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If you need further information on any of these grants schemes, how to apply or are going to apply, Contact the Social Enterprise Team Tel: 01369708547 thirdsectorenquiries@argyll-bute.gov.uk

NEWS AND UPDATES

Argyll & Bute Sparking Progress

Inspiralba and Unltd are hosting an event in Campbeltown Town Hall on the **19th-20th June**. Their aim is to bring social enterprises together to identify priorities and help shape resources to help build capacity across the sector and in communities across Argyll. For more information contact aclark@inspiralba.org.uk or ThomasMcAlister@unltd.org.uk for assistance with travel/accommodation please contact Imclean@inspiralba.org.uk or to learn more and book your place <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/argyll-and-bute-sparking-progress-tickets-34663400163>

ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Scottish Clan Event Fund Open to Applications

The Scottish Clan Event Fund aims to support the growth of Clan events and expand the visitor experience across Scotland as a whole. Grants of between £1,000 and £5,000 are available for Clans and Clan Societies organising events across Scotland which take place outside the cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow.

The funding supports activities which:

- Generate economic benefits for specific regions of Scotland.
- Attract visitors from outside Scotland to Clan events.
- Involve local communities by offering opportunities for public engagement and community participation.
- Have measurable outcomes that confirm additional net spend in Scotland.
- Benefit the Clans and Clan Societies with increased visitor numbers and increased membership.

This round of funding is for events taking place between 1st January 2018 and 31st December 2019. The grants awarded must not exceed 25% of the overall event income. 2018 has been designated the Year of Young People and will celebrate Scotland's young people, celebrating their achievements, valuing their contribution to communities and creating opportunities for them. All applicants should demonstrate how their project will engage with young people and the overarching themes of participation, education, health and wellbeing, equality and discrimination, enterprise and regeneration and culture. All proposals will be assessed against their ability to meet the following impact areas:

- Economic Impact.
- Strengthening and Development of Clan and Clan Societies.
- Social, Community and Cultural Benefits.
- Widening and deepening public understanding of clan histories and Scottish ancestry.

Funding is available for activities such as:

- Strategic marketing.
- Adding a new element to the event.
- Hired equipment to improve the visitor experience.
- Hired equipment to increase capacity.
- Travel and transport to and from events in rural areas to support community engagement.

Applicants should contact Event Scotland directly to obtain an application pack.

Deadline: 29th September 2017

<http://www.eventscotland.org/news/2017/5/scottish-clan-event-fund-opens-for-new-applications/>

2. ScotRail Cultural and Arts Fund

The ScotRail Foundation can provide grants of between £500 and £2,000 to fund arts, community recreation, and sports activities. The application must fit within at least one of the following themes to be eligible for funding:

- Promotion of performing arts, visual arts, literature, community arts, and cultural traditions
- Support for artists and artistic organisations to work with communities

- Public art e.g. sculptures in open spaces engaging with communities
- Play areas for children
- Provision of local activity programmes (including local festivals, civic weeks and galas)
- Increasing participation in sport and physical activity
- Sports events
- Sport outreach programmes

The fund welcomes applications from individuals/sole traders and constituted community groups working in Scotland with an income of no more than £100,000 per year. You/your group's most recent accounts, or in the case of very new groups, a projection of income and expenditure must be provided with your application. Individuals may only apply if the project they are planning involves actively engaging or working with a community (by community we mean either a geographical community or a group with shared interests). Although the award can cover fees for an individual to deliver a service in the community, it would not support the purchase of equipment etc. that would only further the individual's private business.

Deadline: 30th June 2017 <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/scotrail-cultural-and-arts-fund/>

3. Distribution: Selective Scheme

The scheme aims to encourage groups of distributors to release non-national films that might be a challenge were they to be supported by market forces alone. As a result of this support, European audiences can expect to gain access to a wider range of films.

Deadline: 14th Jun 2017

http://www.creativeeuropeuk.eu/funding-opportunities/distribution-selective?dm_i=FES,4WQLK,HJS76Z,ILY9X,1

4. John Brabourne Awards Accepting Applications from Up-and-Coming Talent

The John Brabourne Awards support up-and-coming talented individuals to further their career in the UK film, commercial television and cinema industries. Those considered will have shown determination and motivation in pursuing their chosen career however may have suffered setbacks due to unforeseen circumstances such as health or finance. Suitable applicants will be working in the UK film, commercial television or cinema industry in a 'behind the scenes' capacity; including the areas of publicity, finance and festival programming. Awards of between £1,000 and £5,000 are available. The scheme has a small, limited annual budget and so between eight and twelve awards are usually made during each application round. Successful applicants will also benefit from professional support and talent development from The Cinema and Television Benevolent Fund (CTBF). In the past, grants have been awarded to cover the following costs:

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| • Production and development finance | • Living and travel expenses | • Short training programmes |
| • Post production and festival distribution | • Childcare | • Secondments |
| | • Tuition fees | |

Deadline: 31st July 2017 <http://jbawards.org.uk/apply/>

5. International Showcase Fund

The International Showcase Fund offers vital support for artists, bands, songwriters and producers based in England and Scotland who have been invited to play an international showcasing festival or conference and are able to build further opportunities to network and creatively collaborate around these showcase and conference commitments. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to help cover the costs of travel, visas and accommodation. The International Showcase Fund is a partnership between PRS for Music Foundation, UK Trade & Investment, British Underground, Arts Council England, the Musicians' Union, PPL and Creative Scotland and in association with PledgeMusic. As well as offering grant support, partners offer advice, guidance and workshops for some events. Associate partner, PledgeMusic provides bespoke advice to any applicant wanting to include Direct to Fan income as part of their showcase budget, as well as ongoing support for ISF grantees.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/funding/international-showcase-fund/>

6. Launch of the Writer Producer Fund

The Writer Producer Fund has been established to enable songwriters and writer-producers working in popular music genres to progress their careers and writing/production credits. Applicants can apply a grant of up to £10,000. In addition to the funding, successful applicants will receive in-kind support from the PRS for Music

Foundation. The funding is intended to support a number of different creative and professional development activities. The applicant should outline areas of spend which will have an impact on their career. Activity supported is likely to include:

- Recording costs (e.g. daily studio hire, tracking, production and mixing fees)
- Costs relating to songwriter camps, co-writes, collaboration, etc.
- Musician fees
- Creative / professional development (including training courses if applicable)
- Training / skills courses at places such as Point Blank / SSE
- Marketing and promotional costs related to songs / tracks reaching an audience
- International activity that could build a profile and benefit a creative development
- Project-related maternity or child care costs

The Fund is open to UK-based 'behind the scenes' songwriters and writer-producers that have had at least three commercially exploited works.

Deadline: 19th June 2017

<http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/2017/04/18/first-major-uk-fund-songwriters-writer-producers-launched-prs-foundation-association-basca-trust/>

7. Museums Galleries Scotland Recognition Scheme

The Recognition Scheme recognises and invests in collections of national recognition in non-national museums and galleries in Scotland. Through a recognition process, the scheme formally identifies and awards special status to Recognised Collections of National Significance held in non-national museums and galleries. A Recognised Collection of National Significance is one that is of such importance and quality that it merits formal recognition and support by national government. The scheme aims to celebrate, promote and invest in the nationally significant museum and gallery collections around Scotland that are held outside the nationally-run institutions. Non-national accredited or registered museums and galleries may apply for funding worth up to £60,000 per project, covering 100% of costs. Applicants must complete and submit a note of interest prior to submitting a formal application form. Applicants must provide two hard copies of the entire completed application, including supplementary information, plus an electronic version. Of the two hard copies, one should be bound and one should remain unbound and unstapled. Receipt of all applications will be acknowledged. Decisions will be made during the autumn committee meeting with the announcement event taking place autumn/winter 2017.

Deadline: 30th June 2017

<https://www.museumsgalleriesScotland.org.uk/accreditation-recognition/recognition-scheme-application-process/>

8. Engaging Libraries Fund

The Engaging Libraries fund is a pilot programme designed to support public libraries to try out creative and imaginative public engagement projects on health and wellbeing. The overall aims for the fund are to:

- Create new ways for local communities to use and engage with libraries.
- Give libraries the resources and time to experiment and explore how they can deliver projects that creatively and critically engage their communities/audiences with health and wellbeing topics.
- Enable people to connect with topics about health and wellbeing in ways that are interesting and accessible to them.
- Support libraries to share and reflect on their experience of public engagement and share learning about the barriers and opportunities that public engagement methodologies bring to the health and wellbeing offer within libraries.

This fund will offer a package of support which includes:

- Grants of £5,000 - £15,000. While most applications are expected to fall within this bracket, there is an opportunity to request up to £25,000 for more ambitious projects.
- Support from library and public engagement experts.
- A Kickstarter Day with the opportunity to share project ideas and get advice about public engagement. There will also be the chance to meet other projects.
- An external evaluation to ensure learning and experience is captured and shared more widely.

The Trust are aiming to support around 8-10 libraries and activities must be completed between October 2017 and October 2018.

Deadline: 23rd August 2017 <https://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/project/engaging-libraries/>

9. Women Make Music Grant Scheme

Women songwriters, composers, artists, bands and performers who are writing their own music can apply for grants of up to £5,000. The funding is available to support the creation, performance and promotion of new music; to enable the UK's most talented female music creators to realise their potential; and to inspire audiences. The funding is available for the creation of new music in any genre, including, Classical; Jazz; Experimental; Urban; Electronica; and Pop; etc.

Deadline: 2nd October 2017 <http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/funding/women-make-music-2/>

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

10. The Friends Provident Foundation - Building Resilient Economies

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. Suitable applicants will subsequently be invited to prepare full applications.

Outline proposals online by: 3rd July 2017 <https://www.friendsprovidentfoundation.org/programme-overview/>

11. Culture & Business Fund Scotland

The CBFS has a clear set of aims to:

- encourage businesses to sponsor arts and heritage activity within Scotland for the first time;
- entice back businesses that have not sponsored the arts or heritage in Scotland within the previous two years;
- support arts and heritage organisations to build new business sector partnerships;
- attract non-Scottish based companies to sponsor arts and heritage activities in Scotland; and
- encourage businesses to sponsor arts and heritage activity within Scotland with a two and three year commitment.

If an arts or heritage organisation attracts an eligible business to sponsor an aspect of their work, the Culture & Business Fund Scotland will match that sponsorship, £ for £. Remember that both in-kind and cash sponsorship are eligible, but must come from the sponsor's own funds, goods or services. An arts or heritage organisation can apply for match funding up to the value of £40,000 in any one financial year (running from 1 April to 31 March). Applicants can apply for more than one grant in the year with the same or a different business sponsor, providing the total sum awarded is £40,000 or under.

Applications are being accepted now <http://www.aandbscotland.org.uk/culture-and-business-fund-scotland/>

12. Asda Community Capital – Applications Invited from Social Enterprises

Social enterprises in Scotland who have ideally been operating for less than two years and who are seeking social investment options as an alternative to grant funding can apply for loans of between £10,000 and £50,000 through the Asda Community Capital Fund. Designed specifically for organisations looking at social investment for the first time, the fund offers social enterprises an opportunity to grow their income before making repayments of the loan. Applications approved in this current round will also receive some additional support to help develop their own social impact plan.

Deadline: 16th June 2017

<http://www.socialinvestmentscotland.com/news-and-events/asda-community-capital-open-for-applicationsand-now-with-social-impact-support/>

13. The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

The Foundation offers funding to established charitable organisations (including CICs, social enterprises, not-for-profit registered companies, voluntary organisations) in the UK that are working to address local issues in areas of

extreme urban deprivation, or in remote and fragile rural communities. The level of the applicant's income will determine which grants programme they can apply for:

- Groups with a total annual income of up to £100,000 can apply for Small Grants of up to £6,000 for revenue costs such as core costs, salaries, overheads, project costs. Decisions are made within four to six weeks.
- Groups with an income over £100,000 and under £250,000 can apply for Small Grants of up to £6,000 for one-off capital cost for new buildings, repairs and improvements, purchase of equipment. Decisions are made within four to six weeks.
- Groups with a total annual income of over £250,000 and under £500,000 can apply for Standard Grants of between £6,001 and £12,000 for revenue or one-off capital costs. Total cost of capital projects must be less than £1 million. Decisions are made quarterly.
- Groups with a total annual income of over £500,000 and under £5 million can apply for Large Grants of over £10,000 and up to £50,000 for one-off capital costs only. Total cost of the project must be for less than £1 million total. Buildings must be owned by applicant or leased for a minimum of five years. Decisions are made quarterly.
- Village halls and community centres with any income up to £5 million can apply for village hall and community centre capital grants of between £1,000 and £50,000 for new builds, repairs, improvements or extensions. Decisions are made quarterly.
- Hospices only can apply for capital grants of between £6,000 and £50,000 for new builds, repairs, improvements, extensions and equipment purchase. Decisions are made quarterly.

The Trust is in the process of updating the application forms which have the maximum grant as £45,000. The Trust assures groups that have recently made an application for any of these schemes that it will factor in the increased grant amount when considering their application.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk/applications/>

14. IKEA Bootcamp Accelerator Grants for Start-ups Creating Solutions to Everyday Problems

The IKEA Bootcamp Accelerator is a three-month Sweden-based accelerator programme designed to support innovative start-ups from anywhere in the world that are creating solutions to everyday challenges. The programme will offer funding, coupled with co-working space, tailored mentorship and living accommodation. Through the programme IKEA and its partner Rainmaking will collaborate with 10 start-ups to develop products or services that are affordable, accessible and have "a positive impact on the planet and society". The programme commences in September 2017 and runs for three months. Based in Älmhult, Sweden, it will offer participating start-ups co-working space in the IKEA Range & Supply Democratic Design centre, including access to the prototype shop, test labs and in-house expertise on topics such as business development, UX, design, growth hacking and fundraising. The selected start-ups will also benefit from a €20,000 grant to spend on developing a product and start-up enterprise, tailored mentorship from an IKEA business professional and Rainmaking's network, and free accommodation in Sweden for the duration. The accelerator is open to start-ups from anywhere in the world. Eligible sectors include manufacturing, customer experience and retail, food innovation, systems and analytics, disruptive design, disruptive technologies and sustainability.

Deadline: 6th August 2017 <http://startups.co.uk/ikea-accelerator-start-ups-solutions-everyday-problems/>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

15. Holiday Grants for Children

Schools, youth groups, not for profit organisations and charities can apply for grants of £500 to £2,500 to support recreational trips or holidays within the UK for groups of children experiencing disadvantage or who have disabilities. Funded by the Henry Smith Charity, grants can cover up to two-thirds of the cost of a holiday or trip lasting one to seven days. In this round, trips must be taken before the end of August 2017. For more details and to apply, complete the eligibility quiz on the website and submit the application form online at least 6 weeks before the trip is due to take place.

Deadline: 21st July 2017 <http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/holiday-grants-for-children.html>

16. Roald Dahl's Marvellous Family Grants

Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity awards Marvellous Family Grants of up to £500 to families facing financial hardship while caring for a child with a serious illness. Aiming to provide support to help families cope, grants can cover a wide range of costs from respite breaks and counselling to hospital travel expenses.

Applications must be made on behalf of the family by a healthcare professional, social services, health visitors, or grant coordinators within an organisation.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.roalddahl.com/charity/family-grants>

17. Armed Forces Covenant Fund Families in Stress Priority

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) is currently accepting applications to the Families in Stress priority of the £10 million per year Covenant Fund. Grants of between £20,000 and £300,000 are available for programmes of work lasting between two to three years. The funding is for projects that support families of serving personnel who are experiencing a significant stressful life event and would benefit from an intervention from a provider who can offer specialised, localised (or easily accessible) and immediate support. These life events could include: life-changing injury, bereavement, domestic abuse, relationship break-up, those subject to the civil or service justice system or mental health issues. Beneficiaries should be the families of serving personnel based both in the UK and overseas. Projects must either be new or enhance the support that is already available with an emphasis on long-term self-sufficiency. Projects should fill gaps in provision and not replicate or replace services already provided, nor create dependency. This priority will not fund capital schemes such as play parks or projects that extend to families of veterans. Projects should demonstrate an understanding of the diverse nature of service families (e.g. geographically dispersed, deployment status, accompanied/unaccompanied overseas, single parents, single service personnel (where the family may be a relative such as parent), reservists, foreign and commonwealth personnel and their families, Service children and those with caring responsibilities etc.) and offer immediate and/or easily accessible support. Applicants also need to be working in close partnership with their local Armed Forces base(s) Projects must also demonstrate how they support at least one of the principles that underpin the UK Armed Forces Families Strategy: fairness, choice, empowerment, resilience. Local charities (or a branch of a national charity) or community interest companies that provide specialist services can apply. The lead organisation must work in close partnership with one or more armed forces base. The applicant must be able to provide evidence of real engagement and partnership working between the charity and the armed forces base(s).

Deadline: 26th June 2017 <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covenant-fund-guidance-on-how-to-apply>

COMMUNITY FUNDING

18. Scotland's Cycle Friendly Community Award Development Grants

The Cycle Friendly Community Award Development Grant scheme supports community groups with grants of up to £20,000 in order to encourage cycling in Scottish communities and increase the number of locals making journeys by bike. This Transport Scotland funded grant scheme enables community groups to support and deliver sustainable projects. Reducing single occupancy car use and increasing active travel options will also result in reduced local transport related carbon emissions and increased health and wellbeing of the community. Applications are accepted from constituted community groups and organisations who are actively working towards Cycle Friendly status. This grant fund aims to facilitate projects which support improvement to cycling facilities and infrastructure. Examples of eligible expenditure include:

- Procuring bicycles to improve community access to bikes, tackling inequality.
- Installing or enhancing cycle parking to increase capacity and/or security.
- Creating maintenance hubs (including procurement of tools, but not consumables).
- Capital improvements will be at the core of successful proposals.

However, Cycling Scotland will consider funding complimentary activities, examples of which are:

- Monitoring and Evaluation – including baseline data collection, audits, travel surveys / workshops, impact assessment.
- Cycle training – including Cycle Ride Leader training and Essential Cycling Skills.
- Maintenance training.
- Promotional and engagement activities – such as targeted campaigns, festivals, led rides, Rd Bikes, bike breakfasts, travel planning, social marketing, Bike Week events.

Deadline: 30th June 2017

<http://www.cyclingscotland.org/our-projects/award-schemes/cycle-friendly-community-project/cycle-friendly-community-award>

19. ScotRail Community Grants Fund

The fund welcomes applications from constituted groups working in Scotland with an income no more than £100,000 per

year. Your group's most recent accounts, or in the case of very new groups, a projection of income and expenditure must be provided with your application. To empower grass roots community groups to make a positive difference in their local neighborhoods.

- Promotion of positive mental health and wellbeing
- Targeting improvements in literacy, numeracy and health and wellbeing in primary schools
- Improving the community's environmental impact at a local level, encourage recycling or upcycling, or run environmental information or outreach programmes

Deadline: 25th September 2017 <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/scotrail-community-grants/>

20. The Coram Trust

Priority will be given to activities that have a focus on particular communities in Scotland and are registered charities, social enterprises, community interest companies and/or other charitable entities providing social impact that do one or more of the following:

- Support rural regeneration as part of a community development project.
- Have a housing component that supports the local community where the regeneration project is taking place.

Projects involving community ownership in rural areas are likely to be given the highest priority. Grants of up to £10,000 will be considered.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/the-coram-trust/>

21. Suez Community Trust

Suez Community Trust provides funds to improve amenities available for leisure and recreational use by the general public. The Trust offers grants up to £20k through its Smaller Projects Fund and up to £50k through its Primary Fund.

Deadline: 24th July 2017 <http://www.suezcommunitiestrust.org.uk/scotland>

22. Funding Available to Bring Fibre Broadband to Remote Communities with a School

As part of its commitment to make fibre broadband available throughout the UK, BT has made available a £2 million grants scheme for communities with a school. The Community Fibre Partnerships programme is aimed at the final 5% of the UK not covered by fibre broadband rollout plans. Through the programme communities can apply for a match-funded grant of up to £20,000 toward the cost of their new fibre infrastructure, if that new infrastructure could also serve their local school. To access the grant scheme, communities need to register their interest in having a community fibre partnership. The scheme will provide 50% towards the cost of installing fibre broadband. The community will need to raise the additional 50%. In order to achieve this BT has teamed up with the Crowdfunding website "Spacehive", where communities can post their fibre broadband project to raise donations towards the costs involved.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.communityfibre.bt.com/schools>

23. Scurrah Wainright Charity

Within the UK, the Charity supports a wide range of charitable projects with an emphasis on social reform and tackling the root causes of social inequity. The charity favours causes that are outside the mainstream, and unlikely to be funded by other charities. Typically, grants are between £1,000 and £5,000. Organisations applying, do not have to be a charity, but its work must satisfy the Charity Commission's definition of charitable purposes and public benefit.

Deadline: 14th September 2017 <http://www.wainwrighttrusts.org.uk/swc3.html>

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

24. Scotland's Employer Recruitment Incentive (ERI)

Scottish employers may use this programme as an incentive to help young people facing significant challenges enter employment. This will be a person between the ages of 16 and 29 with a disability, who is leaving care or who has carer responsibilities. The young person may also be an ex-offender who has been convicted or cautioned for a criminal offence, having completed their sentence. This scheme, launched in July 2015, is closely aligned to improving economic conditions and the jobs market in Scotland; delivering key recommendations from the Developing Scotland's Young Workforce action plan. Successful companies will receive up to £4,000 upon

committing to a new job or apprenticeship lasting up to 52 weeks. There will be an additional payment of £500 if the applicant chooses to pay the young person the Living Wage (LW). The payments schedule is as follows:

- £600 if the young person is still employed at four weeks. There will be no payment for less than four weeks.
- £1,400 if the young person is still employed at 13 weeks. There will be no payment for less than 13 weeks.
- £2,000 if the young person is still employed at 52 weeks. There is no pro-rata payment between 13 and 52 weeks.
- Payment will be processed upon presentation of evidence that the young person is still employed by the company or organisation.

Private or third sector organisations of any size based in Scotland may apply. All jobs created should be additional to the existing workforce; offered on the basis that the opportunity is sustainable. The young person should be gainfully employed for the programme's duration with a job description being drawn up to outline the duties and scope of the role. There needs to be a contract of employment which includes terms and conditions.

Deadline: 31st January 2018

<https://www.ourskillsforce.co.uk/help-with-recruitment/our-one-stop-skills-shop/scotlands-employer-recruitment-incentive/>

25. Foundation Scotland Launches Wesleyan Foundation Small Grants

The Wesleyan Foundation has announced that it will award up to £1 million in grants each year to small charities with the aim of transforming hundreds of lives and communities across the UK. Foundation Scotland is managing the Small Grants fund in Scotland. Constituted community groups, registered charities, not-for-profit companies limited by guarantee and social enterprises can apply for grants of up to £2,000. Groups must have an income of less than £250,000 per annum and be based and working in Scotland.

The funding is for projects that address at least one of the following categories:

- Improve people's life skills, education, employability and enterprise.
- Maximise ability to strengthen community cohesion and build social capacity.
- Advance people's physical, mental health and wellbeing.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/wesleyan-foundation/>

ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING

26. The Home Energy Scotland Loan Scheme

The Home Energy Scotland Loan Scheme makes it simpler and more cost-effective for property owners to keep their houses warm; offering an opportunity for the installation of various energy efficient measures and renewables technologies. This scheme is open to individual householders or private sector landlords based in Scotland. Landlords may apply for up to three properties and should be operating as "natural persons". Interest free loans are available worth up to £32,500 for individual householders or private sector landlords based in Scotland. Landlords may apply for up to three properties and should be operating as "natural persons". Businesses owning and renting domestic properties, for example, limited companies, charities, sole traders and partnerships, are not eligible for this loan scheme. Loans should be used for the improvement of existing residential buildings and may be used for primary energy efficiency expenses such as external wall insulation and gas connection as well as secondary energy efficiency expenses such as draught proofing and heating controls. Loans may also be used for renewables systems and district heating connections such as hydro and wind turbines. In order to begin the application process, interested parties should contact Home Energy Scotland to request an application form. Funding is allocated on a first-come, first served basis and will be subject to availability

Applications for support may be made at any time

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/scotland/grants-loans/renewables/loan-scheme>

27. M&S Community Energy Fund

The M&S Energy Community Energy Fund is back, with £300,000 to support renewable energy projects and technologies across the UK. Crowdfunding is on offer again this year, so you can choose to raise additional funds whilst collecting votes for your project. Last year community groups crowdfunded an amazing £28,798 in donations for their renewable energy projects! You will need to supply all the information about you and your organisation in the online application.

Deadline: 23rd June 2017 <https://www.mandsenergyfund.com/>

28. Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme (LCITP)

The Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme (LCITP) offers a range of support mechanisms such as project development, expert advice and funding; supporting the development of substantive private, public and community low-carbon projects across Scotland. Furthermore, the LCITP aims to contribute towards the Scottish Government's long-term target of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 42% by 2020. The LCITP will consider support for the following types of project activities:

- Low carbon and/or renewable electricity and heat generation.
- Local energy economies.
- Heat recovery (e.g. district heating).
- Energy storage and distributed energy systems.
- Hydrogen.
- Demand side management and active network management.
- Innovative/ local finance solutions and investor readiness for low carbon projects.
- Energy efficiency (e.g. non-domestic building retrofit)
- Resource efficiency.
- Materials recycling and re-use.

Financial support is available worth up to £20 million per project; targeted at projects that are large scale and transformational. Funding will further stimulate commercial interest and investment; maximising Scotland's potential within the low carbon sector. Stage One support is worth up to £100,000. Applications for support are welcome from public, private and third sector organisations in Scotland. After Stage One applications have been submitted, the LCITP team will contact applicants to form a picture of their project; recommending the most appropriate next steps within 20 days of receiving the initial project description. If the project is eligible, the LCITP team will make arrangements to support applicants to complete a full application form.

Deadline for stage one applications: 16th June 2017

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Business-Industry/Energy/Action/lowcarbon/LCITP>

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

29. INTERREG VA 2014-2020

The INTERREG VA Cross-Border Programme between Northern Ireland, the Border Region of Ireland and Western Scotland has launched a call of applications under a specific objective: Manage Marine and Protected Areas and Species, Objective 2.2: *To develop cross-border capacity for the monitoring and management of marine protected areas and species*. The total of €5.5million is available under this call and up to 85% of eligible project costs. Application forms and guidance documents, along with more information on the call is available on their website

Deadline: 9th June 2017

http://www.seupb.eu/2014-2020Programmes/INTERREGV_Programme/INTERREGV_Overview.aspx

30. European Social Fund – Social Innovation Fund

The Scottish Government have announced that Round 2 for the Social Innovation Fund is now open for applications. Applications for Stages 1 and 2 are invited. Application forms and guidance notes are available on their website: <https://beta.gov.scot/publications/social-innovation-fund-guidance/>.

Deadline: 21st July 2017 all enquiries should be sent to the following address:

Infogrowingthesocialeconomy@gov.scot

31. Interreg Europe (2014 – 2020)

The third call for project proposals under the INTERREG Europe Programme 2014- 2020 is now open. The programme will fund the following four priorities:

1. **Research and Innovation**

2. SME Competitiveness
3. Low Carbon Economy
4. Environment and resource efficiency

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

Deadline: 30th June 2017 <http://www.interregeurope.eu/>

32. 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.

	September	December
EOI Deadline	28/07/2017	13/10/2017
Application Deadline	11/08/2017	27/10/2017
LAG Decision Meeting	21/09/2017	07/12/2017

The Argyll and the Islands LEADER LAG is part-financed by the Scottish Government and the European Community LEADER 2014-2020 programme. For details on the application process, applicants should visit <http://www.aiLEADER.org>

GENERAL FUNDING

33. Big Give Opens for Christmas Challenge 2017

Since the Big Give launched the campaign in 2008, the Christmas Challenge has raised over £78 million for more than 2,800 charity projects. To be eligible to apply for the Christmas Challenge 2017, your charity must:

- Be registered in the UK or have exempt status from HMRC (more information available in [Charity FAQs](#) under 'Registering on the Big Give')
- Be registered on theBigGive.org.uk ([sign up](#) for free). If your charity is already registered, please ensure that your contact details are up to date so you receive our email communications about the campaign
- Have at least one year of filed accounts and an annual income of £25,000 or more (as per last filed accounts)

Deadline: Stage 1 Application: 7th July <https://www.thebiggive.org.uk/christmas-challenge/>

34. Help the Homeless Offers Funding to Small UK Charities

The charity offers funding four times a year to small and medium-sized registered charities with a turnover of less than £1 million per year. Applications will only be considered from registered charities. All applications must relate to projects that assist individuals in their return to mainstream society, rather than simply offer shelter or other forms of sustenance. The funding is primarily for capital costs. It cannot be used for computers and IT equipment.

Deadline: 15th June 2017 <https://ben-edwards-o5nq.squarespace.com/applying-for-funding/>

35. Gateway Exchange Fund

The Trust supports applications for projects which empower people to move on with their lives and fulfil their potential, where they would otherwise not have the opportunity. Self-help projects are particularly welcome. The Trust will also consider projects relating to counselling, HIV, recovery from drug addiction, projects which help

prisoners or ex-prisoners, mental health projects, innovative arts and crafts projects, projects supporting refugees and asylum seekers projects supporting women and projects supporting men recovering from sexual abuse.

Applications may be submitted at any time

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/grants-and-funding-for-organisations/grant-programmes/express-grants/>

36. 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 particularly given to projects that promote the needs of excluded, under-represented or disadvantaged groups and minorities.

Deadline: 30th June 2017 <http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/about-us/law-society-charity/apply/>

37. Hilden Charitable Fund

Within the UK, the Hilden Charitable Fund makes grants to projects that address disadvantage and by supporting causes which are less popular. In particular, the Fund wants to support projects that address homelessness; supports asylum seekers and refugees; support community based initiatives for disadvantaged young people 16 - 25; 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.

Deadline: 9th June 2017 <http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/>

38. Funding for Projects that Support Women and Girls (UK / International)

Funding of up to £15,000 is available for projects within the UK and internationally that support and transform the lives of women. For 2017 and 2018 priority will be given to projects that promote lesbian and transgender rights; tackle violence against women and girls and support disabled women and girls. The funding is being made available through the Feminist Review Trust who are particularly interested in applications for hard to fund projects.

Deadline: 30th September 2017 <http://www.feminist-review-trust.com/>

39. European Research Council (ERC) - Advanced Grants

The fundamental activity of the European Research Council (ERC) is to provide attractive, long-term funding to support excellent investigators and their research teams to pursue ground-breaking, high-gain/high-risk research. Research funded by the ERC is expected to lead to advances at the frontiers of knowledge and to set a clear and inspirational target for frontier research across Europe. ERC Advanced Grants are designed to support excellent Principal Investigators at the career stage at which they are already established research leaders with a recognised track record of research achievements. Applicant Principal Investigators must demonstrate the ground-breaking nature, ambition and feasibility of their scientific proposal. ERC Advanced Grant Principal Investigators are expected to be active researchers and to have a track record of significant research achievements in the last 10 years which must be presented in the application. In most fields, Principal Investigators of Advanced Grant proposals will be expected to demonstrate a record of achievements appropriate to the field and at least matching one or more of the following benchmarks:

- 10 publications as main author (or in those fields where alphabetic order of authorship is the norm, joint author) in major international peer-reviewed multidisciplinary scientific journals, and/or in the leading international peer-reviewed journals and peer-reviewed conferences proceedings of their respective field.
- Three major research monographs, of which at least one is translated into another language. This benchmark is relevant to research fields where publication of monographs is the norm (e.g. humanities and social sciences).

Advanced Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of €2.5 million for a period of five years from a total budget for €567 million. Up to an additional €1 million can also be requested to cover eligible "start-up" costs for Principal Investigators moving to the EU or an Associated Country from elsewhere as a consequence of receiving the ERC grant, and/or the purchase of major equipment, and/or access to large facilities.

Deadline: 31st August 2017 <https://erc.europa.eu/funding/advanced-grants>

HEALTH

40. Health and Wellbeing Grant Fund

For 2017-18 Argyll & Bute Health & Wellbeing have £115,000 to support small scale health improvement and preventative

projects. This year applicants should link their project to one of the new strategic priorities for improving health set out in the new Joint Health Improvement Plan – [see here](#)

Deadlines have not yet been announced <http://healthyargyllandbute.co.uk/application-for-funding/>

41. Scotch whisky Action Fund Tackling Alcohol Related Harm

Alcohol when consumed responsibly forms an integral part of Scottish life and brings a range of benefits to Scotland and its economy. However, the misuse of alcohol through excessive or inappropriate consumption can have implications for health and a range of social problems, including anti-social behaviour, accidents, violence, family break-down, problems with money and work, which can impact individuals, families and communities. We are looking to support and develop a range of projects/initiatives which deliver targeted interventions designed to tackle alcohol-related harms across three themes:

- Young people (aged under 18)
- Families
- Communities

Research commissioned by the Scotch Whisky Association suggests that there are gaps in provision across each of these themes and that the range of interventions and good practice are not fully developed. The Fund would particularly welcome applications from new/innovative or pilot initiatives which aim to test new approaches within these themes and which will offer learning that others can use. Applications from existing projects which can demonstrate success in reducing harm are also welcome.

Deadline: 30th June 2017 <https://ukcf.secure.force.com/forms/FS/scotch-whisky-action-fund>

42. Heart Research UK and SUBWAY Healthy Heart Grants

Heart Research UK has re-opened its Healthy Heart Grants scheme to not for profit groups, voluntary organisations and registered charities in Scotland. Organisations can apply for funding of up to £10,000 for projects that actively promote Heart Health and help to prevent, or reduce, the risk of heart disease. Selected projects will take an innovative approach to promoting heart-healthy lifestyles to help communities to live healthier, happier, longer lives. To apply, register your organisation on the website and fill in the online application form.

Deadline: 4th July 2017 <https://heartresearch.org.uk/community-grants/when-apply>

43. Equipment Grants for Mentally & Physically Disadvantaged Children

Schools and not for profit organisations have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Wooden Spoon Society's Capital Grants programme. Wooden Spoon the British and Irish Rugby charity which supports mentally, physically disadvantaged children. Through the programme funding is available for buildings and extensions; equipment & activity aids; sensory rooms and gardens; playgrounds and sports areas; transport and soft playrooms. Since being founded in 1983, Wooden Spoon has made grants of over £20 million to more than 500 projects in the British Isles. Applicants should contact their regional volunteer group. Subject to an application being approved by Wooden Spoon Trustees, the Society require a minimum of one Wooden Spoon membership to be taken out by a representative of the applicant organisation.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://woodenspoon.org.uk/our-grants/how-to-apply/>

44. Funding for Projects that Support Disabled and Sick Young People

Registered Charities that work with young people with disabilities; or are in hospital or those who are life limited (requiring palliative care); can apply for grants of up to £30,000 per year for up to two years through the DM Thomas Foundation for Young People Central Grants Programme. Grants are awarded on a quarterly basis and there is approximately £200,000 available to distribute each quarter. Grant applications for up to £5,000 can be approved by the Director; up to £10,000 can be approved by the Committee, and applications for more than £10,000 are recommended to the Trustees for final approval.

Deadline: 25th July 2017 <http://dmthomasfoundation.org/what-we-do/grants/dmtf-central-grants/>

45. Funding for Research Ideas to Improve Health Care Quality

The Health Foundation has announced that it is seeking original research ideas to improve health care quality in the UK. The Foundation will fund "research that advances the development and use of data from national clinic audits and patient registries as a mechanism for improving health care quality in the UK". Any UK based organisation that can demonstrate the skills and experience to carry out the research can lead an application; multidisciplinary and multisite teams with one or more co- principal investigator(s) are welcomed. Small-scale awards of up to £100,000 are available for innovative for research projects lasting up to 18 months. Large-scale

awards of between £300,000 and £400,000 are available for more substantive studies lasting up to 36 months.

Deadline: 25th July 2017 <http://www.health.org.uk/insight2017>

46. Funding to Support Children with Genetic Disorders

Grants of up to £5,000 will be available to charities and support groups that care for children affected by a genetic disorder such as Cystic fibrosis, Haemophilia and Sickle cell. To be eligible, the application must be submitted by a UK-registered charity or UK based patient group working with and benefiting children (age 18 or under) and their families affected by genetic disorders.

Deadline: 1st August 2017 <http://www.geneticdisordersuk.org/grantprogramme>

47. Par Equity Fund Launched to Facilitate Transatlantic Investment for Scottish Companies

The \$125 million Par Equity Fund attracts investment opportunities from US and international businesses for the purpose of developing Scottish health technology; enabling the expansion of Scottish companies into the American market whilst helping to develop new industries for the Scottish economy overseas. Applications are welcome at any time from small, health technology-focused businesses in Scotland with high growth potential. Such businesses are expected to demonstrate a product or service with clear international application. Preference will be given to those capable of keeping ahead of competitors; doing things better or with greater speed or efficiency. The investment model uses industry expertise, contacts and experience from an investor base comprised of successful entrepreneurs, managers and other professionals with appropriate insights that may be used at each of the following investment stages:

- The identification and evaluation of prospective investee companies.
- Support for investee companies after the investment has been made.
- Assistance during the exit process.

The online application platform allows applicants to save their summary securely; enabling them to edit their submission at any point, even after submission. As part of the application process, applicants must submit personal and business information. Additionally, if the application receives approval, Par Equity could conduct due diligence checks in relation to the business. Both the submitted information and the due diligence information could be shared amongst other funds, angel networks and investors.

Applications may be submitted at any time <https://www.parequity.com/>

LAND AND PROPERTY

48. 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>

49. Project Viability Grants (PVG)

Project Viability Grants (PVG) are to fund studies to look at potential uses for a building and at its current condition, and produce a Viability Report to a standard template. Successful completion of this will be used to judge whether applicants can then apply for the AHF's Project Development Grant funding, and can be used to secure further funding elsewhere. This grant is administered on a rolling basis. We aim to let you know whether you have been successful within six weeks.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://ahfund.org.uk/grant/>

50. Funding to Help Churches Develop High Quality Sustainable Repair and Community Projects

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to support churches of any Christian denomination to develop high quality sustainable repair and community projects. Priority during 2017 will be given to applications from the North East of England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, as well as from Baptist and Presbyterian churches. Buildings must

have been built as churches originally and 50% of the funds needed must be in place. The funding can be used to diagnose issues affecting the church; test the viability of proposed solutions to improve sustainability; and develop guiding policies and plans that will be implemented through an application to the Heritage Lottery Fund, or other large church heritage funders.

Deadline: 6th September 2017 <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/node/4401>

51. Funding to Restore Neglected Historic Buildings

The Heritage Enterprise programme supports enterprising heritage organisations in rescuing neglected historic buildings and restoring them to viable productive use. Grants of between £100,000 and £5million will be awarded to meet conservation deficits i.e. where the existing value of the historic asset plus the cost of bringing it back into use is greater than the end value of the asset following development completion. Not for profit organisations, or partnerships led by such organisations can apply via a two stage process with Start-up grants also available for pre-application viability appraisals.

Deadline: 15th June 2017 <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/heritage-enterprise>

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

52. 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. The Foundation cannot fund retrospectively and schools are not eligible for financial assistance under this scheme if they have already purchased their instruments or if they do so before their application has been approved.

Deadline: 21st August 2017 <http://www.emimusicfoundation.com/index.php/site/awards/>

53. Grants to Enhance the Teaching of Mathematics

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

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

54. Connecting Classrooms Fund

The British Council's Connecting Classrooms fund has opened up for applications. Grants of £3,000 are available to enable teachers (who have completed the British Council's 'Teaching Core Skills' training programme) and a school leader to visit a partner school overseas. Each visit will involve participating in an event, arranged in country by the British Council. The events will bring together schools from the UK, their partners and other local schools to share experiences and good practice of implementing core skills within the curriculum. Schools participating in the connecting classrooms programme will have to work with a schools based in one of the following countries: Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Morocco, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Yemen, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, Malawi, Sudan, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. To be eligible to apply, the UK will have identified a partner school in one of these countries.

Deadline: 17th July 2017 <https://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/about-programmes/connecting-classrooms/apply>

55. The Jerusalem Trust RE Resource Grant Scheme

The Jerusalem Trust makes available to schools a number of grants to support the purchase of resources for teaching Christianity in Religious Education. These can include textbooks, teacher resources, artefacts, videos, tapes and CD-ROMs for use in RE lessons. The fund is open to all primary and secondary schools in the UK, although priority will be given to non-church state secondary schools. Occasionally grants will be awarded to primary schools who have experienced the loss of resources through critical incidents such as fire or flood.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.stapleford-centre.org/resources/re-grants-for-schools>

SPORT FUNDING

56. Funding for Sports Related Projects Run by Young People

The Cashpoint grants scheme offers grants of up to £500 to give young people (aged 14-25) the opportunity to bring their ideas to life. The funding is available to individual young people (or small groups) who have developed a project idea and will run the project themselves. Projects must be run on a volunteer only basis and funded projects must create at least 2 new volunteering opportunities for 14-25 year olds (in addition to the applicant). vInspired cashpoint must be the only funder for the project.

Applications may be submitted at any time

https://vinspired.com/cashpoint?utm_content=bufferb5736&utm_medium=social&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_campaign=buffer

57. Lord Taverners Accessible Minibuses Grant Programme

Schools, clubs and youth organisations across the UK that cater for young people under the age of 25 who have a physical/ sensory/ learning disability can apply to the Lords Taverners for specially-adapted, wheelchair-accessible minibuses. Last year the Lords Taverners, delivered 40 specially-adapted, wheelchair-accessible minibuses. These vehicles give young people with disabilities access to new places and experiences. Lord's Taverners minibuses are based on the current Ford Transit model, with a diesel engine. The average cost to the charity of an accessible minibus is over £52,000. Please note that the Lords Taverners are unable to support schools that cater for socially disadvantaged children, or mainstream schools for children with behavioural problems.

Deadline: 31st July 2017 <http://www.lordstaverners.org/accessible-minibuses>

58. The Rowing Foundation

The Rowing Foundation, a registered charity, aims 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 is currently accepting applications from clubs and organisations in Britain that are supporting participation in rowing. The Foundation prioritises participation in rowing by the young or disabled through the provision of equipment, such as boats, sculls, ergos, oars and essential safety equipment. Grants of between £500 and £3,000 are available, for up to 50% of the overall cost of the project, to initiate projects. Organisations must demonstrate their ability to complete the project. Coaching, revenue or any commitments requiring long-term support are rarely approved, as are contributions towards general funds.

Deadlines: 12th June 2017 <http://www.therowingfoundation.org.uk/home/>

YOUNG PEOPLE

59. National Voluntary Youth Organisations Support Fund 2017-18

This fund has been set up by the Scottish Government to support National Voluntary Youth Organisations to contribute to the achievement of the National Youth Work Strategy 2014-2019 ambition that "All young people, in every part of Scotland, should have access to high quality and effective youth work practice." This fund is open to national voluntary youth work organisations that are involved in the management and delivery of youth work across Scotland. Local branches of national voluntary youth organisations or voluntary youth organisations that do not have a national remit are not eligible to apply. Applications must demonstrate that the proposed activity will lead to one or more of the following outcomes being achieved:

- Improved support and engagement of volunteers
- Increased access to workforce development opportunities for paid staff and/or volunteers
- Increased access to leadership development opportunities for senior managers and/or senior volunteers
- Improved strategic leadership
- Improved communication and partnerships with local authorities supporting the delivery of the national outcomes for young people

Deadline: 9th June 2017

<https://www.youthlinkscotland.org/news/april-2017/national-voluntary-youth-organisations-support-fund-2017-18/>

60. 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>

61. Youth Partnership Funding

UK organisations and groups of young people active in youth work can apply for funding through the European Commission's Erasmus+ Strategic Partnerships programme. Activities funded must create, develop, test and embed innovative approaches in youth work. Organisations can also apply to undertake transnational youth initiatives which bring together two or more groups of young people from different countries to deliver initiatives fostering entrepreneurship and social commitment. Strategic Partnerships in the youth field must include a minimum of two partners from two different Programme Countries, including the applicant organisation. The number of partners and funding will vary depending on the project's aims and activities. Strategic Partnerships can receive a maximum of 450,000 euro in funding for the maximum project duration of 36 months (12,500 euro per month).

Deadline: 4th October 2017 <https://www.erasmusplus.org.uk/apply-for-youth-partnership-funding>

62. Funding for Community Youth Projects

Telecoms provider O2 "Think Big with O2" youth programme is currently open for applications. The programme supports young people in the UK (aged between 13 and 25) who want to use digital technology to make positive changes to their communities. Initially funding of £300 is available to get projects off the ground. Projects need to be completed within six months. The programme is open to individuals and groups of young people and the money can be used to cover project related costs such as materials & equipment; cost of renting space; transportation; and advertising, etc. If the project is completed successfully young people may be invited to apply for the second level of the programme --Think Bigger where O2 provides funding of up to £2500.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/the-environment-now>

63. Create18 Fund Launched for Scotland

Young Scot, in partnership with EventScotland, have launched the Create 18 Fund for young people (aged 8-26) to run events alongside EventScotland's programme of major 'signature' events during the Year of Young People (YoYP) 2018. Grants of between £250 and £1,000 are available to groups of three or more young people (aged 8 - 26 years) to run their own events to commemorate the YoYP. The funding is for events that incorporate at least one of the following YoYP themes:

- **Participation** – looking at how young people can influence public services and decisions which affect their lives.
- **Education** – creating a stronger role for young people in shaping their learning.
- **Health and Wellbeing** – supporting young people to lead healthier, active lives and have opportunities to learn about and improve their mental health and resilience.
- **Equality and Discrimination** – broadcasting the value of young Scots, challenging negative perceptions of young people, and supporting young people to take leading roles in challenging discrimination in all its forms.
- **Enterprise and Regeneration** – celebrating young people's role in innovation, entrepreneurship and the Scottish economy as well as making Scotland a greener and more pleasant place to live.
- **Culture** –celebrating young people's talent and contribution to Scottish culture and arts.

All events must take place in Scotland during 2018 and be open to the public so that all of the community can attend and enjoy. Events must celebrate and engage young people and be led by young people who will be at the heart of the decision making process, including the creation, development and delivery of the proposed event. Grants can support new event or existing events that will be enhanced as a result of receiving YoYP funding. To be eligible for funding applicants must have appointed a Project Support person who is over the age of 21.

Deadline: 21st August 2017 <http://young.scot/yoyp2018/yoyp-articles/create18-fund/>

64. The Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust Grants

The Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust (AFMT) supports projects that allow disadvantaged young people the chance to develop an existing interest in the great outdoors. The Trust usually supports programmes that are run by

schools or youth groups, but welcomes applications from individuals, but these must have a referee. The AFMT support a wide range of projects, but are unlikely to support foreign trips.

Applications may be submitted at any time http://www.andyfanshawe.org/information_for_applicants.php