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NEWS AND UPDATES

FutureTown Design Competition 2017

The FutureTown Design Competition was launched on the 14th June this year by last year's winners Fort William Town Team, who impressed the public with a waterfront development design for their town. STP invites you to take part in the competition to win media profile for your town and a keynote slot to present your idea at the annual Towns Tea Party! The Scotsman newspaper is their media partner once again for the competition. Scotland's Towns Partnership will shortlist entries, and then the winner will be decided by a public vote held during Scotland's Towns Week, 20th – 26th November 2017. Therefore they ask you to get creative and sketch or photograph, image or written idea for a space in your town centre - this can be innovative and creative yet practical and should look to provide genuine potential for development within your town. Whether a unique bin design, building redevelopment, transport feature, or different use for public or vacant space...feel free to think outside of the box! The FutureTown Design Competition, part of [Scotland's Towns Week](#), is aimed at stimulating conversations and provoking ideas and new approaches to highlight what a possible future town could look like. We all used to live in town centres, why can't we live there again? How can town centres stimulate low carbon and sustainable living; encourage digital and enterprise promoted tourism; culture, health and well-being; deliver connectivity and economic growth and ultimately become places of opportunity and choice for all.

Deadline: 6th November 2017

http://www.scotlandstowns.org/future_town_design_comp?utm_campaign=august17roundup&utm_medium=email&utm_source=scotlandstowns

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Cultural Protection Fund Opens for Large Grants Applications

The Government has dedicated £30 million in overseas development assistance funding to support cultural heritage in conflict-affected countries between 2016 and 2020. The overarching objective of the Fund is to protect cultural heritage, creating opportunities for social and economic development through building capacity to foster, safeguard and promote cultural heritage overseas. Non-governmental organisations, charities, voluntary organisations, public sector organisations, and academic institutions based in the UK can apply. The grants are suitable for applicants working with local partners in one or more of the Fund's target countries: Afghanistan, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Iraq, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Turkey and Yemen. Cultural heritage includes many different things from the past that communities value and want to pass on to future generations.

Examples include:

- Archaeological sites and monuments.
- Collections of objects, books or documents in museums, libraries or archives.
- Historic buildings.
- Historic landscapes, gardens and parks.
- Cultural traditions such as stories, festivals, crafts, music, dance and costumes.
- Histories of people, communities, places and events.
- Heritage of languages and dialects.
- People's memories and experiences (often recorded as 'oral history')

There are two levels of funding:

- Small Grants of between £5,000 and £100,000.
- Large Grants of between £100,000 and £2 million.

Organisations are limited to a maximum of £3 million in funding from the Cultural Protection Fund from 2016-2020. This is a cumulative total representing all grants awarded for projects. There are separate application processes for small and large grants.

Deadline: EOI Large Grants 3rd November 2017

<https://www.britishcouncil.org/arts/culture-development/cultural-protection-fund>

2. Europe for Festivals, Festivals for Europe

The Creative Europe MEDIA Sub-programme encourages European audiovisual festivals taking place in countries participating in the MEDIA Sub-programme which:

- Demonstrate strong efficiency in audience development (especially toward young audiences) by implementing activities before, during or after the event including such as: year-long activities and/or decentralisation to other cities (with smaller partner festivals nationally and/or cross border) and/or any efficient outreach activities towards non-core film festival audience.
- Demonstrate a commitment to innovative actions especially in the areas of outreach and audience development using the latest digital technologies and tools such as social media and online activities in order to create a permanent community; amplify innovative approaches beyond expanding their reach (for instance cross-platform programmes etc.)
- Organise initiatives for film literacy (for example film education) in close cooperation with schools and other institutions throughout the year.
- Place strong emphasis on European films in general and especially films from countries of low audiovisual production capacity.
- Place strong emphasis on non-national European programming and geographic diversity of non-national European programming.
- Demonstrate interest to initiate and further develop collaboration and partnerships with other European film festivals across borders to increase resource efficiency including sharing of subtitling/dubbing, online viewing platforms etc.

The 2018 Support to Festivals Call is open to European entities (private companies, non-profit organisations, associations, charities, foundations, municipalities/Town Councils, etc.) established in one of the countries participating in the MEDIA Sub-programme and owned directly or by majority participation, by nationals from such countries. Only applications submitted by eligible entities organising audiovisual festivals in countries participating in the MEDIA Sub-programme will be accepted. The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects is estimated at €3.2 million. The EU financial contribution will take the form of a lump sum of between €27,000 and €75,000 according to the number of European films in the programming.

Deadline: 23rd November 2017

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/news/20161216-efe-applications-open-2017-2018_en

3. Commonwealth Writers' Prizes (Short Story Prize) - 2018 Applications Sought

The Commonwealth Foundation established the Commonwealth Writers' Prize in 1987 to encourage and reward the upsurge of new Commonwealth fiction and ensure that works of merit reach a wider audience outside their country of origin. The objectives of the prize are to promote new voices, reward achievement, encourage wider readership and greater literacy, thereby increasing appreciation of different cultures and building understanding between cultures. The prize consists of the Commonwealth Short Story Prize. This Prize enables writers to enter from countries where there is little or no publishing industry. Authors writing in languages other than English are also able to enter stories translated into English. The Prize is intended to unearth and promote the best new writing from across the Commonwealth, developing literary connections worldwide. The Short Story Prize is awarded for the best piece of unpublished short fiction (2,000-5,000 words). There will be five winners; one from each region. One regional winner will be selected as the overall winner. The overall winner of the Commonwealth Short Story Prize will receive £5,000 and the remaining four regional winners £2,500.

Deadline: 1st November 2017

<http://www.opportunitiesforafricans.com/commonwealth-short-story-prize-2018-for-unpublished-short-fiction-writers-from-the-commonwealth-15000-prize/>

4. Creative Europe Support for TV Programming of European Audiovisual Works

The Creative Europe MEDIA Sub-programme provides support for the development of European audiovisual works, in particular films and television works such as fiction, documentaries, children's and animated films, as well as interactive works such as videogames and multimedia with enhanced cross-border circulation potential. The 2018 Support for TV Programming of European Audiovisual Works Call offers funding for the following:

- Drama films (one-off or series) of a total duration of minimum 90 minutes intended primarily for the purposes of television exploitation. Sequels or second and third seasons of an existing drama series are eligible.
- Animation (one-off or series) of a total duration of minimum 24 minutes intended primarily for the purposes of television exploitation. Sequels or second, third and further seasons of an existing animation series are not eligible.
- Creative documentaries (one-off or series) of a total duration of minimum 50 minutes intended primarily for the purposes of television exploitation. Sequels second, third and further seasons of an existing documentary series are not eligible.

Applicants must be European independent audiovisual production companies that are the majority producer of the work. The total budget for the 2018 Call is €12.5 million. The broadcaster's contribution cannot exceed 70% of the total financing of the production. A minimum of 50% of the total estimated production budget must come from countries participating to the MEDIA Sub-programme and a minimum of 50% of the financing of the total estimated production budget must be guaranteed from third party sources of finance (either through direct financing or by advance rights sales. For drama and animation works the financial contribution awarded may not exceed €500,000 or 12.50% of the total eligible costs, whichever is the lower. For first and second seasons of Drama Series (co-produced by production companies from different countries participating in the MEDIA sub-programme, consisting of at least six episodes and with a total eligible production budget of minimum €10 million), an amount of maximum of €1 million or 10% of total eligible costs, whichever is the lower, can be requested. For creative documentaries, the financial contribution awarded may not exceed €300,000 or 20% of the total eligible costs whichever is the lower.

Deadline: 16th November 2017

https://ec.europa.eu/programmes/creative-europe/media/television-programming_en

5. EACEA - Cooperation Projects (New Fund)

This funding opportunity supports the delivery of cultural and creative transnational cooperation projects across any art form for a maximum duration of four years. Creative, cultural and heritage organisations working across any art form, such as visual arts, dance, theatre, literature, performance, music, heritage, architecture, design, circus, festivals, craft and fashion can apply. This includes higher education institutions, local authorities, social enterprises, charities and companies operating in the cultural and creative sectors.

Deadline: 18th January 2018

https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/creative-europe/funding/support-european-cooperation-projects-2018_en

6. EACEA - European Year of Cultural Heritage Cooperation Projects

This funding opportunity supports transnational Cooperation Projects that reflect the purpose of the 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage. Projects should reinforce a sense of belonging to a common European space and promote cultural heritage as a source of inspiration for artistic contemporary. Projects are encouraged to consider within their timeline highly visible activities in their first year to mark the 2018 European Year of Cultural Heritage.

Deadline: 22nd November 2017

<http://www.creativeeuropeuk.eu/funding-opportunities/european-year-cultural-heritage-cooperation-projects>

7. John Ellerman Foundation - Regional Museums and Galleries Fund

Funding is available to help strengthen regional museums and galleries in the UK by helping organisations to enhance and sustain curatorial development to attract a broader public. They are keen to fund work which has a legacy within and beyond the organisation, particularly applications which enable new ways of working both for established curators and those just starting out or ensure organisations are able to safeguard and advance curatorial skills through a time of development or change.

Deadline: 1st December 2017 <https://ellerman.org.uk/how-to-apply/regional-museums-and-galleries-fund>

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

8. Food Processing, Marketing and Cooperation Scheme

This scheme can provide support grant to suppliers and producers to contribute to the government's overall vision for food and drink in Scotland, which is to be a Good Food Nation, where it is second nature to produce, buy, serve and eat fresh, healthy food. Through this scheme, you can apply for:

- start-up grants for a new food processing business
- development grants for an existing food processing business

Deadline: 19th November 2017

<https://www.ruralpayments.org/publicsite/futures/topics/all-schemes/food-processing--marketing-and-co-operation/>

9. Grants4Targets Crop Science

Grants4Targets Crop Science is administered by Bayer Global; a global life science company with key competencies within the areas of healthcare and agriculture. Bayer Global works towards finding solutions to some of the most important challenges of modern times. The aim of this particular scheme is to translate research innovation into modern crop protection products suitable for meeting the future challenges of the global agricultural community. Financial and scientific support is available that will enable the exploration of new ideas for novel molecular targets towards developing innovative, new crop protection solutions for weed, pest and disease control. Applications are welcome from university researchers, other academic research institutes and start-up businesses worldwide. Two types of grants will be allocated by Bayer and will be dependent upon the molecular target, the scientific data provided and the proposal maturity. Novel targets are sought after for innovative crop protection solutions:

- Within the areas of weed, pest and disease control.
- Based upon defined molecular targets.
- Modulated by a compound.

Support grants, worth between €2,000 and €10,000, are intended for novel targets that are at very early discovery stage. Focus grants, worth between €10,000 and €50,000, are intended for more advanced proposals in order to support promising research towards a fully validated crop protection target. In addition to this, grants may be further complimented with benefits such as small molecule tool compounds, assisting technologies and further collaboration opportunities.

Deadline: 31st March 2018 <https://grants4targets.bayer.com/home/crop-science/>

10. Digital News Initiative (DNI) Innovation Fund - Fourth Round Open

The aim Digital News Initiative is to encourage a more sustainable news ecosystem and promote innovation in digital journalism; through ongoing collaboration and dialogue between the tech and news sectors. The programme focuses on three key pillars:

- **Product development:** Google and news publishers will establish a 'product working group' to enable a close, ongoing dialogue exploring product developments to increase revenue, traffic and audience engagement.
- **Supporting Innovation:** Google will support and stimulate innovation in digital news journalism over the next three years by creating an innovation fund to support and stimulate innovation in digital news journalism over the next three years.
- **Training & research:** Google will invest in new training and development resources for journalists and newsrooms across Europe, and will fund research into the changing media landscape.

The ambition and intent of the Fund is bold: to help incentivise innovation and spark new thinking, which could come from anywhere in the news ecosystem, to give news organisations - of all sizes - the space to try some new things. Google has set aside up to €150 million for that purpose, which it will make available in the form of awards over the next three years. There are three categories of funding available:

- **Prototype projects:** open to organisations - and to individuals, and to organisations comprised of one individual - that meet the eligibility criteria, and require up to €50,000 of funding over a short period of time to design and test a prototype. These projects should be very early stage, with ideas yet to be designed and assumptions yet to be tested. Google will fast-track such projects and will fund 100% of the total cost.
- **Medium projects:** open to organisations that meet the eligibility criteria and require up to €300,000 of funding. Google will accept funding requests up to 70% of the total cost of the project.

- **Large projects:** open to organisations that meet the eligibility criteria and require more than €300,000 of funding. Google will accept funding requests up to 70% of the total cost of the project. Funding is capped at €1 million.

Applications will be allocated to funding tracks according to the amount of funding requested. The funding tracks are as follows: a) up to (and including) €50,000: fast track for prototypes; b) above €50,000 up to (and including) €300,000: medium track; and c) above €300,000 up to (and including) €1 million: large track. Round 4 of the programme will be slightly different to previous rounds for Medium and Large track applicants. The funder understands that monetisation is one of the biggest challenges currently facing news publishers. For round 4 the funder wishes to incentivise creative ideas that tackle the monetisation challenge and therefore it has made monetisation a mandatory theme for all Medium and Large projects. Prototype projects do not have this requirement and remain, as in previous rounds, all about innovation. Eligible expenses include editorial costs (for example, on staff or freelance employees), asset creation cost (such as licenses), engineering costs (e.g. product development, project management, user experience design, database build and maintenance, and hosting) and marketing expenses. Note: marketing expenses will only be covered up to 20% of the total funding awarded. The Fund is open to organisations and individuals that aim to produce original journalism and to enlighten citizens with trustworthy journalistic content, whose projects focus on encouraging a more sustainable news ecosystem. Established publishers, online-only players, news start-ups, publisher consortia, national or international associations, companies and individuals are all eligible to apply. Collaborative applications with other industry players are also welcome.

Deadline: 12th October 2017 <https://digitalnewsinitiative.com/dni-fund/>

11. COSME Innovation Procurement Broker Call for Proposals Open to Applications

COSME is the EU programme for the Competitiveness of Enterprises and Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs). It runs from 2014 to 2020 with a planned budget of €2.3 billion. A Call for Proposals has been launched to support one pilot for the co-financing of one Innovation Procurement Broker to develop and implement a sustainable method for the successful facilitation of public procurement of innovation. A specific focus will be put on the broad area of topics related to environmental sustainability and energy efficiency within the European Single Market. The specific objectives of the Call are to:

- Create adequate links between public administrations, research institutions and the private sector in order to exploit the procurement potential of large buyers or other aggregators of public procurement. Here the main goal remains to create new opportunities for SMEs and/or start-ups to develop new products, services and to grow or scale up their operations.
- Develop and implement a sustainable method for the successful facilitation of public procurement of innovation within the broad area of topics related to sustainability and energy efficiency within the European Single Market.
- Support the growth and development of innovative SMEs and start-ups by making it easier for them to address public demand through participation in public procurement of innovation.
- Ensure the European dimension of the solutions to be brokered.

Applicants must be consortia formed of legal entities established in EU Member States and/or participating in the COSME programme. Types of entities that can participate in the consortium include:

- Non-profit organisations (private or public).
- Public authorities (national, regional, local).
- Universities or educational institutions.
- Research centres.
- Profit making entities.

The total budget earmarked for the co-financing of projects is €600,000 and EASME expects to fund one proposal. The grant will be limited to a maximum reimbursement rate of 90% of eligible costs. The budget can be used for all operational purposes (e.g. networking activities, engaging with stakeholders, travelling for broker's activities in meetings required for the preparation and facilitation of public procurement procedures etc.).

Deadline: 21st November 2017

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/cosme/topics/cos-linkpp-ipb-2017.html>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

12. BBC Children in Need – Small Grants Programme

Not for profit organisations such as schools; registered charities; voluntary organisations; churches; and community interest groups; etc. can apply for grants of up to £10,000 per year for up to 3 years for projects that help children and young people overcome the effects of illness, distress, abuse or neglect; disability; behavioural or psychological difficulties; and poverty and deprivation.

Deadline: 1st December 2017 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4fJVTzz5QmQx5rx0S4NVg0Q/small-grants>

13. Funding to Support Family Based Projects

Registered charities whose activities support and encourage the family to work as a cohesive unit in tackling problems that face one or more of its members can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 through the Kelly Family Charitable Trust. The fund also welcomes applications from sports and health-related charities whose activities comply with the above criteria. The Trust will consider both capital and revenue grants. The Trust is happy to support requests for core funding as well as project-based grants, and actively encourages applications from relatively new organisations to help them become established.

Deadline: 1st March 2018 <http://www.kfct.org.uk/apply.html>

14. BBC Children in Need Main Grants Programme - First 2018 Deadline

The BBC Children in Need Main Grants programme is accepting applications for large grants of over £10,000 to support projects for up to three years. Not-for-profit organisations in the UK can apply if they are supporting children and young people of 18 years and under who are experiencing disadvantage through:

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

Organisations must be working to combat this disadvantage and make a real difference to children and young people's lives. Organisations that already hold a grant from Children in Need can apply for further funding providing the current grant is coming to an end within the next 12 months. Applicants will need to be able to provide convincing evidence of the differences the grant has made to the lives of the disadvantaged children and young people the organisation has worked with.

Deadline: 16th January 2018 <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3XW7FvN20PD3xr2c1T62Xly/main-grants>

COMMUNITY FUNDING

15. Weir Charitable Trust

The aim of the Weir Charitable Trust is to support individuals, groups and charities, new or established, which are based in Scotland and provide services in Scotland. The Trust anticipates supporting charitable groups with an annual income of less than £100,000 that find difficulty in sourcing funds from traditional or mainstream funders. Although grants of up to £25,000 are available, the average grant is typically £3,500. To be eligible for funding, proposals should fall within the following five main areas:

- Health
- Culture
- Animal Welfare
- Sport
- Recreational Facilities

Applications are invited for projects and activities that improve the quality of life for people wherever they are in Scotland. There are two funding rounds per year.

Deadline: 28th February 2018 <http://weircharitabletrust.com/apply-now>

16. Financial Support to Develop Food Poverty Alliances

Applications are now open for the first round of financial support for food poverty alliances to assist them to develop their alliance, research and produce a food poverty action plan or conduct visits to other alliances. Alliances can apply for up to £10,000 (including £1,000 reserved for conducting and writing up exchange visits). Alliances must be registered with Food Power to be eligible to apply.

Deadline: 8th November 2017 <https://www.sustainweb.org/foodpower/financialsupport/>

17. Aviva Community Fund Opens for UK Entries

The Aviva Community Fund offers grant funding to voluntary and community organisations for projects that will make a real difference to local communities. Applications will be accepted from not-for-profit organisations or groups working for the good of their community, which have been in existence for at least six months and have an

income of £1 million or less. To be eligible, projects must make a positive difference to people's lives and address at least one of the following categories, which are new for 2017:

- Health and wellbeing
- Skills for life
- Inclusivity
- Community support

The Community Fund operates like a competition, and all projects will be put forward to a public vote. Applicants are, therefore, encouraged to widely promote their projects and gather as much support from their local community as possible. Projects can be entered under four levels of funding:

- Up to £1,000
- Up to £5,000
- Up to £10,000
- Up to £25,000

Groups have an increased chance of winning if an insurance broker or financial adviser submits their entry and supports them, as there is an additional set of awards especially for projects submitted by brokers and financial advisers. The public will be able to vote for their favourite projects from 24th October to 21st November 2017.

Deadline: 10th October 2017 <https://www.aviva.co.uk/good-thinking/community-fund/>

18. Scottish Government - Making Places

The 2017 to 2018 Making Places initiative encourages communities to positively and actively contribute to the development of their local places. Making Places represents a broadening of the Charrette Mainstreaming Programme to support communities at all stages of their thinking. This will provide: support for communities keen to develop their understanding of place and build their skills and confidence; grant funding to support communities to participate in and lead design events, such as workshops and charrettes; support for communities to help deliver ideas produced in previous community engagement processes. Projects coming forward to access support should be focussed on tackling inequality, and will have a clear impact on combating disadvantage through community-led and place-based working. Making Places will support a wide range of processes, events and projects to actively involve communities in discussions about the future of their place. Grant funding remains available to support delivery of charrettes but proposals for other participative design events are equally welcome.

Deadline: 13th October 2017

<https://beta.gov.scot/publications/making-places-initiative-2017-2018-prospectus-form/>

19. The Woodland Trust - Free Tree Pack

Tree packs give the opportunity to bring people together to plant trees - encouraging local wildlife, protecting our landscape against tree disease and creating wooded areas. There are thousands of free trees to give away to schools, community and youth groups. Packs are dispatched in November and March when the trees are dormant and perfect for planting.

Applications may be submitted at any time

http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/plant-trees/free-trees/?gclid=EAlaQobChMlpoyAIKix1gIVYrftCh37iwANEAYASAAEgL64vD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds

20. Scotland's Community Capacity and Resilience Fund Opens for Round 3

Scottish Council for Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) has announced that it has received further investment from the Scottish Government to support a third round of the Community Capacity and Resilience Fund. Third sector organisations with an income of less than £250,000 can apply now for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 to support their delivery of projects and activities that help mitigate the effects of welfare reform, combat social inequality, promote social inclusion and have a preventative impact in communities. For this round only, grants of up to £10,000 are being provided to pilot/test a new service/ new project which focuses on tackling the impact of welfare reform, poverty and social inequalities and develops people's ability to prevent themselves from reaching crisis point. This could be, for example, piloting a new service(s) that is not happening at present within the organisation. The delivery period is 12 months. Project activity should start from 1 December 2017 at the earliest.

Deadline: 26th October 2017 <http://www.scvo.org.uk/running-your-organisation/funding/capacity-resilience-fund/>

21. Wren - FCC Scottish Action Fund

The FCC Scottish Action Fund makes grants of between £2,000 and £50,000 to the following types of projects: Land Reclamation; Community Recycling; Public Amenities and Parks; Biodiversity; Historic Buildings. For Public Amenity, Biodiversity and Historic Buildings, projects must be within 10 miles of any landfill site or transfer station. Funding can be used for contractors, materials, capital items, small items of equipment used by volunteers and staff to deliver the project, architect or design fees up to a maximum of 5% of the WREN funding request.

Charities, parish councils, church or community organisations and voluntary groups can apply for funding as long as they are operated on a not-for-profit basis and have a formal constitution and bank account. In addition, Local Authorities can also apply.

Deadline: 22nd November 2017 <http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/fcc-scottish-action-fund>

22. Funding to Promote Social Justice, Nonviolence and Environmental Sustainability

Grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 are available to registered charities in the UK for projects that contribute to the development of a just society based on a commitment to nonviolence and environmental sustainability. Grants can be for up to three years. The Foundation also supports organisations or projects that are not UK registered charities if they can indicate a UK registered charity that is able to receive funds on their behalf. Priority will be given to small, pioneering organisations. Previous projects supported include Conflicts Forum which received a grant of £24,000 over three years to promote understanding between the Western and Muslim worlds by challenging attitudes, values and ideologies that promote conflict and Airport Watch which received a grant of £15,000 over two years to educate UK policy-makers about the dangerously unsustainable growth and levels of air freight to the environment and communities, and the influences and interests that lie behind them.

Deadline: 9th February 2018 <https://www.polden-puckham.org.uk/how-to-apply-report>

23. Sustrans Scotland - Community Links

The Aims of the Programme are to: Create infrastructure that encourages people to cycle, walk or use another active travel mode as their preferred mode of travel for everyday journeys; Meet the needs of communities – provide communities with the opportunity to shape their local environment and link the places people live in with the places they want to get to; Encourage innovation – support partner organisations in raising the standard of infrastructure for walking and cycling in Scotland; Encourage placemaking which facilitates greater use of public space and higher levels of active travel; Create an enabling environment for active travel

Deadline: 31st March 2018 <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/scotland/communities/community-links-grant-programme-0>

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

24. Scottish Government Launches £10 Million Flexible Workforce Development Fund

The Flexible Workforce Development Fund (FWDF) is part of Programme for Government, and an element of the Scottish Government's skills offer in Scotland. It is part of a wider offer of training and support that aims to provide a clear and distinctive response to the introduction of the UK Apprenticeship Levy. The purpose of the Fund is to provide employers with flexible workforce development training opportunities to support inclusive economic growth through up-skilling or re-skilling of employees. The Fund will address the issue of skills gaps and will consider the potential training needs of older workers in cases where a full apprenticeship may not be appropriate. The Scottish Government will provide £10 million to the Scottish Funding Council (SFC) for the FWDF to be made available through regional colleges and Scotland's Rural College. Scotland's employers can apply for part of this Fund to partner with colleges to deliver in-work skills training. The one-year pilot fund will focus on the up-skilling and re-skilling of existing employees of any age, with individual organisations able to apply for up to £10,000. This initiative will support the delivery of SFC's strategic outcome of greater innovation in the economy. It also supports the Scottish Government's strategic priority of high quality learning in a learning system which is connected for the learner, including learning which prepares people for the world of work and successful long-term careers, prioritising provision that meets known skills gaps in the economy.

Deadline: 15th December 2017

http://www.sfc.ac.uk/web/FILES/announcements_sfc132017/SFCAN132017-annex-e-FWDF-SG-employer-guidance.pdf

25. Training and Continuing Professional Development Fund

The Fund supports individuals, organisations and networks working outside of school settings to undertake continuing professional development. This will help to strengthen youth music for the benefit of young people in Scotland. Funding will enable improvement in the provision of youth music in Scotland with the following overarching objectives:

- Delivering youth music in a manner which develops skills and confidence.
- Developing and strengthening the youth music sector; enabling it to become more sustainable.
- Supporting services to become high quality, continually improving and efficient, providing innovative responses for people's needs.

£45,000 available is available current budget, with awards ranging between £100 and £750 for individuals and £500 and £5,000 for organisations. Applicants should be residing in Scotland, working to benefit young people and may be an individual or an organisation. Individuals should be already active in delivering youth music projects. Organisations should wish to provide training and professional development that will improve their capacity to deliver and develop music-making opportunities for young people.

Deadline: 30th March 2018

<http://scottishmusiccentre.com/development/training-and-continuing-professional-development-fund/>

26. Emerging Talent Scholarship Scheme (Scotland) - New Round Open

The Hospitality Industry Trust, known as HIT Scotland, raises funds to support and encourage excellence in the hospitality industry. Through practical support, which includes bursaries, scholarships and industry events, HIT Scotland helps those training to enter the hospitality industry and those already in it. The objectives of the Emerging Talent Scholarship Scheme are to help all people achieve their full potential and further enhance and maintain the excellent skill base within Scotland. HIT Scotland helps continuous development in the workplace. To keep employees motivated and up-to-date in key skills within the competitive world of hospitality, leisure, travel and tourism, it provides a number of scholarships that can take place locally, nationally and internationally and which offer world-class training courses and 'money can't buy' learning experiences. These scholarships are available to ambitious and talented individuals and are intended to continually update skills within the industry, enhance personal development and bring fresh ideas back to Scottish businesses to remain at the forefront of international innovations. Scholarships are available to all aspiring individuals working within Scottish hospitality (in its broadest sense) who are seeking to make a significant difference and drive aspirations in the industry.

Deadline: 24th November 2017 <http://www.hitscotland.co.uk/scholarships-bursaries/scholarships/>

ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING

27. Ashden UK Award

The Ashden Awards reward organisations in the private, public and not for profit sectors that deliver sustainable energy at the local level, and through this bring social, economic and environmental benefits. The themes for 2018 are focused on the developments required to move the UK rapidly towards a low-carbon economy. In 2018 the Ashden Awards we will make a total of up to four UK Awards. The themes for 2017 are focused on the on work to reduce and manage demand for energy. In particular, the Awards are looking for pioneering enterprises and programmes that are demonstrating achievement in any of the following areas: Sustainable buildings; Energy innovation; Clean air in towns and cities (sustainable Transport); and Facilitating energy market transformation for sustainability. The winner of each awards category will receive a prize of £10,000 as well as national media exposure.

Deadline: 7th November 2016 <https://www.ashden.org/awards/eligibility-criteria>

28. H&M's 2018 €1 Million Global Change Award to Reduce Fashion Industry's Environmental Impact

Fashion retailer H&M's Global Change Award aims to identify new ideas to reduce the environmental impact of waste and support innovative techniques in order to become more environmentally sustainable, in relation to the throwaway culture of fashion. H&M states that the fashion industry requires large amounts of natural resources, a proportion of which can be reduced, recycled, substituted or eliminated. The Award is a challenge for early-stage innovation within the fashion industry. By catalysing green, ground-breaking, bold, disruptive ideas, the aim is to protect the world's natural resources by 'closing the loop' for fashion. According to the funder, closing the loop is about finding circular approaches in the whole value chain of the industry; changing the way garments are designed, produced, shipped, bought, used and recycled. This is seen by the funder as a radical departure from the old linear "take, make, waste" production and consumption model where products and resources are designed to have more than one life. Circularity in the fashion value chain can incorporate the following:

- The circular supply chain (developing and supplying renewable and recyclable material input).
- Sharing platform (driving up utilisation rates of products).

Five winners will be chosen by an international jury and will share a grant pot of €1 million. Each winner is awarded a grant sum of between €150,000 and €300,000. In order to actualise ideas, winners will also get access to a tailor-made, one-year Innovation Accelerator, supported by Accenture and KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden. Winners will also benefit from fashion industry access to develop and test ideas, bespoke learning sessions and personal support throughout the year and global validation and recognition. The Competition is open to individuals or groups of two to five individuals from any country, eighteen years of age or older on the

day of the submission of the entry, and all institutions, domiciled in any country, and legally recognised as such in that country, in which all owners and/or leading persons are eighteen years of age or older on the day of the submission of the entry. The Global Change Award 2018 has three categories open for applications:

- **Digitalization** – Apply digital technologies such as connectivity, robotics, artificial intelligence, data, internet of things, machine learning etc. across the value chain including consumers and garments to make fashion circular.
- **Waste** – Recover resources and value lost in material, energy and information waste by turning it into materials, products or services. Or simply eliminate waste in the first place.
- **Climate positive** – Create clothes, services and manufacturing processes that are not only neutral but actually good for the environment, helping to restore and regenerate the environment when being used.

Deadline: 31st October 2017 <http://globalchangeaward.com/>

29. Funding for Projects that Promote a Better Understanding of the Environment and Countryside

UK based not for profit organisations and schools can apply for funding to the Nineveh Charitable Trust for a broad range of projects and activities that promote a better understanding of the environment and countryside, whilst facilitating improved access, education and research. Whilst the Trust does not specify a minimum or maximum grant amount that can be applied for, an analysis of previous grants would suggest a maximum of £5,000 per year for up to three years.

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

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

30. Argyll and the Islands LEADER

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

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

For details on the application process, applicants should visit <http://www.aiLEADER.org> the 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.

31. ERDF Green Infrastructure Community Engagement Fund

The Green Infrastructure Community Engagement Fund will reopen for applications in 3 August 2017. It is aimed at projects that will support communities to better use, develop or plan their green infrastructure. The fund is open to public sector and voluntary sector organisations. The Community Engagement Fund advises that projects must:

- 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: 2nd October 2017 <https://www.greeninfrastructurescotland.org.uk/community-engagement-fund>

32. 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. Projects must be completed by December 2019. More information can be found here:

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

33. North West Europe Programme (2014 – 2020)

The sixth call for project proposals under the North-West Europe Programme 2014-2020 will open on **18 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

<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/>

34. 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 2017

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

35. 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:

1. Using Innovation to Maintain And Develop Robust And Competitive Communities
2. Promoting Entrepreneurship to Realise the Potential of the Programme Area's Competitive Advantage
3. Fostering Energy-Secure Communities through Promotion of Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency
4. 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

36. Help the Homeless

Help the Homeless makes grants of up to £5,000 to small and medium sized charitable organisations (with a turnover of less than £1million) whose aim is to help homeless people return to the community and enabling them to resume a normal life. The grants are available for capital costs and examples of previously supported projects include: a grant of £3,000 to buy wardrobes to furnish bedrooms in a 12-bed hostel; a grant of £2,650 for the purchase of shelving and storage so that a breakfast project can more efficiently sort food and collate food parcels for their clients.

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

37. Corra Foundation Announce New Deadline for International Development Small Grants

The International Development Small Grants programme helps to grow the international development sector in Scotland whilst enabling them to support and develop some of the world's most vulnerable communities through local partners. The programme is administered by the Corra Foundation (formerly the Lloyds TSB Foundation in Scotland) on behalf of the Scottish Government and is intended for National Government Associations (NGOs) which may not be in a position to access funding through the Scottish Government's larger mainstream funding rounds. Funding is available for the following:

Project Grants - limited to applications focusing on the Scottish Government's current three sub-Saharan African priority countries: Malawi, Rwanda and Zambia - awards are up to a maximum of £60,000 over three years.

Projects must advance the following themes:

- Education.
- Health.
- Sustainable Economic Development.
- Civic Governance and Society.
- Food Security.
- Renewable Energy.
- Climate Change.
- Water.

Feasibility Grants / Capacity Building Grants - both streams are limited to Scottish based organisations working in countries designated as having Medium/Low Human Development on the current United Nations Human Development (UNHD) Index - awards are up to a maximum of £10,000 over one year. To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be legally constituted or have constitution in place before the end of 2017.
- Occupy premises in Scotland from where the grant will be managed.
- Provide audited/examined accounts for their most recently completed financial year.
- Only apply for grants that fit within the Scottish Government's current International Development Strategy.
- Have an annual expenditure of £20,000 or less (upper limit in each of the last two years).
- Have been in existence for at least 12 months.
- Show that the project proposal and design is based on learning from past initiatives and demonstrates that it will develop the organisations future abilities. New initiatives are also welcome. The continuation of existing projects is not eligible.

It is not possible to receive a grant from more than one stream at any time.

Deadline: 13th November 2017 <https://www.corra.scot/grant-programmes/international-small-grants/>

38. People's Trust for Endangered Species Accepting Applications for UK Mammals Grant

The People's Trust for Endangered Species (PTES) has opened its annual UK Mammals grant programme which supports the conservation of mammals in the UK. Grants of between £10,000 and £20,000 (the average grant per project is £15,000) are available for scientific research, practical habitat management work, reintroduction and monitoring programmes and educational projects. Scientific researchers and workers supporting the conservation of individual endangered species and their habitats can apply for funding under three broad themes.

- Monitoring mammals – better methods for estimating distribution and abundance, more sensitive methods for assessing population change.
- Habitats for mammals – assessing habitat suitability and connectivity, improving and restoring habitats, habitat management, habitat fragmentation, modification and loss.
- Human impacts and mitigation – climate change, habitat fragmentation, modification and loss, impact of introduced mammals and diseases, roads and other infrastructure, toxic chemicals and pollution.

Deadline: 1st November 2017 <https://ptes.org/grants/apply-grant/uk-mammals-grant-criteria/>

39. Jean Sainsbury Animal Welfare Trust (UK / International)

Charities registered in the UK and working to offer sanctuary, rehoming and rehabilitation to animals in the UK and/or internationally can apply. The maximum funding available is £35,000 and to be eligible to apply the applicant organisations should be a UK registered charity; have independently examined up to date annual accounts; and have an active re-homing and rehabilitation policy for animals taken into care. Organisations involved with conservation of wildlife, the rescue, rehabilitation and (where possible) release of animals are also eligible to apply. The funding can be used for general running costs or capital purchases.

Deadline: 15th January 2017 <http://www.jeansainsburyanimalwelfare.org.uk/policies.html>

40. Funding for Projects that Promote Human Dignity and Human Rights

The A B Charitable Trust (ABCT) awards grants to UK-registered charities that seek to promote and defend human dignity and human rights. The Trust is particularly focussed on charities supporting unpopular causes reaching the most vulnerable and marginalised in society, for example, prisoners and penal reform; migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; human rights, particularly access to justice. The Trust generally makes one-off grants to charities registered and working in the UK with annual incomes of between £150,000 and £1.5m that do not have substantial investments or surpluses. Grants range in size, with most grants awarded being in the range £10,000 to £20,000. ABCT does not normally fund charities with large national or international links.

Deadline: 1st December 2017 <http://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/application.htm>

41. Petplan Charitable Trust – Welfare Grants

All grant applications must demonstrate a direct benefit to the species supported by Petplan Ltd (i.e. dogs, cats, horses and rabbits). Grants to human charities may be considered when it can be clearly demonstrated that the grant will enhance/give support to the animals' best interest. Education is seen as an important role for the welfare arm of the Charitable Trust and requests for funding for education in animal welfare will be considered.

Deadline: 5th December 2017 <https://petplan.grantapps.net/welfare/init.pl>

42. Funding for Charities to Develop an Effective Web Presence

The Transform Foundation has announced that its Transform Foundation's 2017 Charity Website Grant Programme is open for applications. Grants of up to £18,000 are available to not for profit organisations to fund the redevelopment of their websites in order to increase their ability to raise funds; more effectively serve their beneficiaries; and raise broader awareness of their cause. A successful applicant will typically have an income of between £350,000 and £30 million (although smaller charities with ambitious plans can apply and larger charities can apply for specific campaigns). The £18,000 grant covers the bespoke strategy, design, build, training and launch of a new site and successful applicants must cover ongoing fees for the first year. Any type of non-profit organisation may apply, with successful applicants in the past including causes as diverse as community development, disability, education, theatre, mental health, hospices, national heritage, volunteering, family, children & youth, addiction, homelessness, international aid, and arts.

Applications may be submitted at any time

https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/website-grants?utm_source=Third%20Sector%20Q3

43. Funding to Help Build Fairer Economic System

The programme aims to build a more resilient, fairer and sustainable economic system. Organisations working within the UK who want to help transform financial systems into 'engines for social benefit' can apply for up to £200,000 for work lasting up to five years. These can be in the form of grants, loans, part loans or underwriting to cover capital or revenue funding, core costs or project costs. Activities funded will fit closely with the aims of the Foundation and deliver one of two key outcomes. These are "System Change" and "Local Economic Resilience". Under 'Systems change' the Foundation will be looking for strong analysis of the issues and problems to be

addressed together with effective methods of delivering policy and corporate behavioural change. Activities supported under 'Local economic resilience' will build on current technologies and approaches with funded projects focussing on building local partnerships, sharing knowledge and complimenting other local initiatives.

Deadline: 6th November 2017 <https://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/programme-overview/>

44. Funding to Projects that Promote Social Justice, Nonviolence and Environmental Sustainability (UK)

Grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 are available to registered charities in the UK for projects that contribute to the development of a just society based on a commitment to nonviolence and environmental sustainability. Grants can be for up to three years. The Foundation also supports organisations or projects that are not UK registered charities if they can indicate a UK registered charity that is able to receive funds on their behalf. Priority will be given to small, pioneering organisations. Previous projects supported include Conflicts Forum which received a grant of £24,000 over three years to promote understanding between the Western and Muslim worlds by challenging attitudes, values and ideologies that promote conflict and Airport Watch which received a grant of £15,000 over two years to educate UK policy-makers about the dangerously unsustainable growth and levels of air freight to the environment and communities, and the influences and interests that lie behind them.

Deadline: 9th February 2018

https://www.polden-puckham.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2&Itemid=35

45. SCVO - Cyber Resilience and Cyber Essentials Grants

Forty percent of charities rate their skills in cyber security as 'low' or 'very low'. The fund will test the ability of Scottish charities to achieve Cyber Essentials accreditation through a small scale grants programme to help cover the application and IT support costs needed to achieve accreditation. Grants will be prioritised for organisations who can demonstrate how achieving the grant will benefit their organisation and their service users.

Deadline: 20th October 2017 <https://digital.scvo.org.uk/evolution/cyber-resilience/apply/>

HEALTH

46. Thriving Not Just Surviving: Young Men and Mental Health

This funding programme is for vulnerable and disadvantaged men, aged between 11 and 20 years, who are experiencing mental health problems. Comic Relief are focusing on this age group as 50% of adults who experience mental health problems present symptoms in their teens. Proposals are welcome from across the UK for between £100,000 and £150,000 for up to three years' work in the UK. Comic Relief welcome applications from specialist mental health and/or youth organisations and are particularly interested in organisations that are based in the community they work in. Partnership bids are welcome. Only one proposal per applicant can be submitted.

Deadline: 13th October 2017

<http://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-grants/open-grants-initiatives/thriving-not-just-surviving-young-men-and-mental-health>

47. The Triangle Trust 1949 Trust - Development Grants (Rehabilitation)

Applications are currently being accepted for work with the rehabilitation of offenders for ex-offenders. The Development Grants are to be used to develop sustainable income sources so that the applicant organisation's income will not be reduced when the grant comes to an end. In other words, the funding is to support the development of a solid foundation for the future. For example, the grant could enable an organisation to make a step change such as diversifying its income streams or setting up a social enterprise to help it become more sustainable in the long term. Grants are available for up to £80,000 over three years with a maximum of £35,000 in the first year. The amount requested each year is expected to taper down as applicants develop other sustainable income streams. Registered charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies that are working within the UK and have a UK office are eligible to apply. The Trust particularly welcomes applications from organisations working in Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales. For this round, organisations must have a constitution whose primary purpose is to support the rehabilitation of offenders or ex-offenders.

Deadline: 2nd November 2017 <http://www.triangletrust.org.uk/what-we-fund/development-grant-criteria>

48. Funding for Research and Projects that Address Learning Disabilities

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which was established to provide both research and project funding in the area of learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability.

The Trust consider under learning disability the conditions generally referred to as severe learning difficulties, together with autism. In this area, they consider projects concerning children or adults. Projects funded include capital works for residential, nursing and respite care, and schools; employment schemes including woodwork, crafts, printing and horticulture; play schemes and play therapy schemes; day and social activities centres including building costs and running costs; support for families, including respite schemes; independent living schemes; support in the community schemes; and Snoezelen rooms. Applications will only be considered from voluntary organisations which are registered charities or are associated with a registered charity. Schools and Parent Teacher Associations and Industrial & Provident Societies can also apply. Funding in the past has ranged in value from £250 to £150,000.

Deadline for both research funding and project funding in excess of £10,000: 1st December 2017

Application for project funding for £10,000 or less can be submitted at any time

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

LAND AND PROPERTY

49. 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>

50. The National Churches Trust

The National Churches Trust offers funding for projects that are in line with its aims which are:

- To help maintain the UK's heritage of church buildings and to enhance their ability to serve local communities.
- To promote the benefit to communities of church buildings and to inspire everyone to value and enjoy them.

Applications are currently being accepted to the following grants programme:

- **Community Grants** of between £5,000 and £20,000 for projects that have an estimated cost of at least £25,000 (including VAT and fees). The grants are for projects which introduce facilities to enable increased community use of places of worship. All types of community projects will be considered, but should include toilets or catering facilities.
- **Repair Grants** of between £5,000 and £40,000 to help with the cost of urgent and essential structural repair projects with estimated costs of at least £100,000 (including VAT and fees).

In addition there are micro grants of £2,000 for churches awarded a National Churches Trust Community Grant to set up a social action project that meets the needs of local people. Churches, chapels and meeting houses in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland that are open for worship and which are part of a denomination belonging to Churches Together in Britain and Ireland are eligible to apply. Applications from both listed and unlisted places of worship are welcomed. Priority will be given to Baptist and Presbyterian/Church of Scotland denominations as well as to projects in North East England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Deadline: 30th October 2017 <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/choosetherightgrant>

51. ChurchCare - Grants for Fabric Repairs

Churchcare has announced that grants are now available for Fabric Repairs to Grade I or Grade II* churches towards the costs of Category A or B recommendations in a quinquennial inspection report. Applications are considered on the grounds of the historic and architectural significance of the building, the essential nature of the work required, the ability of the parish to contribute financially to the project and on a parish's engagement with the history and interpretation of the site/building. If offered, grants are available for 12 months from the date of the award, so parishes need to consider carefully when to submit an application so that they may benefit from the

funding while work is in progress. 50% of the required funding needs to have been secured as 'cash in the bank' or pledges at the point of application.

Deadline: 29th January 2018 <http://www.churchcare.co.uk/churches/funding-and-grants/our-grants/fabric-repairs>

52. The William and Jane Morris Fund

The fund accepts applications from churches, chapels and other places of worship built before 1896. The Fund offers grants of between £500 - £3,000 towards work concerned with the conservation of decorative features such as: Stained glass windows; Sculpture; Furniture; Internal monuments and tombs; Wall paintings; etc. The decorative feature, monument, etc. must be dated before 1896 (the date of William Morris's death). Applications for features dated after 1896, even if they are in churches dated before 1896, are not eligible.

Deadline: 31st March 2018 <https://www.sal.org.uk/grants/morris-fund-conservation-grants/>

53. Quaker Housing Trust Announces Next Application Deadline

Grants and interest free loans are available to small registered charities for housing projects that cater for people with special needs. This can include people with mental & physical health problems; learning difficulties; people who would otherwise be homeless; and women escaping domestic violence; etc. The grants and loans available as one-off funding for capital items and include buying, building, converting, renovating or refurbishing property; expanding an existing housing project; making a housing project 'greener'; and smaller practical things which turn a house into a home.

Deadline: 20th October 2017 <http://www.qht.org.uk/>

54. Funding for Heritage Projects

Grants of over £100,000 are available to support a wide variety of larger heritage projects. The funding which is being made available through the Heritage Lottery Fund's Heritage Grant Scheme is available to not-for-profit organisations; and partnerships led by not-for-profit organisations for any project relating to national, regional and local heritage. This can include archaeological digs, preserve a historic places of worship, helping people learn long-lost traditional skills, look after rare species and habitats, etc. Heritage Grants applications go through a two-round process. This is so that organisations can apply at an early stage of planning their project and get an idea of whether they have a good chance of getting a grant before they send a proposal in greater detail.

Deadline: 7th December 2017 <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/heritage-grants>

55. Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme

The Government has confirmed its commitment to the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme which will continue until 2020 with no changes to the funding criteria or the general application process. Provided by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), the scheme makes grants towards the VAT incurred in maintaining and repairing listed buildings which are primarily used for public worship, or which are listed places of worship owned by or vested in a number of specified organisations which look after redundant places of worship. The scheme has an annual budget of up to £42 million. Applicants can submit one claim with a value of between £500 and £1,000 (excluding the VAT paid) in any 12 month period. In addition, any number of claims for eligible work to the value of £1,000 or more (excluding VAT) may be made. The fund:

- Applies only to repairs, maintenance and alteration works to listed buildings that are used principally as places of worship and listed places of worship owned by or vested in a number of specified organisations which look after redundant places of worship.
- Applies to listed places of worship throughout the UK which are included on the public registers of listed buildings kept for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Applies to listed places of worship of all religions and faith groups.
- Only accepts applications made in arrears.
- Only accepts claims where invoices are submitted within 12 months of the invoice date.

There are no changes to the eligibility criteria or application process.

Applications are accepted at any time until March 2020 http://www.lpwscheme.org.uk/grant_scheme.html

56. AHF Accepting Applications for Project Development Grants

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) is currently accepting applications for grants of up to £25,000 from registered charities and social enterprises in the UK that need some support to cover some of the costs of developing and co-ordinating a building project and taking it towards the start of work on site. The grants are intended to support project development costs only and not for on-site capital works. Funding is available for any

work that is essential for taking the project forward towards the goal of revitalising an historic building. Applicants must explain how a particular piece of work or activity will enable this. Examples of eligible costs include:

- The employment of a project co-ordinator, either someone appointed externally on a consultancy basis or an existing employee(s) working additional hours or on this specific project.
- Fees for consultants needed to help progress the organisation's plans, such as architect, quantity surveyor, structural engineer, mechanical and electrical engineer.
- Property valuation by a RICS registered valuer.
- Fundraising consultants.
- Business planning consultants.
- Costs associated with developing a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund or other capital funders, such as Activity Plan, Training Plan, Conservation Management Plan.
- Costs of community engagement work, such as pop-up events, consultations.
- Legal costs where this is critical in establishing ownership or the viability of proposed uses, such as advice on restrictive covenants, or for advice on governance, such as to develop the organisation's constitutional model to best enable it to take the project forward.
- VAT costs that cannot be reclaimed.
- Organisation overheads/administration costs.

Applicants are generally expected to cover at least 50% of the cost of the work. Applications for grants of less than £5,000 can be made at any time and with a decision typically made within six weeks. Applications for grants of £5,000 or more are considered at quarterly intervals.

Deadline: 1st November 2017 <http://ahfund.org.uk/grant/>

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

57. 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: 30th November 2017 <https://www.lms.ac.uk/grants/teacher-cpd-grants>

58. Greggs Foundation Breakfast Club Grants

The Greggs Foundation currently supports 380 breakfast clubs throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Schools that are interested in opening a breakfast club at your school must be able to show that at least 40% of your pupils qualify for free school meals and that the school serves a disadvantaged community. School should be able to attract adult volunteers to help run the scheme and attendance at the club must be free for all pupils. The Foundation uses the money to support breakfast clubs through an initial start-up grant for equipment such as chest freezers to store food items or toys and activities for the club. Greggs Foundation also makes a payment each term towards other food items and Greggs plc donates bread from the nearest shop.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.greggsfoundation.org.uk/breakfast-clubs>

59. Funding for Schools to Purchase Musical Equipment

Schools in the UK, that wish to purchase musical instruments and equipment can apply for funding of up to £2,000 through the EMI Music Sound Foundation's Instrument and/or Equipment Awards. To date the Foundation has made awards to over two thousand schools, individual students and teachers improve their access to music through the purchase or upgrade of musical instruments and equipment. The funding has to be made for music education that is beyond statutory national curriculum music teaching.

Deadline: 31st January 2018 <http://www.emimusicfoundation.com/index.php/site/awards/>

60. UK – German Schools Flexible Funding Scheme

Schools and Youth groups in the UK and Germany can now apply for funding of between £500 and £5,000 from the UK German Connection Flexible Funding Scheme. This scheme aims to bring young people of the UK and

Germany together to facilitate an exchange of ideas, joint learning and open discussions on the following current themes: World War 1; and Our future in Europe - maintaining the UK-German connection. Supported activities must be joint and bi-lateral (UK-German) with a high level of relevant interaction between the young people who should actively engage in an educational learning and thinking process including discussion, debate and reflection. The activity must have a strong wider impact which the young people take an active role in.

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

61. Local School Nature Grants Scheme

Learning through Landscapes has announced that the next deadline for schools to apply to the Local School Nature Grant Scheme is the . The scheme offers schools the opportunity to apply for up to £500 worth of equipment from the product catalogue on the Learning through Landscapes website to help schools undertake environmental improvements. The scheme is only open to schools; learners must be aged 5 and upwards. Successful applicants will have demonstrated that they are passionate about making environmental improvements and, ideally, will have included the children and their local community in decision making about the project and the choice of equipment. All schools in England, Scotland and Wales have a list of 72 products to choose from; the list includes items such as bird boxes, bee hotels and den making kits. Awards include a two-hour training session to help schools get the most out of the equipment provided.

Deadline: 20th October 2017 <https://www.ltl.org.uk/naturegrants/index.php>

62. Funding to Develop Joint Projects with German Schools

UK Schools that have existing partnerships with German Schools can apply for funding of up to £5,000 (£6,000 in exceptional circumstances) to support joint projects. This can include mutual visits, and is designed to inspire young people from the UK and Germany to get involved in relevant interaction, collaboration and learning. Grants provided through the UK-German Connections Challenge Fund and can support costs such as travel and accommodation for reciprocal partner visits, project resources and joint activities and will be a contribution to the overall costs. Applicants must contribute at least 25% of the overall eligible activity costs through participants' contributions and other sources of funding.

Deadline: 31st October 2017 <http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/challengefund>

63. Funding for Cultural and Educational Links with Japan

Through its grant making programme cultural organisations, universities and schools; etc. that wish to develop links with Japan and Japanese schools are able to apply for funding. The Foundation's grants average £1,500 to £2,000 and do not normally exceed £5,000-£6,000 for larger-scale projects. Grants are available to support the study of the Japanese language and culture, School, Education and Youth exchanges. In the past the Foundation has made grants towards visits the between the UK and Japan between by teachers and young people and the teaching and development of Japanese language and cultural studies in schools.

Deadline: 15th December 2017 <http://www.gbsf.org.uk/>

SPORT FUNDING

64. Funding to Grow Community Tennis

Clubs, local authorities and educational institutions (schools, colleges and universities, etc.) have the opportunity to come together with other local partner organisations to apply for capital funding to create a community tennis network in their area. The funding is being provided through the Lawn Tennis Associations £125 million Transforming British Tennis Together Programme. The overall aim of the programme is to get more people playing tennis at a grassroots level by providing: accessible facilities where people can play come rain or shine, people to operate these facilities and an easy way for players to find and book courts. There is no upper limit to the amount that can be bid for and for each successful bid, the programme will provide up to 50% of the necessary funding, around half of which will come in the form of a grant and the remaining half as an interest free loan.

Deadline: 31st October 2017 <https://www.lta.org.uk/venue-management/facilities-advice/>

65. Magic Little Grants Fund

The Magic Little Grants Fund provides local charities and community groups the opportunity to access funding to deliver engaging physical activities, which help to overcome barriers to participation. To benefit from funding, projects need to meet either of the following themes:

- Overcoming barriers to participation in physical activities in creative ways

- Increasing social cohesion through developing access to sports and other recreational activities

Grants can be used to support the general running costs of new and existing sports and physical activities. This could include: facilities hire, kit & equipment, coaching qualifications, other volunteer expenses etc.

Deadline: 31st October 2017 <http://grants.localgiving.org/pct>

YOUNG PEOPLE

66. The Weavers Company Benevolent Fund

The Weavers Company Benevolent 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 up to £15k.

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

67. Funding for Projects that Support Disadvantaged Young People

The Trust awards grants to registered charities (including schools and PTAs) that help, support and advance the wellbeing of disadvantaged children and young people up to the age of 21 years. Applications from self-help organisations and charities requiring seed corn funding or pump priming for the development of more extensive fund-raising initiatives are preferred, as are specific project funding requests rather than contributions to broader appeals.

Deadline: 1st November 2017 <http://www.wessexyouthtrust.org.uk/grant-applications.php>

68. Nurturing Talent - Time to Shine Fund

Funding will be awarded to those young people who demonstrate enthusiasm, ambition and talent in their chosen field and who would benefit from financial help to develop this further. Individual applicants and groups of individuals can apply. Funding is available to young people aged between 14 and 20 who live in Scotland and wish to develop their talent in drama; dance; music; film; visual arts; literature; and the digital arts. Grants of between £50 and £600 are available

Deadline: 9th October 2017 <http://www.youngscot.org/information/learning/nurturing-talent-time-to-shine-fund/>

69. Funding for Young People to Develop Social Enterprises

UnLtd, in partnership with Sports Relief and the Spirit of 2012, has announced that young people who want to start, grow or build their social enterprise idea can apply for funding of up to £15,000. Young people can apply for a Test it Award of up to £500 or a Build it Award of up to £15,000. Awards can be applied for by an individual or small group of up to four people aged 11-30. Test it Awards provide young people with the chance to unlock their potential and make a positive difference in the community. UnLtd will also scale up successful projects by providing Awards of £15,000 to young people who are ready to build their ideas into sustainable social.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.sportrelief.com/schools/youth-groups/carry-on-your-good-work>

70. Grants for Bikes and Trikes

The Lord's Taverners, have introduced a new programme for 2018; grants towards bikes and trikes for special needs schools. Bikes and trikes give young people with special needs the chance to get outside, enjoy exercise, strengthen motor skills and co-ordination and practise important road safety skills. Applications will only be accepted from schools that cater for young people under the age of 25 who have a physical/ sensory/ learning disability. Lords Taverners are unable to support schools that cater for socially disadvantaged children or mainstream schools for children with behavioural problems. The Lord's Taverners will fund 75% of the total cost of the equipment (not including VAT) up to a maximum of £1,000. Any remaining costs should be covered by the applicant. <http://www.lordstaverners.org/bikes-and-trikes> for further details please contact Zoe Stevens on 020 7025 0016 or [click here to email Zoe](#).

71. Young Scot - Create18

Create18 is open to groups of young people from across Scotland aged 8-26 who can apply to receive funding for events they would like to run in the Year of Young People 2018. Create18 events could be anything from film festivals, gigs, theatre and dance performances, to art exhibitions, sports competitions, fashion shows and nature trails. Create18 is a unique opportunity to create your own special events in your community which will sit alongside a programme of major 'signature' events with young people at the very heart of them. The Year of

Young People 2018 is a once in a lifetime experience as no other country has ever dedicated an entire year to young people.

Deadline: 22nd January 2018 <http://young.scot/yoyp2018/yoyp-articles/create18-fund/>

72. Youth Challenge Fund

The Youth Challenge 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 October 2017 <http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/youthchallengefund>

73. Year of Young People 2018 - Youth Community Action Fund

The Year of Young People 2018 aims to inspire Scotland through its young people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contribution to communities and creating new opportunities for them to shine locally, nationally and globally. This new fund has been created to provide opportunities for local groups working with young people to facilitate informal education and learning opportunities that support this aim. Proposals must engage young people aged 8 - 26 years; be co-designed with local young people to ensure they are fully involved in the development, management and delivery of the proposed activity; promote equality and be open and accessible to young people; and demonstrate sustainability (whether in attracting other resources or in leaving a legacy). The fund will consider applications from constituted groups and organisations from the voluntary youth work sector; local authority youth and/or community learning services; and organisation working in partnership with a local youth work provider.

Deadline: 3rd November 2017

<https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/funding/year-of-young-people-2018-youth-community-action-fund/>

74. Equipment Grants for Youth Clubs

Variety, the Children's Charity, has grants of £250 to £600 available to youth organisations that are affiliated to either Ambition, UK Youth or the National Association of Boys and Girls Clubs. The grants can be used to buy equipment to provide challenging activities that engage young people aged 8-18 and provide them with alternatives to becoming involved in the anti-social behaviour that often stems from boredom and peer pressure. On occasion, applications for improvement of youth club premises, refurbishment of existing equipment or facilities will also be considered. Applicants have to raise some of the funds and applications that have young people involved in the fund raising will be looked upon favourably.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.variety.org.uk/what-we-do/youth-clubs-grants>