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ARTS AND CULTURE

1. Funding to Promote Events in Scotland

EventScotland, the national events agency which aims to strengthen and promote Scotland's events industry, has announced the National Events Programme round 35 is open to applications. The National Events Programme complements the International Funding Programme and is important in developing domestic tourism across Scotland. Through the programme funding is available to support events (outside of the cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow) that showcase Scotland and help to generate tourism.

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

2. Festival of Museums Fund

The Festival of Museums is created and co-ordinated by Museums Galleries Scotland, the national development body for the museum sector in Scotland. Museums Galleries Scotland works collaboratively in order to invest in and develop a sustainable museum and galleries sector for the country in line with overarching strategy. The annual Festival of Museums encourages Scotland's museums to provide visitors with the opportunity to enjoy day or night events at museums and galleries over one weekend. The Festival seeks to broaden the appeal of museums and galleries and incentivises visitors to learn about and get involved with their local area's museums and history. The aims of the Festival of Museums are as follows:

- To provide Scotland's museums with an opportunity to try something new.
- To provide Scotland's museums with an opportunity to build staff skills in event planning, marketing and income.

Grants worth between £300 and £1,500 are available. Any organisation running an accredited museum in Scotland is eligible to apply. Applications from non-accredited organisations, partnerships, forums or networks must be submitted by an organisation running an accredited museum. Accredited museums must be the main beneficiaries of the funding in all instances. The fund is designed to support museums to deliver ambitious events that will be part of the Festival of Museums 2017 programme. Grants can also support staff training costs where the training is helping to build skills in the areas relevant to event planning, marketing, PR and sponsorship.

Deadline: 25th November 2016 <http://www.museumsgalleriesScotland.org.uk/funding/festival-of-museums-fund/>

3. Funding for Innovation in the Circus

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

Deadline: 12th January 2017 <http://www.nationalcircus.org.uk/professional-artists/labtime>

4. Help Musicians UK Announces New National Grants Programme

Help Musicians UK has announced its National Grants Programme is inviting applications from organisations working with musicians across the UK. Successful applicants will receive between £5,000 and £40,000 in funding over a three-year period. The scheme, which runs until 2021, is the first to be launched as part of a new strategy to modernise the way the charity reaches musicians from across all genres and the whole of the country. The National Grants Programme is part of Help Musicians UK's wider Creative Programme, and want to fund activity which offers timely and relevant opportunities for musicians to develop their talent, skills and artistic practice at any stage in their careers. All musicians benefitting from the initiative should be over the age of 18 and either UK residents or have been resident in the UK for at least 3 years.

Deadline: 18th November 2016

<https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/current-opportunities/national-grants-programme>

5. Grants for New, Innovative Visual Arts Projects

The Trust's aim is to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when confronted by lack of funds. The Trust supports projects that develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts. Priority is now being given to artists and small organisations and galleries who should submit well argued, imaginative proposals for making or producing new work or exhibitions.

Arts Festivals are not supported. The Trust normally awards grants of up to £2,000, but larger grants may be considered.

Deadline: 16th January 2017 <http://elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/intro.html>

6. Funding to Support Arts Projects

The Fidelio Trust offers grants of up to £5,000 in support of the Arts, in particular the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance. The Trustees aim to help individuals and groups such as Colleges, Arts Festivals and other arts organisations who would not be able to carry out a project or activity without financial support. Funding is available towards tuition or coaching costs; to participate in external competitions; to be supported for a specially arranged performance; to receive support for a special publication, musical composition or work of art.

Deadline: 1st February 2017 <http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/howtoapply.php>

7. Manuscript Conservation Trust

The National Manuscript Conservation Trust (NMCT) helps preserve important manuscript and archive collections by awarding grants for their conservation. Record offices, libraries and other similar publicly funded institutions including local authority, university and specialist record repositories are eligible for grants. Private owners can also qualify if they meet a range of criteria. Applications can be made for a grant to conserve one item or a whole collection and the grants can cover the cost of the conservator's time, conservation materials and digitisation if it is part of the conservation project. The majority of grants awarded fall between £2,000 and £10,000 and projects with other funding in place are usually prioritised.

Deadline: 1st April 2017 <http://www.nmct.co.uk/applying-us>

8. The Matthew Martino Innovators Fund

This MMBF Trust -funded opportunity provides 10 groups or individuals with £250 to help kick-start their creative projects. In the past MMBF Trust has funded everything from dance and film projects to music videos and photography collectives. Whatever creative field you work in, they will consider your application.

Applications are being accepted now <http://www.mmbf.co.uk/innovators-fund/4591595358>

BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

9. VisitScotland Growth Fund

VisitScotland's Growth Fund supports collaborative tourism marketing projects which focus on growth in the tourism sector and ensure that visitors experience the true Spirit of Scotland. The fund is a platform which supports groups in leveraging additional and focused marketing investment, stimulating collaboration within the industry, closer working with VisitScotland and achieving strategic alignment with the national Tourism 2020 strategy. The Growth Fund also helps businesses to build their digital capability, market and measure outputs more effectively. Working in partnership, means that we no longer market Scotland for Scotland; we market Scotland *with* Scotland. Successful applications must demonstrate the following:

- Strong strategic alignment
- An innovative approach
- Strong digital focus
- Effective partnerships and collaboration
- Achievable and measurable growth targets
- A sustainable approach

Deadline: expressions of interest 18th November 2016

http://www.visitscotland.org/business_support/marketing_opportunities/growth_fund.aspx?utm_source=eUpdate%20&utm_medium=email%20&utm_campaign=Growth%20Fund%20promotion%20

10. The Collaboration Prize

Collaborate for success, apply to win £5,000 cash and £5,000 support to help your business grow through collaboration. Insight and advice on how setting up a consortium can help your business grow. The Collaboration Prize encourages businesses to think collaboratively, pitching ideas for a new collaborative enterprise that will help them access new markets. To be eligible your business must:

- Be based in Scotland
- Have an innovative idea that you want to implement by setting up a consortium co-operative that will enable you to access new markets
- Have identified other potential members for the consortium

Deadline: 18th November 2016 <https://www.scottish-enterprise.com/collaboration-prize-2016>

11. Argyll and the Islands LEADER

The Argyll and the Islands LEADER Programme is provided as part of the Scottish Rural Development Plan (SDRP) with funding from the EU via the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD). The programme is managed by the Argyll and the Islands Local Action Group (LAG) which includes Scottish Enterprise, Chambers of Commerce and local community and voluntary organisations. Support is aimed at innovative, locally driven, bottom-up projects that will support the local community and develop the rural economy. The overall aim of the LEADER programme is to increase the capacity of local community and business networks to build knowledge and skills, innovate and co-operate in order to tackle local development objectives. The Argyll and the Islands LEADER Programme aims to "support community-led economic growth and sustainable rural development within the Argyll and the Islands area". Prospective applicants should pay close attention to the following core objectives:

- Taking actions to reverse a declining population.
- The development of a stronger local economy.
- To broaden the scope of economic activity at a local economy.
- The creation of long-term sustainable employment opportunities, in particular regards to areas which have been identified as having a fragile economic base.
- Building upon the unique natural and cultural of the Argyll and the Islands area.

There are three key themes with the Argyll and the Islands LEADER Programme:

- Working to strengthen 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 which includes farm diversification.

Although there is no official minimum or maximum level of grant, applicants are advised to observe a minimum amount of £1,000. Interested parties may begin the application process by completing an Expression of Interest form, which may be found on the Argyll and the Islands LEADER website. If the proposal fits with the Argyll and the Islands LEADER objectives, then the applicant may receive a visit from a staff team member who will go through the project and the application process.

Deadline: 16th December 2016 <http://www.argyllandtheislandsleader.org.uk/>

12. New Changemaker Fund Launched

The Santander Bank has teamed up with Crowdfunder to launch new £200,000 fund to support social enterprises and community projects across the UK. For the first time, one of the UK's largest banks is partnering with a crowdfunding platform in an innovative collaboration to support social enterprises and community projects across the UK. Community projects looking to support social change are now able to present their ideas on Crowdfunder.co.uk and unlock matched funding of up to £10k from Santander's new Changemaker Fund. The new fund is open to social enterprises, small charities and community groups helping disadvantaged people in the UK. Eligible projects seeking funds of up to £20,000 and focussed on skills, knowledge and innovation that get the crowd's backing will receive 50% (£10,000) of their funding requirement from Santander.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/plus/santander/changemaker>

13. Common Agricultural Policy - 2017 Grants for Information Measures Call Open

A new Call for Proposals has been launched for Support for Information Measures Relating to the Common Agricultural Policy. This is an annual Call which supports information measures relating to the CAP which aim, in particular to:

- Help explain, implement and develop the CAP and to raise public awareness of its content and objectives.
- Inform farmers and other parties active in rural areas.
- Promote the European model of agriculture, as well as to help citizens understand it.

The theme for the 2017 Call is: 'The CAP is a policy for all the people of Europe and contributes to their lives in so many ways'. The total budget available is €3.5 million. Grants of between €70,000 and €500,000 are available for up to 60% of direct costs. This Call concerns requests for grants to implement measures between 1st May 2017 and 30th April 2018. Eligible applicants must be established in an EU Member State and include non-profit

organisations (private or public), public authorities (national, regional, local), European associations, universities, educational institutions, research centres, and companies (e.g. communication media companies).

Deadline: 15th December 2016

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.C_.2015.351.01.0009.01.ENG

14. Manufacturing Skills Fund Opens for Applications (UK)

Grants of between £50,000 and £150,000 are available to develop digital solutions to address skills shortages in the advanced manufacturing and engineering sector. UFI are looking for projects which have the potential to address current and future skills shortages in technical skills (e.g. Robotics / Maintenance / Quality / Systems and Process); projects which have the potential to test new methods to develop vocational skills using digital technology (blended learning, learning in shared industrial settings, smartphones / wearable technology and the application of VR and AR technology in vocational learning); and projects which use digital technology to help upskill and bring new talent into the sector by providing bridges to employment. The funding is available to registered organisations such as registered charities, community interest companies, social enterprises, not for profits, companies, community associations, FE colleges and public bodies for projects that have the potential to transform how vocational learning is delivered, and to showcase ideas which are of benefit to industry and learners.

Deadline: 14th December 2016 <http://www.ufi.co.uk/guidelines>

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

15. Better Breaks Fund

Third sector organisations operating in Scotland can apply to the fund. The work you want funded must be for the benefit of disabled children and young people aged 0-20, and their families / carers living in Scotland.

- The funders are really keen to attract applications that would develop new short break projects that they can learn from and which could provide a model for others to follow
- Projects that improve short break opportunities to disabled children and young people with additional multiple support needs, who are likely to encounter significant barriers to finding short break opportunities appropriate to their age, needs and circumstances
- Projects that support disabled children and young people to take part in sport and active leisure opportunities that help to build their self-confidence, physical and emotional health
- Projects that develop opportunities for disabled children and young people to become more independent and enjoy a social life outside the family home
- Projects that provide support at key transition stages, particularly as children become young adults, where short breaks can help to build their self-confidence and their skills for independence
- Proposals which help to improve short break provision for 'harder to reach' groups such as black and minority ethnic families, gypsy travelers or single parent families caring for disabled children and young people
- Proposals which support breaks for families caring for very young disabled children (0-5 years of age) where it is likely these children will be highly dependent and need substantial care and supervision

The Better Breaks Fund is part of the Short Breaks Fund grants programme and is funded by the Scottish Government.

Deadline: 1st December 2016 <http://www.sharedcarescotland.org.uk/better-breaks/apply-now/>

COMMUNITY FUNDING

16. National Parks - Capacity Grant

Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park are offering Community Development Trusts within the National Park area the opportunity to apply for up to £500 to support and develop your organisation by

- Attracting new members
- Encouraging or recruiting volunteers
- Well governed and promoted organisation
- Engaging with your community – especially hard-to-reach voices
- Improving how you represent your community
- Your community knows about your activities and how to get involved
- Your Board of Directors feels well informed, skilled and knowledgeable

- Working in partnership with partners

Deadline: 12th December 2016

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

17. Moving Forward Grant – Community Action Plan project focussed technical/feasibility grant

Loch Lomond & the Trossachs National Park are offering constituted community groups in the National Park the opportunity to apply for up to £5,000 to fund discrete pieces of work that will help groups take the next step to make the project happen. They will seed fund specific pieces of work that take you a step closer to achieving a larger project that also supports National Park Aims. This larger project must link to a priority in your most recent Community Action Plan. This fund offers assistance in developing ideas into detailed proposals that can support the delivery of a project. Funding may be used for initiatives such as: development of feasibility studies, follow up technical work after a Charrette or Community Action Plan, to give your project momentum, taking forward to a clear next step, e.g. fully costed, planning ready plans, ready to support applications larger grant funding bodies. Examples of a Moving Forward project could include commissioning:

- a feasibility study
- a professional to develop a business plan, funding or marketing strategy
- some technical work

Deadline: 12th December 2016

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

18. Year of Innovation, Architecture & Design + Scottish Winter Festivals

BEMIS (the national umbrella body supporting the development of the Ethnic Minorities Voluntary Sector in Scotland) in collaboration with the Scottish Government have announced a new programme which invites multicultural communities across Scotland to join the celebration of the 2016 Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design and the 2016/17 Winter Festivals. Scotland has diverse ethnic and cultural minority communities and this programme aims to enable them to participate in and enhance the dynamic celebrations taking place across Scotland. Funding will be split into two areas with £20,000 allocated to celebrate the 2016 Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design which will be celebrated with a series of events from festivals of light, to festivals of architecture, luminous origami birds to Harris Tweed celebrations, digital gaming to Renaissance fashion. £28,000 will also be available to celebrate Scotland's Winter Festivals focusing on St. Andrew's Day (30th November 2016) and Burns Day (25th January 2017). Constituted charitable and non-profit organisations/ community groups can apply for grants of £250 to £1,000, please see website for further details.

Applications are being accepted now <http://bemis.org.uk/project/yiad-swf-grants/>

19. Community Indoor Sure Signal programme open for applications

Vodafone UK wants to give another 100 rural community 'hot-spots' access to reliable 3G indoor mobile coverage for the first time. Following on from its successful Rural Open Sure Signal programme, which has brought 3G coverage to more than 80 villages across the UK, Vodafone launched its Community Indoor Sure Signal (CISS) programme earlier in the summer. The Community Indoor Sure Signal programme uses 'femtocell' technology called Sure Signal Plus. The units are similar in size to a broadband router. They simply plug into an existing broadband router and a power source to provide mobile coverage throughout the building. Units are completely free to install and use, Vodafone only ask that the landlord is happy to cover the electricity costs.

- Rural pubs and shops
- Village halls or social clubs
- Visitor centres
- Sports clubs
- Scout huts
- Doctor/vet's surgeries

Applications are being accepted now

<http://mediacentre.vodafone.co.uk/pressrelease/vodafone-unveils-programme-give-indoor-mobile-coverage-rural-communities-centres/>

20. Community Radio Fund Opens for Second 2016/17 Round

The Community Radio Fund is managed by Ofcom with funding from the Department for Culture, Media and Sport. To be eligible for funding, radio stations must be not-for-profit, run by local people for local people about local issues. Funding is available for community radio licensees broadcasting under a community radio licence in the UK to cover costs including:

- Fundraising to support the station.
- Management.
- Administration.
- Financial management and reporting.

- Community outreach.
- Volunteer organisation and support.

There are two funding rounds per year with approximately £200,000 available for each round. There is no set level of funding. As a guideline, however, the average grant in the first funding round was £16,780, with grants ranging from £3,000 to £33,897. Grants will be made as a single lump sum, and are to cover a one-year period only. Priority will be given to Licensees that have not been awarded a grant in previous funding rounds and to newly-licensed stations. The Panel considers promoting long-term sustainability a critical, core activity and thus priority will also be given to applications that focus on posts that promote long-term financial security and may become self-sustaining.

Deadline: 16th November 2016

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

EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

21. Alice McCosh Trust

The Alice McCosh Trust, which aims to advance education by providing or assisting with grants for work or study related to natural history and/or the environment is open for awards. It is anticipated that the Trustees will award grants in the region of £600 to £1000. The grant could, for example, cover the cost of a school field trip or project, an expedition as part of a research project or the development of new teaching materials for schools or institutes of higher education.

Deadline: 30th November 2016 <http://www.thealicemccoshtrust.org.uk/grants.htm>

22. Santander Foundation Discovery Grant Programmes

UK Registered Charities, Community Interest Companies and Credit Unions can apply for grants of up to £5,000 through the Santander Foundation. The aim of the Foundations "Discovery" grants is to help people have the confidence to make the most of their future. The grants are available to support knowledge, skills and innovation to give disadvantaged people the confidence to discover and create a new world of opportunities. The type of activities that can be funded include money management workshops to help people understand how to budget and identify the affordable credit choices available to them; work-based training and mentors to help socially isolated people develop skills to get back into work; sign language training for parents with hearing impaired children; or teaching young people with autism vocational skills; etc. Funding is available to cover part time salaries, equipment or materials but is for one year and must deliver a local project, not a national initiative. Applicants need to complete a Discovery Grant nomination form which is available in all Santander branches.

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

23. Emerging Talent Scholarship Scheme

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 Emerging Talent Scholarship Scheme is a programme with an overall objective to help all to 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. The scholarship awards are presented at the annual Emerging Talent Conference.

Deadline: 25th November 2016 <http://www.hitscotland.co.uk/scholarships-bursaries/scholarships/>

24. Ernest Cook Trust Grants Programme

Schools, charities and not for profit organisations wishing to encourage young people's interest in the countryside and the environment, the arts or aiming to raise levels of literacy and numeracy can apply for funding to the Ernest Cook Trust (ECT). The Trust operates two grant making programmes. The small grants programme (under £4,000) supports state schools and small registered charities which would like to undertake projects which meet the Trust's objectives and require a small amount of pump-priming in order for such projects to take place and a larger grants programme for grants in excess of £4,000. Meetings to consider applications for the small

grants programme take place bi-monthly throughout the year. The full board of Trustees meets twice a year, in April and September, to consider grants in excess of £4,000.

Deadline: 31st January 2017 <http://ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/>

25. Baring Foundation - Voluntary Sector Programme Re-Opens for Applications (UK)

Grants of up to £30,000 are available to voluntary organisations for training, education and capacity building in using the law and human rights based approaches in order to achieve their objectives. Funding is available through two separate funds. These are training, education and capacity building - seed funding grants of up to £30,000 over six months to two years that support organisations to understand how their objectives can be achieved through use of the law or human rights based approaches; and applied projects - grants of up to £150,000 over approximately three years to create new capacity for work that addresses specific discrimination or disadvantage and safeguards the freedom of purpose, action and voice of the sector, linking the skills of 'non-legal' and 'legal' organisations to enhance and complement campaigns for social change. Organisations will be expected to demonstrate innovative approaches to using these tools and evidence of how they will collaborate to support a shared agenda.

Deadline: 23rd January 2017

<http://baringfoundation.org.uk/launch-of-strengthening-the-voluntary-sector-programme-funding-round-2016/>

ENERGY, RENEWABLES AND RECYCLING

26. Wren's Scottish Action Fund Re-Opens

Grants of between £2,000 and £50,000 are available for projects that can demonstrate how they fall into Object A, B, C or D of the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund. WREN will prioritise projects which can provide evidence

- Clear and genuine need.
- Relevant and appropriate consultation.
- The ability to keep the site in good order and well maintained once the project is complete.
- Reasonable costs which offer good value.
- The ability to deliver the project on time and on budget.

Although match funding is not a specified requirement, the Waste Recycling Group (as a condition of providing WREN with the Landfill Tax Credits) require project applicants to secure the help of eligible 'Third Parties' who will reimburse them with an amount equal to 10.75% of any grant committed. Third Party funders cannot, however, gain any unique benefit from the project put forward for funding. Formally constituted not-for-profit charities, parish councils, church or community organisations and voluntary groups can apply as long as they have a bank account registered in the name of the organisation. Local authorities may also apply.

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

27. £9 Million Energy Entrepreneurs Fund - Phase 5 Open to Bids from UK SMEs

Administered by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS), the Fund is designed to support the UK businesses operating in the green energy sector to propose low carbon ideas of the future. The Fund will provide financial assistance to these businesses in order to help them develop and demonstrate new low carbon technologies, services, and business models. Businesses will also be able to access support from experts on how to bring their products to market. BEIS has launched Phase 5 of the Energy Entrepreneurs Fund with up to £9 million available. There will be two opportunities to enter:

- **Phase 5a** – will have up to £4 million available.
- **Phase 5b** – will have up to £5 million available.

Only one proposal per applicant may be submitted into either Phase 5a or Phase 5b. Proposals that are not successful in the first Phase of competition but meet eligibility criteria will automatically be entered to Phase 5b, unless the applicant withdraws. Companies can apply for up to £1 million per proposal, depending on State Aid requirements, to develop and demonstrate innovative technologies and processes and get advice from experts on how to bring their products to market. The total requested grant does not exceed £1 million, or £800,000 if applying as a small innovative start-up. The Funds will primarily be used towards developing energy efficiency solutions for buildings, including advanced lighting, heat pumps and ventilation technologies. Cleantech ideas around power generation will also benefit. Expressions of Interest are now being accepted.

Deadline Phase 5a: 25th November 2016 Deadline Phase 5b: 20th January 2017

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/energy-entrepreneurs-fund-phase-5>

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

28. North West Europe Programme (2014-2020)

The fourth call for project proposals under the North-West Europe Programme 2014-2020 will open on **17 October 2016**. The Programme's mission is to produce measurable positive change in North-West Europe around three themes:

1. **Innovation:** The objective under this theme is to enhance innovation performance of enterprises throughout the North-west Europe regions.
2. **Low Carbon:** The objectives under this theme are to:
 - a. Facilitate the implementation of low-carbon, energy and climate protection strategies in order to reduce GHG-emissions.
 - b. Facilitate the uptake of low-carbon technologies, products, processes and services in sectors with high energy saving potential in order to reduce GHG-emissions.
 - c. Facilitate the implementation of low-carbon solutions in transport systems to reduce GHG-emissions.
3. **Resource and material efficiency:** The objective under this theme is to optimise (re)use of material and natural resources.

Deadline for project submission: 18th November 2016

Decision: March 2017

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

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

The Northern Periphery and Arctic Transnational Cooperation Programme has announced its fourth call for main project applications is now open. 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

Deadline for project submission: 30th November 2016

More information about the Programme can be found at: <http://www.interreg-npa.eu/> or by contacting the regional contact point for the Highlands and Islands Kateryna McKinnon, Kateryna.mckinnon@hient.co.uk

30. Atlantic Area Programme (2014-2020)

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

There are four priorities under this programme which are:

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

Deadline for project submission: 19th December 2016 <http://www.atlanticarea.eu/>

31. INTERREG EUROPE (2014 – 2020)

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

1. **Research and Innovation**
2. **SME Competitiveness**
3. **Low Carbon Economy**
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 more information can be found at: <http://www.interregeurope.eu/>

GENERAL FUNDING

32. Hilden Charitable Fund

Within the UK, the Hilden Charitable Fund makes grants to projects that address disadvantage, notably 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: 1st February 2017 <http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/>

33. Petplan Charitable Trust Welcomes Applications from UK Charities

The Petplan Charitable Trust was set up in 1994 by Patsy Bloom and David Simpson to provide much needed funds to promote the health and welfare of animals in the UK, such as dogs, cats, horses and rabbits. The Trust has given more than £8 million in grants to registered charities across the UK in the last 22 years.

Deadline: 2nd December 2016 <https://petplan.grantapps.net/welfare/init.pl>

34. Law Society Charity November Deadline Reminder

The Law Society Charity is a charitable fund set up by the Law Society in 1974. The charity acts entirely independently of the Law Society, supporting charitable work related to the law and the legal profession including projects which promote human rights, access to justice, and legal education. Registered charities can apply for grants of between £5,000 and £15,000 for activities including:

- Supporting the education of the public in legal matters and members of the profession in the interests of the public, in particular by assisting in the maintenance of high standards of general legal education in the profession.
- Supporting charities whose principal aims are to support members of the profession in need. Seeking out and supporting, whether in partnership with others or alone:
 - Major charitable projects which will be supported by Local Law Societies and groups (and other means of outreach).
 - Exploring joint ventures with other charities, particularly with the charitable arms of firms of solicitors.
- Supporting charitable work done internationally to promote human rights such as, assistance in the development of law, general promotion of legal education and pro bono assistance for people facing capital punishment.
- In exceptional cases, responding to ad hoc applications for support from other charitable organisations whose work redounds to the credit of the profession, but generally not those with narrow geographical limits.

The charity will prioritise projects which promote the needs of excluded, under-represented or disadvantaged groups and minorities.

Deadline: 11th November 2016 <http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/about-us/law-society-charity/apply/>

35. Carnegie UK Trust Launches New Town Twinning Initiative

The Twin Towns UK programme is designed to modernise and make relevant the traditional concept of town twinning which dates back to the Second World War. Towns with a population of less than 80,000 can submit an application to take part in this 18 month programme, which will 'twin' towns with similar characteristics or

challenges and support them to work together to make positive changes for the future. Up to 10 towns will be selected and assigned a £7,500 Research and Learning account to fund a range of activities including exchange visits, data gathering and research, economic development and planning advice and their own public consultation exercise. Producing a Development Plan as a result of these activities, twinned towns will then have access to small kick start funds and further support in order to start making their ideas a reality.

Deadline: 25th November 2016 <http://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/news/twin-towns-uk-call-applications/>

36. Centre for Social Justice

The annual Centre for Social Justice (CSJ) Awards reward grassroots charities and voluntary organisations from local communities across the UK that have developed effective and innovative ways of addressing a variety of entrenched social issues. These charities often work with some of the hardest to reach people in the country. Previous winners include those who have helped to tackle modern slavery, rehabilitate ex-offenders and perpetrators of domestic violence, improve educational outcomes in deprived areas and bring isolated older people back into the community. Entries are now being accepted for the following categories:

- Addiction
- Debt
- Education, Employment and Skills
- Family
- Modern Excellence
- Social Enterprise

Each winning organisation will receive a prize of £10,000 and the opportunity to have their work profiled at the Awards ceremony which takes place in London to a large audience of high-ranking politicians, celebrities, major philanthropists, leaders from the private and voluntary sector, and the media. It also provides the chance for these key influencers to witness the most effective grassroots methods for turning lives around in disadvantaged communities throughout the UK.

Deadline: 11th November 2016 <http://www.centreforsocialjustice.org.uk/about/awards>

37. Woodward Charitable Trust's Main Grants Scheme Opens

The Trust is now open for application from UK registered charities with an annual income of less than £300,000. The Trust offers the following grants:

- Small grants of between £100 and £5,000 (around 100 grants are made per year).
- Large grants of over £5,000 (around five grants are made per year and these are usually awarded to charities already known to the Trustees).

Applicants should be aware that less than 15% of the applications received are successful. Applications must be in support of the following activities:

- Children and young people who are isolated, at risk of exclusion or involved in anti-social behaviour.
- Prisoners and ex-offenders. Projects that help the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners and/or ex-offenders are supported as well as requests to help prisoners' families
- Disadvantaged women, covering refuges, domestic violence and parenting.
- Disability projects, which can include rehabilitation and training for people who are either physically disabled or learning disabled.
- Arts outreach work by local groups involving disadvantaged people.
- Projects that promote integration and community cohesion amongst minority groups, including refugees and travellers.

The Trustees favour small-scale, locally based initiatives.

Deadline: 16th December 2016

<http://www.theplace.org.uk/juice/woodward-charitable-trust-main-grants-programme>

HEALTH

38. Life Changes Trust Bursaries Scheme

The Trust has decided to allocate a limited sum of money to fund dementia conferences and other events bursaries in 2016/17. You can apply for a bursary if you live in Scotland and are: a person living with dementia; an unpaid carer of a person living with dementia; a former unpaid carer of a person living with dementia, who stopped providing unpaid care in the past 24 months.

Deadline: 27th January 2017 <http://www.lifechangestrust.org.uk/people-affected-by-dementia/funding>

39. Life Changes Trust Peer-to-Peer Resources Awards

The Life Changes Trust believe that people living with dementia and carers in Scotland have an enormous amount of knowledge and helpful information to share with each other. This 'person with dementia to person with dementia' and 'carer to carer' support is sometimes called 'peer support'. These resources help people understand dementia better and allow people with dementia and carers to equip and encourage each other. They are also a valuable source of education and information for people who want to know more about dementia. The trust are offering awards of £500 to £7,000 to people with dementia and carers to create peer to peer support resources, for example, leaflets, DVDs or videos.

Deadline: 25th November 2016

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

40. Funding for Projects that Help Young People Affected by Substance Misuse (Scotland)

The Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland has announced that its Partnership Drugs Initiative (PDI) is now open for applications. The overall aim of the PDI is to increase the well-being of children and young people affected by drugs and alcohol. In particular the Foundations wants to support children and young people affected by parental substance issues (drugs and alcohol); pre-teen children at high risk of developing problems with drugs and alcohol; and young people who are developing or have established substance use problems (drugs and alcohol). Funding is available for up to three years. Projects will still need to identify 50% matched funding for proposals and support and endorsement from the ADP is also a requirement for receiving support.

Deadline: 18th November 2016

<https://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/grant-programmes/partnership-drugs-initiative/#how-to-apply-for-funding>

LAND AND PROPERTY

41. The National Churches Trust – Community Grants Programme

The Community Grants Programme is for grants of £10,000 and above for projects which introduce facilities to enable increased community use of places of worship. Projects must have an estimated cost of at least £25,000 (including VAT and fees) to qualify.

Deadline: 29th November 2016 <http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/our-grants/community-grants>

42. 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>

43. New Kick the Dust Fund Opens for Applications (UK)

Kick the Dust aims to make heritage relevant to the lives of young people, aged 11-25, now and in to the future. The programme is open to applications from consortiums of three or more organisations, including heritage and youth organisations. Grants of between £500,000 and £1 million are available for projects that make heritage relevant to more and a greater diversity of young people, building on their needs and interests; increase the ambition, scale and quality of youth engagement with heritage; develop and embed sustainable, ongoing work with young people within heritage organisations; and evidence the value of youth engagement with heritage. There is a two-round application process. Applicants will need to complete a Project Enquiry Form for Kick the Dust by the 1st December 2016. Once this has been received, HLF will release a first-round application form to you.

Deadline: 1st December 2016 <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/kick-dust>

44. AHF Announces 2017 Deadlines for Project Development Grants

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) is an independent charity that was established to encourage and support the work of registered charities and constituted not-for-profit organisations that is dedicated to the preservation and renewal of buildings of architectural and historic significance which have failed to find a viable re-use on the open market. Grants of up to £25,000 are available for 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, and 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. Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss any potential application with the relevant Support Officer in their area before submitting an application

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

45. Crowdfund for Heritage - £125,000 Available for Heritage Projects

The Heritage Lottery Fund has teamed up with the online giving platform "Crowdfunder" to provide an additional £125,000 for heritage projects. Not for profit organisations that are looking to raise up to £40,000 for heritage projects taking place in Scotland, the North West or the South West of England could get up to 25% of additional funding for their projects. Projects could include: the collections of objects, books or documents in museums, libraries or archives; cultural traditions such as stories, festivals, crafts, music, dance and costumes; historic buildings; histories of people and communities. To be eligible projects must enable people to learn about heritage, develop their skills, change their attitudes/behaviours or volunteer time. Projects must have inspired the community to pledge and be supported by at least five unique backers. Projects must be run by not-for-profit organisations with a formal governing document (constitution).

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/plus/crowdfund-for-heritage/heritage>

46. Funding for the Restoration of Historic Buildings (UK)

Funding is available to restore historic buildings through the Heritage Lottery Fund's Heritage Enterprise grants programme. The programme provides grants to support not-for-profit organisations in partnership with the private sector for the restoration of unused historic building and sites. The programme provides grants where historic buildings have failed to attract enough investment because the cost of their repair has not been commercially viable for private developers. Under the programme, two levels of grants are available: Grants of between £100,000 and under £2 million; and grants of between £2million and £5million.

Deadline: 8th December 2016

<https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/heritage-enterprise>

47. 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. The funding 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 for example archaeological sites; collections of objects, books or

documents in museums, libraries or archives; cultural traditions such as stories, festivals, crafts, music, dance and costumes; historic buildings; histories of people and communities; histories of places and events; the heritage of languages and dialects; natural and designed landscapes and gardens; people's memories and experiences (often recorded as 'oral history'); places and objects linked to our industrial, maritime and transport history; and natural heritage including habitats, species and geology. 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 proposals in greater detail.

Deadline: 8th December 2016 <https://www.hlf.org.uk/looking-funding/our-grant-programmes/heritage-grants>

SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

48. 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 <http://www.communityfibre.bt.com/schools>

49. Funding to Support Education in Disadvantaged Areas (UK & Worldwide)

The British & Foreign Schools Society (BFSS), supports educational projects in the UK and around the world. The Society supports organisations that reach out to children in remote or impoverished areas, improving inclusivity in education and providing much-needed facilities. The Society normally makes grants for educational projects totalling about £600,000 in any one year. The majority (85% of grants) are made to charities and educational bodies (with charitable status). Schools wishing to apply need to have either charitable status or "exempt charity" status.

Deadline: 30th December 2016 <http://www.bfss.org.uk/grants/>

50. Bursaries for Post-16 Students to Work with Scientists

Nuffield Research Placements (previously Nuffield Science Bursaries) offer up to 1000 bursaries a year, for students to work alongside practising scientists, technologists, engineers and mathematicians. Students in the first year of a post-16 science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) course are eligible to apply for a bursary to support them during their project. The Foundation are particularly interested in encouraging students who don't have a family history of going to university or who attend schools in less well-off areas. Placements are available across the UK, in universities, industry, voluntary organisations or research institutions. Students doing vocational courses as well as academic ones are also welcome to apply. Students from all schools and colleges in the UK are eligible to apply.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.nuffieldfoundation.org/nuffield-research-placements>

51. Tap Water Awards

Grants of between £300 and £3,000 are available to Schools, Colleges and Universities for projects that significantly reduce their reliance on single-use plastics and the amount of plastic waste. The funding which is being made through the Tap Water Awards aims to support projects that develop new solutions to replace pre-existing systems that rely on plastic, that promote the use of tap water, or other related themes. Projects can have a community, local or national impact. In the case of applications from schools, the Tap Water Awards expect projects to take place before or after school, during lunch or in the holidays, unless the school can provide a good reason in your application why this is not possible (for example, you are in a remote rural area). Projects should help children learn about new things that are not part of the school day. This may be achieved by working with a local community group or local people. The Tap water Awards will accept applications for projects working solely with children with special needs where it may not be appropriate to involve the wider community. Organisations wishing to apply are strongly advised to contact tapwater.org before applying.

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

52. Foyle Foundation Schools Library Programme

State funded schools as well as dedicated schools that do not have or want to improve their libraries can apply for funding through the Foyles Foundation Schools Library Programme. This programme recognises that there is no statutory requirement for schools to have a library and that many school libraries are in a desperate situation through underfunding and underdevelopment. Priority will be given to primary schools and to funding library books. The Foundation will also consider contributions towards e-readers, library software, necessary IT equipment and specialist seating/desks. Preference will be given to schools which can clearly demonstrate that their library can be maintained and renewed in the future. The average grant made under this programme is between £3,000 and £10,000. Applications will be strengthened if the PTA/Friends group can support the project.

Applications may be submitted at any time <http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk/how-to-apply/>

SPORT FUNDING

53. Community Sports Programme

Through the Community Sports Programme, the Trust provides kit and equipment to community sporting groups in Scotland, England and Wales, for goods between £100 to £2,000 in value. This can be used to replace worn-out equipment and kits; provide new kits and equipment to support the launch of a new sports project; provide new kit and equipment which will expand capacity to meet demand for activities; provide kit and equipment which will promote the inclusion of the disadvantaged or minorities within sports. The focus for this funding round will be on allowing new or existing over 50s team sports projects to apply for set packages of kit and equipment.

Deadline: 17th November 2016 <http://www.postcodecommunitytrust.org.uk/community-sports>

YOUNG PEOPLE

54. Support for Policy Reform — Civil Society Cooperation in the Field of Youth (UK / Europe)

Erasmus+ is the EU programme for education, training, youth and sport. The objective of this current call is to provide operating grants to European non-governmental organisations (NGOs) and EU-wide networks active in the field of youth. The call aims to raise stakeholder awareness of European policy agenda, increase stakeholder commitment and cooperation, and to disseminate programme actions, results and good practice. Organisations that receive support will be expected to carry out activities that provide informal learning and activity programmes targeted at young people and youth workers, activities for the promotion of young people's active participation in democratic life and activities which promote intercultural learning and understanding in Europe. A total of €600,000 is available for this call.

Deadline: 29th November 2016

<https://euroalert.net/call/3423/call-for-proposals-2016-erasmus-programme-support-for-policy-reform-civil-society-cooperation-in-the-field-of-youth>

55. Funding for Project that Support Children and Young People

Registered Charities can apply for grants ranging from a few hundred pounds up to £30,000 per year for up to 2 years that are working in the areas of education or health with one of the Foundation' four chosen focus groups. These are children and young people with disabilities; children and young people who are sick in hospital; employability and training programmes for disadvantaged young people; and children and young people who are life limited (requiring palliative care). 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. There is no limit on the amount of money that a charity can request. However, the Foundation is a small charity and generally will not make awards of over £30,000 (per year). Funding can be requested for up to 2 years for any particular project.

Deadline: 7th February 2017 <https://dmthomasfoundation.org/what-we-do/grants/dmtf-central-grants/>

56. Aspirational Awards: Supporting Care Experienced Young People to achieve their Aspirations

Young people aged between 21 and 26 years old who have at least three months of care experience (including kinship, foster care, secure, residential and those young people who were looked after at home) can apply for an Aspirational Award. These awards from the Life Changes Trust could help to build on existing interests such as sports, arts, drama, dance or music; help to get a particular qualification; start your own business or learn a language to enable you to volunteer or work abroad. Everyone's aspirations are different, but these awards aim

to help individuals achieve their potential and long term goals. There are no maximum grant amounts specified as each application will be assessed on an individual basis.

Deadline: 30th November 2016

<http://www.lifechangestrust.org.uk/care-experienced-young-people/funding-opportunities>