cohort it expects to fund around 20-25 companies. The competition will select the best business ideas by start-ups and SMEs. These companies will receive funding, support to develop a concept into a robust and sustainable data business and a place on the Data Pitch Accelerator, commencing in February 2018. The support package comprises:

- Equity free investment of up to €100,000
- Introduction to investors
- Six month business accelerator programme with ODI and Beta-i
- Peer-networking and support via meetups in major European cities
- Access to technology and data sets, as well as training materials and webinars by Data Pitch experts.

Start-ups and SMEs from all over the EU may apply. Data Pitch can engage with any industry sector.

Deadline: 1st October 2017

<http://www.opportunitydiary.com/data-pitch-eu-funded-open-innovation-programme-2017-for-startups-smes-investment-up-to-e100000-equity-free/>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

17. Early Action System Change

The Big Lottery are inviting proposals to help make a fundamental shift towards effective early action in Scotland. An early action approach aims to build a society that prevents problems from occurring rather than one that copes with the consequences. It also means changing the systems of services and support that are in place now. The Big Lottery will make a small number of grants that help organisations come together to do this. They are interested in the overall system you want to change and the particular areas where there are opportunities to act earlier. The grants will fund change programmes that bring together people and organisations from the voluntary and public

sectors to plan for the future and collaborate to make early action central to their work. This change should fully involve the people who benefit from and participate, and those who work to deliver support and services. The Big Lottery have focused on three areas where they believe there is an opportunity to make a significant impact in the next five years. These are:

- Healthy diet and active lifestyle
- Children, young people and families
- Women and criminal justice.

You should focus on one of these three areas and tell them how your proposal will deliver change in a definable geographic area, which could be as large as a local authority or as small as a single city neighbourhood or district.

Deadline: Expressions of Interest 2nd October 2017 <https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/easc>

18. BBC Children in Need's Curiosity Fund

The £2.5 million Curiosity Fund is provided in partnership between BBC Children in Need and the Wellcome Trust in order to use the power of exciting and engaging science activities to create change for children and young people experiencing disadvantage in the UK. To be eligible for grants of up to £10,000 projects should use exciting and engaging science activities to encourage young people to be curious about the world around them and inside them, making a positive difference in their lives: building confidence and self-esteem, developing life skills and expanding horizons. For the purpose of this grant beneficiaries are deemed to be disadvantage if they have:

- An illness, experience distress, abuse or neglect.
- Any kind of disability.
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties.
- Lived or are living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

Eligible projects should not focus upon 'teaching' science in a more fun and hands-on way than children and young people might experience at school. Children and young people should have their curiosity stimulated and be empowered to ask questions that are relevant to them, by encouraging them to use their own expertise and experiences. Grant activities should take place between January 2018 and September 2018. It is anticipated that up to 20 organisations will receive a grant in the first funding round. Organisations that miss this round may be able to apply again in September 2018 when the second round is expected to open for applications. To be eligible for funding applicants should have a track record of working with disadvantaged children and young people aged up to 18. Applicants do not have to be experts in science or even have delivered science activities before to participate. Organisations that already hold grant funding from Children in Need or the Wellcome Trust are eligible for funding.

Deadline: 22nd September 2017 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5XVRLVfFH69tKhN2K5jkKqj/curiosity>

19. Development Funding of up to £30,000 for Charities and Social Enterprises

The Fore Trust is the only open-access funder in the UK offering development funding and strategic support to early-stage charities and social enterprises. The Fore will fund any UK registered charity, social enterprise or community interest company that is small (annual income less than £1m) and charitable. To apply for grants of up to £30,000, organisations must register at the start of each funding round. As numbers for each round are capped and applicants are selected on a first-come, first-serve basis, early registration is recommended. On successful registration, applicants are sent further details of the application process.

Deadline: 8th January 2018 <https://www.thefore.org/charities/>

COMMUNITY FUNDING

20. First World War: Then and Now – Community Groups and Schools Can Apply at Any Time

Grants from £3,000 to £10,000 are available for community projects that explore, conserve and share the heritage of the First World War. The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) want to fund projects that enable communities (geographic, cultural or those linked by experience or interest) to understand more about the heritage of the First World War and that make a difference for a wide range of people. In particular, HLF would like to help young people aged 11-25 to take an active part in the Centenary commemorations. The programme has a short application form and is suitable for everyone, including first-time applicants.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/first-world-war-then-and-now>

21. Funding to Promote Healthy Eating Within Low Income Communities

Through the Capacity Development Fund, organisations such as community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprises can apply for grants of up to £500 for training or learning opportunities for staff, volunteers, or management committee or board members. To be eligible the applicant organisations must already be involved in running a food and health activity, for example, a community café, cookery classes, healthy eating sessions, a fruit and vegetable stall, a food delivery scheme; and working with people in a low-income community. "Community" can mean working with a group with a common interest (such as people with a mental wellbeing issue or people affected by homelessness) or people living or working in the same area.

Deadline: 8th December 2017

<https://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/cfhs-funding-opportunities/capacity-building-fund-2017-guidance-notes/>

22. Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland Rebrands as 'Corra Foundation'

From August 2017, the Foundation will be known as the Corra Foundation. The name 'Corra' comes from Scots mythology and relates to ideas of knowledge and change. For the last three decades, the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland has contributed to improving the lives of individuals and communities across Scotland and in developing countries. Although the name has changed, the organisation itself remains the same, and the grant programmes administered by the Foundation are unaffected. The Henry Duncan Grants Programme is a general grant-making programme which supports grassroots charities working in Scotland that have an annual income of less than £500,000 and are delivering services to improve community disadvantage. These one-off grants of up to £7,000 are aimed at charities working with people who may typically be experiencing challenging family circumstances, disability, mental ill health, abuse or poverty. There is particular interest in work supporting vulnerable children and young people; isolated older people; carers; families in poverty; and people affected by disability or mental health issues.

Deadline: 25th September 2017 <https://www.corra.scot/grant-programmes/henry-duncan-grants/>

23. The Aviva Community Fund

Funding is available to voluntary and community organisations for projects that will make a real difference to local residents. The grants will support all kinds of projects providing they are causes that the community really cares about and are charitable in nature. Not-for-profit organisations and groups that are operating for the good of their local community and have been in existence for at least six months and have an income of £1 million or less can apply.

Deadline: 10th October 2017 <https://community-fund.aviva.co.uk/voting/user/aboutthecompetition>

24. Tesco New Bags for Life Scheme Continues to Fund 'Bags of Help'

Tesco is to stop selling single use carrier bags from 28th August and will replace them with a new 10p 'Bag for Life'. Community groups, will still benefit from the funding generated by sales of the new bag through the Bags of Help grant funding stream managed by Groundwork UK and Greenspace Scotland. Grants of up to £4,000 are available to Charities and community groups applying for support for local projects that improve the environment. Voluntary or community organisations (including registered charities/companies), schools, health bodies (e.g. Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs), NHS Hospital Trust, Foundation Trust), Parish/Town Councils, local authorities and social housing providers can apply at any time.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.groundwork.org.uk/Sites/tescocommunityscheme/pages/Category/boh-grant-for-project-tes>

25. Community Radio Fund to Re-Open for Applications in October (UK)

Funded by the UK Government's Administered by Ofcom, the Fund has been established to help support the core costs of running licensed community radio stations. Grants can be awarded to support: Management: Fundraising to support the station: Administration: Financial management & reporting: Community outreach and: Volunteer organisation and support. Grants can only be made to community radio licensees in the UK, who are broadcasting under a community radio licence.

Deadline: 8th November 2017

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/tv-radio-and-on-demand/information-for-industry/radio-broadcasters/community-radio-fund>

26. Funding for Projects that Address Disadvantage and Support less Popular Causes

Within the UK, the Hilden Charitable Fund makes grants to projects that address disadvantage by supporting causes which are less popular. In particular, the Fund wants to support projects that address homelessness; supports asylum seekers and refugees; supports community based initiatives for disadvantaged young people; and penal affairs. The average grant awarded is £5,000 and preference is given to supporting small community organisations with an income of less than £500,000 per year. The Trust will consider funding project as well as core running costs of organisations.

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

27. Funding for Christian Charities Promoting Social Inclusion

The Anchor Foundation provides grants of between £500 and £10,000 per year to Christian Charities that encourage social inclusion through ministries of healing and the arts. Funding can be awarded for up to three years. The Foundation will consider applications for either capital or revenue funding. Only in exceptional circumstances will grants be given for building work.

Deadline: 31st January 2018 <http://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk/information.html>

28. Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park - Community Grant

Funding is available for community-led projects that help develop thriving, vibrant and resilient communities in the National Park. Grants are available to support community-led projects that: link directly to a local Community Action Plan's priorities; take a defined step towards a larger project; support the development of a social enterprise; support the enhancement of places and public spaces within the National Park. Funding may be used for initiatives such as: contributing towards a feasibility study, options appraisal, business plan or marketing strategy; follow-up technical work after a Charrette or Community Action Plan.

Deadline: Expression of Interest 8th September 2017

<http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/how-we-can-help/funding-grants/grantscheme/community-grant-guidelines/>

29. Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park - Capacity Grant

The Capacity Grant aims to support the core running costs of your organisation and to strengthen the capacity of the volunteers and staff who run it. Examples of expenditure:

- insurance costs
- membership drives
- consultation initiatives
- promotion or marketing of Trust activities
- venue hire for Trust meetings
- printing and postage
- professional fees
- training and support for directors, volunteers or staff

The National Park Authority will not fund: statutory obligations of Community Councils, IT equipment, retrospective costs, project costs, ongoing staff salary costs, general refreshments.

Deadline: 20th October 2017

<http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/how-we-can-help/funding-grants/grantscheme/capacity/>

30. Faiths in Scotland Community Action Fund

Locally based faith groups who are registered as charities in Scotland can now apply for funding from the Faiths in Scotland Community Action Fund. The fund is operated by Faith in Community Scotland and works with local faith groups, building hope by providing grants and support in Scotland's most fragile urban and rural communities. Two grant schemes are available. The Main grant scheme which provides grants of up to £15,000 over 3 years and a Small grant scheme which provides grants of up to £750 quickly to enable a group to make the most of an unexpected opportunity. Small grant applications are accepted at any time and main grant applications are accepted three times a year.

Deadline: Main Grants 29th September 2017

<https://www.faithincommunityscotland.org/faith-in-community-scotland-action-fund/>

31. Core Strength - Local Communities

This initiative provides funding for essential core running costs for small locally led community organisations. The initiative will support groups who work to make their communities more connected, empowered and productive. The programme will support core costs only (meaning expenditure that is not connected to delivering projects)

including overheads (rent, staff, volunteers, heat/light, stationery/small equipment, internet etc.), organisational development (staff/volunteer/trustee training, business planning, marketing and communications, monitoring and evaluation).

Deadline: 4th October 2017

<https://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-grants/open-grants-initiatives/core-strength-local-communities>

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

32. Ernest Cook Trust Grants Programme

Schools, charities and not for profit organisations wishing to encourage young people's interest in the countryside; and literacy, numeracy and science can apply for funding to the Ernest Cook Trust (ECT). The Trust operates two grant making programmes. The small grants programme (under £4,000) and a large grants programme (grants in excess of £4,000).

Applications to the small grants programme may be submitted at any time, Deadline Large Grants: 31st January 2017 <http://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/>

33. UK Space Agency - Education and Outreach Programme

The UK Space Agency is making up to £140, 000 available to organisations that are seeking to run schemes that support the education and outreach aims and objectives of the UK Space Agency's education programme. The UK Space Agency's education programme provides a range of opportunities for inspiring learning and interest in UK space activities and STEM subjects in general. The programme will be awarding 2 - 4 grants to selected projects targeted at specific audiences including: Curriculum enrichment activities; Activities to promote careers in the space sector; Informal education activities and Public engagement activities. Funded projects should be completed by end March 2018 and grants can cover all types of project expenses.

Deadline: 22nd September 2017

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/announcement-of-opportunity-education-and-outreach-2017>

34. Skills and Opportunities Fund - Round 2 Opens for UK and Ireland

The Skills and Opportunities Fund was set up in 2015 by the Royal Bank of Scotland in support of organisations that help people in disadvantaged communities develop, create or access the skills and opportunities they need to help themselves, skills that will enable them to get into work or start a business, now or in the future. Projects must be able to meet the priorities set for their region and focus:

- On a disadvantaged community within the UK or Republic of Ireland
- On one or more of the following themes:
- Enterprise and entrepreneurship.
- Financial capability.

There is approximately £1.25 million available for round two. The maximum grant is £35,000 or 20% of the applicant's previous year's turnover. The upper limit of turnover is £10 million. There is no turnover restriction for schools or colleges. No more than 25% can be spend on capital costs, which are fixed one-time expense incurred on the purchase of land, building, construction and equipment. Applications will be considered from not-for-profit organisations, such as a charity, social enterprise, or community group as well as from state-funded schools and colleges. To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be based in either the UK or Republic of Ireland.
- Be able to demonstrate experience of working in and or with disadvantaged communities.
- Be able to demonstrate experience in measuring impact of the projects.
- Have a turnover of less than £10 million or be a state funded school or college, and have been trading for at least two years.
- Be able to complete the project within 18 months of the award.

Deadline: 22nd September 2017 <http://skillsandopportunitiesfund.rbs.com/apply/>

ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING

35. Funding to Use Digital Technology to Enhance the Environment

O2 has announced that grants of up to £10,000 are available to individuals and teams of UK-based young people aged between the ages of 17 and 24 that use digital technology to make a positive impact on the environment. O2 the Environment Now is funded by O2 and the National Lottery, and is part of the Our Bright Future programme.

As well as funding the programme also offers mentoring, work experience and insight days with industry professionals to help bring ideas to life. To be eligible the project must have a positive and measurable environmental impact in areas such as; energy efficiency or waste and recycling.

Deadline: 27th October 2017 <http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/start-a-project/project-application>

36. Darwin Initiative Round 24 Opens for Applications

Round 24 of the Darwin Initiative has opened for applications. The Darwin Initiative is a UK government grants scheme that helps to protect biodiversity and the natural environment in developing countries and UK Overseas Territories (OTs). Most projects will include one or more of the following elements: Building environmental knowledge; Capacity building; Research and/or Implementing international biodiversity agreements. To be eligible, organisations will have experience of managing similar projects in developing countries, be able to demonstrate financial stability and provide audited accounts. There is no specific minimum or maximum grant level.

Deadline: Stage One Applications 12th September 2017

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/darwin-initiative-applying-for-main-project-funding>

37. Launch of £500,000 Rural Energy Challenge Fund (RECF) for SMEs in Scotland

The Rural Energy Challenge Fund (RECF) has been set up to stimulate activity in Scotland's rural economy by unlocking potential for local energy projects with a strong focus on solutions suited to rural business and local economies. The scheme will support proposals focusing on low carbon, renewables and whole system projects including, but not limited to, aspects of heat, electricity, transport, and energy management and ownership.

Funding is available for short term projects only from October 2017 to March 2018. The overall scheme budget for 2017-18 is £500,000. The maximum grant award available is £150,000; however, the funder expects most awards will be for considerably less. Proposals can be projects or pilots of innovative approaches, but must include energy demand reduction and efficiency as a priority in terms of developing local, efficient energy systems. As such all applications will need to include a commitment to review what energy reduction and efficiency measures would optimise the proposed energy project. All projects must include a significant element of local ownership.

Rural businesses such as farmers, landowners, land managers, agricultural businesses, crofters and grazing committees in Scotland may apply. The business should be located in a rural area, where this is defined as settlements of fewer than 3,000 people. The project lead organisation should be a rural Scottish small or medium-sized enterprise with fewer than 250 employees.

Deadline: 20th September 2017 <http://www.localenergyscotland.org/recf>

38. Smart Energy GB in Communities – Small Grant Scheme

Regionally or locally based charities and other not-for-profit organisations that can reach and deliver support to people over the age of 65 who have no personal internet access (Smart Energy GB's priority group) can apply. Applicant organisations should be able to directly engage with people at a localised level to provide education, reassurance and direct support to help them address barriers around confidence in new smart meter technology. Awards of £500 up to £5,000 are available for projects that could involve a range of activities including: visible events within communities; training frontline workers from other organisations; or adding value by extending existing events or services. Full guidance notes and application forms are available on the website.

Deadline: 13th September 2017

<https://www.cafonline.org/charities/grantmaking/smart-energy-gb-in-communities#tab4>

39. HEEPS: Loan Scheme for Registered Social Landlords

The Scottish Government provides funding for housing associations and housing co-operatives to install energy saving improvements with the aim of progressing properties towards the required Energy Efficiency Standard for Social Housing (EESH). The fund is managed by the Energy Saving Trust. Alongside energy saving improvements, the loans can also be used to cover activities related to, or required in advance of, the installation of energy efficiency improvements such as repairs to roofs in advance of the installation of loft insulation. The loans are interest free and are available between £30,000 and £1 million. They are repayable over a maximum of 10 years. Successful applicants who go on to claim funding will be subject to an administrative fee which will be included in the monthly repayments. The administrative fee will be 0.8% of the total loan value, up to a maximum of £2,000. Applicants should ensure their installers are selected through a compliant procurement process and are Green Deal certified for the measure being installed. In the case of renewables the installer should be Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) certified and the product is MCS or Solar-Keymark certified.

Applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis subject to available funding. The work must be completed and the funds claimed by the end of February 2018.

Deadline: 29th September 2017

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/heeps/heeps-loan-scheme-registered-social-landlords>

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

40. 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.argyllandtheislandsleader.org.uk/>

The remaining dates for 2017 LEADER funding rounds can be found below:

	December
EOI Deadline	13/10/2017
Application Deadline	27/10/2017
LAG Decision Meeting	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.

41. ERDF Green Infrastructure Community Engagement Fund

The Green Infrastructure Community Engagement Fund 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:

- Are in a town or city greater than 10,000 population;
- Will benefit a deprived community (within 15% most deprived as measured by the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation); and
- Have a total project value of between £50,000 – £120,000

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: 2nd October 2017

<https://www.greeninfrastructurescotland.org.uk/community-engagement-fund>

42. ERDF Low Carbon Travel and Transport Programme

Transport Scotland and Energy Saving Trust are seeking expressions of interest for a second funding call for the Low Carbon Travel and Transport Challenge fund. The second call will launch in early October and public, community, and third sector organisations can apply for funding to facilitate delivery of active travel and low carbon transport hubs. Organisations in Highlands and Islands area of Argyll and Bute can bid for up to 70% of total eligible project costs (this ERDF intervention rate for H&I is subject to European Commission approval). The remaining project costs must be provided through match funding and projects costs can be between £250,000 and

£2million.

More information can be found here:

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

43. North West Europe Programme (2014 – 2020)

The sixth call for project proposals under the North-West Europe Programme 2014-2020 will open on **18th October 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: **11th November 2017**

Decision: **February 2018**

A workshop for applicants will take place on 5th September 2017 in Glasgow with more information found at:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/interreg-north-west-europe-applicants-workshop-tickets-35720220140?aff=es2>

Information on the Programme can be found at <http://www.nweurope.eu/>

44. ERDF Circular Economy Investment Fund for Resource Efficiency in Scotland

The Circular Economy Investment Fund is an £18 million grant funding opportunity for businesses and organisations in Scotland working in all business and social economy sectors, who are helping to create a more circular economy. Proposals are invited from small to medium-sized enterprises (fewer than 250 employees/turnover less than €50 million) and non-profit organisations. Funding is aimed at SMEs that require a minimum grant investment of £50,000 with up to £1 million available for higher value applications.

Proposals for funding will be considered for new circular economy products; development and adoption of innovative business models for new circular economy products and services; and development/uptake of innovative technologies, products and services to support a circular economy.

Applications are accepted on a first come first served basis and the fund closes 31st December 2018

More information about the fund can be found at: <http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/content/circular-economy-investment-fund-and-service>

45. Northern Periphery and Arctic Programme (2014 -2020)

The Northern Periphery and Arctic Transnational Cooperation Programme has announced its fifth call pre-announcement. The call will open for main applications on 1 October 2017. The call for preparatory project is still open and on-going. The Highlands and Islands area of Argyll and Bute is eligible under this programme and the call is open for all priority axes below: Using Innovation to Maintain and Develop Robust and Competitive Communities. Promoting Entrepreneurship to Realise the Potential of the Programme Area's Competitive Advantage Fostering Energy-Secure Communities through Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Protecting, Promoting and Developing Cultural and Natural Heritage Terms of Reference have been formulated encouraging applicants to address specific actions, target groups, and sectors.

Deadline for project submission: 28th February 2018

Decision date: 13th June 2018

More information about the Programme can be found at: <http://www.interreg-npa.eu/news/fifth-call-pre-announcement/> or by contacting the regional contact point for the Highlands and Islands

Kateryna McKinnon, Kateryna.mckinnon@hient.co.uk

GENERAL FUNDING

46. Funding for Innovation in the Circus

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: 25th September 2017 <http://www.nationalcircus.org.uk/professional-artists/labtime>

47. The Finnis Scott Foundation

Grants are available of between £500 and £10,000 to UK charities and individuals in the areas of horticulture and plant sciences, as well as fine art and art history. Funding can be used for both capital and revenue projects. Preference is given to making grants to smaller charities where the grant would have a significant impact. For grants made to individuals, the Trustees usually require a grant to be made through a sponsoring university or registered charity.

Deadline: 22nd September 2017 <http://www.finnis-scott-foundation.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/>

48. The Strathmartine Grants

The Strathmartine Trust offers grants with the primary object of supporting research and education in Scottish History. The Trustees seek applications for grants of up to £5,000 to assist with the completion of existing projects and to aid publication.

Deadline: 16th November 2017 <http://www.strathmartinetrust.org/grants.htm>

49. Sandeman Grants

The Trustees seek applications for modest grants from the Sandeman Fund which is available to assist research in the field of early medieval Scottish History, either on documentary sources which relate to the history of Scotland before 1100 AD, or in cognate fields of historical research such as place names and art and archaeology of the peoples of early Scotland (including Scots, Britons, Picts and Vikings).

Deadline: 16th November 2017 <http://www.strathmartinetrust.org/grants.htm>

50. Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust's UK Grant Programmes – December Deadlines

The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust is currently accepting application for projects involving removing problems through radical solutions, and not simply about making problems easier to live. Generally, the Trust funds work that is about addressing the root causes of problems rather than delivering services or alleviating immediate needs and recognises that change can take many years to achieve. As a result, the Trust is willing to take the long view and to take risks. Applications are accepted under the following priority areas:

1. Peace and Security to support a transition towards:
 - The use of 'soft', rather than 'hard' power as a first line of response to conflict within society and around the world.
 - The de-legitimisation of violence as a tool for responding to conflict, securing interests or projecting power.
 - A culture of human rights and non-violent problem-solving, promoted at all levels of society.
2. Power and Accountability - to support people to create a world in which power is more equally shared, and in which powerful institutions are responsive and accountable to wider society and aligned with the long-term public interest.
3. Rights and Justice - to promote racial justice and equality of opportunity as a basis for a harmonious multi-racial, multi-ethnic society in the UK.
4. Sustainable Future - to develop and promote sustainable, low-carbon alternatives to the current consumerist and growth-based paradigm.
5. Cross cutting proposals which directly relate to more than one priority are also accepted; however, this must be clearly demonstrated in the application proposal. Organisations should be undertaking work at a national level. This means work that seeks to make positive change across the UK as a whole, or across one or more of its member countries - England, Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.

Deadline: Power & Accountability, Rights & Justice, Sustainable Future and Cross Cutting 4th December 2017
Deadline: Peace & Security 10th December 2017 <https://www.jrct.org.uk/application-process>

51. 2018 Europe for Citizens Call

The Europe for Citizens Programme funds schemes and activities in which citizens can participate to promote Europe's shared history and values and foster a sense of ownership for how the Union develops. The Programme has an overall budget of €187,718,000 for the 2014-2020 period. The specific objectives of the programme are as follows:

- To raise awareness of remembrance, common history and values and the Union's aim that is to promote peace, its values and the well-being of its peoples by stimulating debate, reflection and development of networks.
- To encourage democratic and civic participation of citizens at Union level, by developing citizens' understanding of the Union policymaking-process and promoting opportunities for societal and intercultural engagement and volunteering at Union level.

Support is granted to organisations in the form of Framework Partnerships for three years (2018-2020) awarded further to this call for proposals. Under these Framework Partnerships, annual operating grants will be awarded every year, based on annual work programmes to be submitted by the organisation. The 2018 calls for grants under the European remembrance and civil society strands are now open to applications from the following organisations:

- Non-profit organisations.
- Playing an active role in the field of European citizenship as defined in their articles of association or mission statement.
- Legally established and with legal personality for at least four years (at 1 November 2017) in an eligible country.
- Ensuring transnational activity links to several countries, reaching out to local and regional audience.
- Performing their activities in eligible countries (EU Member States, Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia).

An estimated budget of €1.2 million euros is available for strand 1, an estimated €5.6 million available for strand 2.

Deadline: 18th October 2017 <http://www.europeforcitizens.ie/how-to-apply.html>

52. UK Aid Direct - Small Charities Challenge Fund

Targeting Britain's small not-for-profit organisations, the Department for International Development (DFID) funded Small Charities Challenge Fund (SCCF) will support small development groups to scale-up and increase the reach and efficiency of their projects. Grants can be implemented in any country that appears in the lowest 50 countries in the Human Development Index or in certain countries that DFID considers to be high or moderate fragility. Proposals are welcome from any sector and any not-for-profit organisation that can demonstrate they are aiming to reach the most vulnerable or marginalised and are contributing towards the Global Goals, DFID's wider strategic objectives and the goals of the UK Aid Direct fund.

Deadline: 30th September 2017

<https://www.gov.uk/international-development-funding/dfid-funded-small-charities-challenge-fund-sccf>

53. The Law Society Charity Grants

The Charity provides grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 to voluntary sector organisations whose work is related to the law and the legal profession for projects that promote human rights; provide access to justice; and provide legal education. Priority is given to projects that promote the needs of excluded, under-represented or disadvantaged groups and minorities.

Deadline: 1st December 2017 <http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/about-us/law-society-charity/apply/>

54. Grants of £50,000 Available to Support the Armed Forces Community

Grants of up to £50,000 are available to any not-for-profit or non-statutory organisation running, or planning, charitable activities in support of the Armed Forces community. Priority will be given to projects or services supporting the following outcome themes: Employment and training; Family support; Homelessness and outreach; and Supporting the elderly. Organisations successful at Stage 1 of the application process will be invited to submit a Stage 2 application.

Deadline: for Stage 1 applications 10th November 2017 <https://britishlegion.flexigrant.com/>

HEALTH

55. Life Changes Trust – Conference Bursaries

The Life Changes Trust believes it is important that conferences and seminars about dementia are attended by people living with dementia and carers. This is why the Trust has funded a number of conference places to date and has written reports on how people have benefited from being at such conferences. The Trust has decided to allocate a limited sum of money to fund conferences and other events bursaries in 2017/18. You can apply for a bursary if you live in Scotland and are:

- a person living with dementia
- an unpaid carer of a person living with dementia
- a former unpaid carer of a person living with dementia, who stopped providing unpaid care in the past 24 months.

Conferences/events taking place in the United Kingdom

We will provide a bursary for you to attend:

- as a delegate
- as a speaker
- to give a poster presentation

Conferences/events taking place in any other country

We will provide a bursary for you to attend:

- as a speaker
- to give a poster presentation

You can apply for any reasonable costs associated with attending the conference or event, including:

- conference fees
- travel
- costs for a supporter, if you have dementia. He or she MUST be able to support you throughout the conference/event.
- accommodation
- food and drink

Deadline: 6th December 2017

<http://www.lifechangestrust.org.uk/people-affected-by-dementia/funding-opportunities-0>

56. Funding for Cancer Support Groups and Individuals Affected by Cancer

The grants scheme aims to fund individuals and groups that support people affected by cancer or campaign to improve cancer care. The grants available include Start-up funds of up to £500 to support new self-help and support project for people affected by cancer; Development funds of up to £3,000 to support the ongoing activities and development of self-help and support projects for people affected by cancer; User involvement grants of up to £3,000 to encourage the involvement of people affected by cancer in the design and improvement of cancer services and Individual development grants of up to £500 to enable people affected by cancer to develop their skills and use their cancer experience to help support others affected by cancer. Applications will be accepted from individuals or groups of people affected by cancer and organisations and professionals working in partnership with people affected by cancer.

Deadline: 10th November 2017

<http://www.macmillan.org.uk/information-and-support/coping/talking-about-cancer/find-groups-and-talks-near-you/how-we-support-your-group.html>

57. Funding for Projects that Help the Elderly

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust which awards grants to registered charities in the United Kingdom has announced that the next funding round for applications will open on the 1st September 2017. Grants of £5,000 are available to registered charities for projects that relate to the Elderly. Priority given to projects working with the Elderly that focus on Homelessness; Domestic Abuse; Prisoners/Offenders; Training/Education; Counselling/Support; Refugees and Asylum Seekers; and activities for those with limited access or opportunities. To be eligible to apply, the charity must have a minimum operating income of £500,000 per year. For information on how to apply and on future funding rounds this year, please click on the link below.

Deadline: 30th September 2017 <https://austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

58. Peer to Peer Resources Awards

The Life Changes Trust believes that people living with dementia and carers in Scotland have an enormous amount of knowledge and helpful information to share with each other. This 'person with dementia to person with dementia' and 'carer to carer' support is sometimes called 'peer support'. Two examples of peer support are:

- Sensory Challenges Booklet written by people with dementia, [see here](#)
- Scottish Dementia Working Group's 'Travelling Safely with Dementia' DVD/online resource

For more examples, see <http://lifechangestrust.org.uk/projects/peer-peer-resources>

Deadline: 2nd February 2018

<http://www.lifechangestrust.org.uk/people-affected-by-dementia/funding-opportunities-0>

59. Funding to Improve Local Health and Social Care Services

The ihub, which is part of Healthcare Improvement Scotland and was established in April 2016 to support those delivering health and social care across Scotland is now accepting applications for grants of between £5,000 and £75,000 through the Improvement Fund. A total of £200,000 is available during this funding round. The Fund aims to support projects at local level that improve the quality of health and social care services in Scotland. The fund is open to public sector bodies, 'not-for-profit' organisations, social enterprises, or community interest organisations. To be eligible, the applicant organisation need to be based in Scotland and legally constituted.

Deadline: 22nd September 2017 <http://ihub.scot/improvement-fund/>

LAND AND PROPERTY

60. Wolfson/Theatres Trust Urgent Repairs Scheme Round Two Now Open

This is a capital fund that awards grants of up to £15,000 to architecturally significant theatres in need of immediate repair and maintenance which, without funding for urgent repairs, face closure. The scheme is open to all statutory listed or architecturally significant theatres that have UK charitable or not-for-profit status and that operate a year-round programme of live performance (of no less than 30 performances a year). Priority is given to projects that deliver urgent building repairs, and which can demonstrate that without such repairs the viability of the theatre and its future as a place presenting live work to audiences is at risk. Projects which are in receipt of other awards from Theatres Trust or the Wolfson Foundation are not eligible to apply to this fund.

Deadline: 16th September 2017 <http://www.theatrestrust.org.uk/how-we-help/grants-funding/urgent-repairs-scheme>

61. 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>

62. The Nationwide Foundation - Nurturing Ideas to Change the Housing System

The foundation's aim is to increase the availability of decent affordable homes available to people in need. They want to support brilliant, imaginative and different ideas about how to deliver the right sort of housing or housing support, which can tackle systemic failings in the housing system by allowing them to be trialled and tested, and then help them move through into action, influence and ultimately wide-spread implementation. The work could involve researching, testing, developing, piloting and evaluating an idea. They will accept applications from a wide range of grantees, from academics and thinktanks through to small community groups.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/apply-nurturing-ideas-change-housing-system.asp>

63. National Memorial Heritage Fund

NHMF can help buy anything which is of outstanding importance to the national heritage and either at risk or of memorial character. For example: works of fine and decorative art; museum collections; archives; manuscripts; items of transport and industrial history, historic buildings and land. In exceptional circumstances, NHMF can fund emergency repairs when a heritage asset (excluding historic buildings and structures) is at imminent risk of irreparable damage.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.nhmf.org.uk/funding>

64. LandAid Open Grant Application Round

Organisations can apply for grants for building work for the refurbishment or the creation of bed spaces for young people who are homeless, or at severe risk of homelessness. Funding of up to £75,000 will be available for full or part funding for the following types of building work: Refurbishment, conversion and extension of existing buildings - of empty properties and not-previously-empty properties; new building - using traditional methods built on site or using precision construction built off site in factories. Applicants must either own or be able to secure a minimum 8-year lease on the property or site and have a strong track record in supporting vulnerable young people. For refurbishment projects grants of up to £15,000 per bed space will be considered.

Deadline: 15th September 2017 <http://www.landaid.org/what-we-do/apply-support/apply-grant>

65. National Park Grant Scheme - Built Heritage

To qualify, your property must date from before 1919, and typically be built in stone or timber with slate or corrugated iron roofs. Fine examples of buildings from a later period may be considered in exceptional circumstances. Applications will be accepted for repairs to listed buildings and traditional buildings located across the National Park. Projects which will restore the built heritage in the heart of communities, such as village centres, will be particularly welcome. If a traditional building has been considerably altered, applications which show a commitment to restoring it to its original character will be encouraged.

Deadline: Expression of Interest 8th September 2017

<http://www.lochlomond-trossachs.org/park-authority/how-we-can-help/funding-grants/grantscheme/built-heritage-repair-grant/>

66. War Memorials Grant Scheme

The War Memorials Trust is providing grants for the repair and conservation of free-standing war memorials in England. These grants are intended to help those who are responsible for the upkeep of war memorials. The grants support the care and preservation of war memorials to a high standard, and to prevent the decay of this important part of our built heritage. Grants will normally be for up to a maximum of 75% of eligible costs, with a maximum grant of £30,000.

Deadline: 30th September 2017 <http://www.warmemorials.org/grants/>

67. Funding to Regenerate Public Parks and Cemeteries

Grants of between £100,000 and £5 million are available to regenerate public parks and cemeteries. Applications are being accepted from local authorities and not for profit organisations that own public parks and cemeteries. To be eligible applicants will need to show that the community values the park or cemetery as part of their heritage; they meet local social, economic and environmental needs; and the management actively involves local people. Applications to the Heritage Lottery Fund go through a two-round application process. This is so organisations can apply at an early stage of planning their project and get an idea of whether they're likely to receive a grant. At the first round applicants can also ask for funding to develop their project.

Deadline: 28th February 2018 <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/parks-people>

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

68. Support for Environmental Outreach Education for Disadvantaged Young People

Schools, colleges and youth groups can receive up to 80% towards the costs of providing environmental outreach education for groups of disadvantaged young people through the Field Studies Council's Kids Fund. The Field Studies Council is an independent educational charity committed to raising awareness about the natural world and works through a network of residential and day Centres in the UK to provide outreach education and training. The funding is available to help young people aged 14 - 18 (25 for those with special needs) 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 November 2017

<http://www.field-studies-council.org/about/fsc-kids-fund/applying-to-fsc-kids-fund.aspx>

69. LESS CO2: Free Energy Efficiency Training for Schools

The LESS CO2 sustainable schools programme is a free energy efficiency programme available to any UK school including council run, academy or independent schools. Funded via the Ashden Trust, the programme consists of

a series of half day workshops spread through the year, peer mentoring, expert advice and resources. Through participation in the programme, staff are empowered and equipped to make changes and improvements to their school to reduce their energy usage, save money on bills and lower their CO2 emissions. Schools work together, learning from each other in clusters of 15 schools in a suitable geographical area, attending four local workshops throughout a year. The workshops teach the school's representatives about energy saving in their buildings, how to engage with their fellow staff and students about energy, and educate them about the link between sustainability, energy use and efficiency. So far, 269 schools have benefitted from the scheme with those taking part saving on average £2,600 (and 10 tonnes of carbon) in their first year. Every school in the UK is eligible to apply by registering an interest on the LESS CO2 website at any time.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.lessco2.org.uk/>

70. Goldsmiths Grant for Teachers

Teachers and Head Teachers with a minimum of 5 years' practical school teaching experience in the UK can apply for grants of up to £3,000 to enhance their personal and professional development. In addition the Company will pay a maximum of £2,000 supply cover to the school. Grants offer the opportunity to take time out from the classroom in order to undertake an original project in the UK or abroad and can cover costs including travel, accommodation and materials. Applications will be judged on their potential to enhance a teacher's professional life and benefit his/her students on completion. Examples of projects that may be supported include comparisons of best practice in teaching and school administration at home or abroad or personal development projects e.g. creative writing, arts, science, music, languages and coaching.

Deadline: 1st December 2017 <https://www.thegoldsmiths.co.uk/charity/education/grants-teachers/>

SPORT FUNDING

71. The Legacy 14 Sporting Equality Fund is open for applications

Spirit of 2012 is delighted to be working with the Scottish Government to offer funding that will increase the number of women and girls in Scotland who participate in sport and physical activity. The Fund will support no fewer than 12 projects targeting women and girls who want to become more active through sport. Their preference is for applications from women's community-based organisations in partnership with a local or national sports-based organisation (including dance or other association whose primary purpose is to encourage physical activity). They will ask projects to report on 4 outcomes that are core to the Sporting Equality Fund:

1. More women and girls participate in sport and physical activity
2. People's personal wellbeing increases through participation (in sport and physical activity)
3. We encourage and enable the inactive to be more active
4. We encourage and enable the inactive to stay active throughout life

Please read the downloadable Information Pack carefully before filling out your application. The application form asks you to provide evidence of your ability to deliver this project based on four core competencies and the six success criteria outlined in the Information Pack. A detailed set of assessment criteria is provided at the end of the application form to support you in understanding their requirements.

Deadline: 15th September 2017

<https://www.spiritof2012trust.org.uk/legacy-14-sporting-equality-fund-open-applications>

72. Bell's Nautical Trust

The Trust makes grants to organisations engaged in maritime pursuits, especially recognised training, like Sea Cadets, Sea Scouts, Sail Training Associations and yacht and boat clubs, are welcome to apply.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.bellsnauticaltrust.com/>

73. The Rowing Foundation

The Rowing Foundation is a registered charity. Its purpose 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 to help organisations and clubs involved in on water elements of the sport of Rowing who are individually affiliated to British Rowing (other than via their governing body) and 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: 6th November 2017 <http://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk/home/>

YOUNG PEOPLE

74. Small Grants to Promote Inter Faith Events

The Interfaith Youth Trust has announced that it is making grants of up to £500 available for events organised by and for young people focussed around Inter Faith Week 2017. Grants are awarded for proposals for inter-faith activities by children and young people from Christian, Jewish, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh and other faiths and those of no formal faith in understanding and co-operation. The age range for young people is 11-25 years. Priority will be given to projects which actively involve young people in planning, running, and evaluation of the project; promote positive action i.e. young people from different backgrounds coming together to address shared problems like improving green spaces; and are run by non-statutory organisations, such as youth clubs, scout/guide groups, local voluntary and community organisations.

Deadline: 15th September 2017 http://www.ifyouthtrust.org.uk/?page_id=8

75. European Youth Foundation - Grants for International Youth Activities

European Youth Foundation (EYF) is offering grants of up to €50,000 to support the work of non-governmental youth organisations (NGOs) based in the 50 signatory countries to the European Cultural Convention (47 member states of Council of Europe plus Kazakhstan, Holy See and Belarus). Strategic priorities for the programme are decided biannually and for 2018 - 2019 these are: Access to rights: Youth participation and youth work and Inclusive and peaceful societies. Grants can cover an international one-off activity or an annual work plan. Eligible organisations can apply for a grant of €25,000 per year for up to two years work. Where a grant is awarded for 2018, the same amount will be awarded in principle for 2019, based on the validation by the EYF of an interim report after one year. NGOs wishing to apply for a grant must first be registered online.

Deadline: 1st October 2017

<https://eurodesk.eu/program/european-youth-foundation-grants-international-youth-activities>

76. Funding to Support Disadvantaged Young People

The Fund aims to help young people (aged 15 - 30) 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 £15,000 per annum, and to make sure grants of this size have an impact, the Weaver's Company will not fund large organisations. Grants are normally awarded to registered charities or organisations in the process of applying for registration. To be eligible for funding, local organisations such as those working in a village, estate or small town should normally have an income of less than £100,000. Those working across the UK should normally have an income of not more than £250,000. Grants are usually given for one year.

Deadline: 30th November 2017 <http://www.weavers.org.uk/content/grant-application-guidelines>

77. Causeway Youth Exchanges and Advance Planning Grants

The programme aims to strengthen and improve relationships between young people, and those that work with them, on the islands of Britain and Ireland. It promotes team working and joint activities and provides a valuable avenue for young people to explore their perceptions of identity and deal with issues of tolerance and diversity. The Youth Exchanges programme is for groups of young people aged 13-25 years and their youth workers/leaders. It includes the possibility of an 'Advance Planning Visit' which allows youth workers/ leaders to visit the partner group where the exchange will take place. The 'host' partner applies for both hosting and sending costs which are up to £450 for both organisations for preparation activities; 70% of actual travel costs; up to £450 for activity costs and an allowance of £21 per person per day for a maximum of 30 young people per group and their leaders.

Deadline: 4th October 2017 <http://www.causewayyouth.org/exchanges.html>