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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](mailto:thirdsectorenquiries@argyll-bute.gov.uk)

## NEWS AND UPDATES

### Funding Alert Questionnaire

We regularly review how people use Funding Alert, GrantNet and our webpages. We are looking for your help to identify the demand and your views on what we have produced. We welcome any ideas of how we can improve the service we offer. We have developed a short questionnaire we are asking people to complete, that you can [access here](#). Deadline for submission is **4<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

## ARTS AND CULTURE

### 1. Small Grants for Museums

Organisations that runs an Accredited Museum in Scotland can apply for a grant of between £500 and £5,000 for up to 75% of the costs of a small, discrete project that supports their own continuous improvement goals and fits in with the aims of the National Strategy for Scotland's Museums and Galleries. Projects supported will have demonstrated an enterprising approach, included skills development (for staff and or volunteers) or shown how the project will help to raise the profile of the museum. Non-accredited organisations may also apply for up to £1,500 for up to 100% of project costs.

**Round 1 Deadline 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018** <https://www.museumsgalleriesscotland.org.uk/funding/small-project-fund/>

### 2. Creative Europe Cinema Networks Call Open to Applications

Part of the Creative Europe Media sub-programme, the Support to Cinema Networks scheme is open to groups of European independent cinemas developing, through the medium of a legally constituted co-ordination entity, joint activities in the area of screening and promoting European films. In particular, this coordination entity should ensure the operation of a communication and information system between the cinemas. A European independent cinema is a company, association or organisation with a single or several screens based in countries participating in the MEDIA Sub-programme and which operates under the same company name. The screening of films should be the principal activity of the participant or division of the participant's organisation. Networks should enable the following activities:

- Networking activities: information, animation and communication.
- Provide financial support to participating cinemas implementing the following eligible activities:
- Actions aiming at promoting and screening European films.
- Educational activities aiming at raising awareness among young cinema-goers.
- Promotion and marketing activities in cooperation with other distribution platforms (e.g. TV broadcasters, VOD platforms).

To be eligible, the cinema network must represent at least 100 cinemas situated in at least 20 countries participating in the MEDIA Sub-programme. The total budget available under the Call is €10.9 million. The EU grant is limited to a maximum co-financing rate of 50% of total eligible costs.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018**

[https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/creative-europe/actions/media/creative-europe-media-networks-cinemas\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/creative-europe/actions/media/creative-europe-media-networks-cinemas_en)

### 3. Funding for High Quality New Music Projects

Songwriters, composers, or solo artists, bands, producers and performers of all backgrounds can apply for grants of up to £10,000 to help them to deliver high quality new music projects. The funding is being made available through the PRS Foundation's Open Fund for Organisations and can cover activities such as touring, recording, promotion and marketing and commissions of new music by UK-based creators.

**Deadline: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

<http://prsfoundation.com/funding-support/funding-for-organisations/the-open-fund-for-organisations/>

#### 4. Film Hub Scotland - Amplify Programme

Amplify is structured as a multi-year programme of development for mid-scale exhibitors with the aim of significantly growing audiences for cultural cinema. The ambition is to bring together a cohort of mid-scale exhibitors to strategically increase their capacity, skills, confidence and resources with the ultimate aim of growing and enhancing their programme and engaging a broad and diverse audience.

**Deadline: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018** <http://www.filmhubscotland.com/opportunities/funding/amplify/>

#### 5. Film Hub Scotland - Pilot Projects

The Pilot Project Programme enables Film Hub Scotland members to undertake pilot work to engage and grow under-served audiences with independent British and specialised film, particularly young audiences (13-30 year olds). We will prioritise projects that focus on promoting diversity and increase inclusion. The ambition for the fund is that members will then embed learning into their programme delivery after the pilot finishes. Projects which address one or more of these priority areas will be prioritised: diversity, inclusion and access; young people (15 - 30 year olds) and screen heritage. Support is available for projects taking place from May - August 2018.

**Deadline: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018** <http://www.filmhubscotland.com/opportunities/funding/pilot-projects-programme/>

#### 6. Film Hub Scotland - Pitch Pot

Pitch Pots are a simple way for Film Hub Scotland members to access additional support for new or existing projects and screenings. They prioritise projects that focus on promoting diversity and increase inclusion. The ambition for the fund is that members will be able to create impactful, one-off events to enhance their programme, or to deliver special activities tied to local, Scotland and/or UK events and initiatives. Your activity must be focussed on one (or more) of these areas: Young Audiences aged 16 to 30; diversity, inclusion & access including deaf, living with dementia and autistic audiences; reach and cultural engagement; screen heritage & archive film including re-releases and the India on Film and Britain on Film Coastal strands. Support is available for projects taking place from May - August 2018.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <http://www.filmhubscotland.com/opportunities/funding/pitch-pots-2018/>

### BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE

#### 7. Funding to Support the Development of Small Charities and Social Enterprises

The Trust is offering development funding of up to £30,000 and business support to expand the capacity of small charities, social enterprises and community interest companies. To qualify applicant organisations will need to have a turnover of less than £1 million per year). To apply for funding, organisations must register at the start of each funding round. Numbers for each round are capped and registration are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once the cap is reached, the round is closed. Once successfully registered, organisations are invited to submit a simple application.

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018** <http://www.thefore.org/charities/>

#### 8. CAN DO Unlocking Ambition Challenge

The £4 million Scotland CAN DO Unlocking Ambition Challenge links established and successful entrepreneurs with high potential individuals who can demonstrate that their ideas can be a success, create jobs and benefit Scottish society. The programme will recruit candidates from anywhere in the world – on the basis that they relocate or establish their business in Scotland. The successful cohort will be mentored and funded as they develop their ideas, receiving bespoke support by partner organisations from the public and private sectors. The cohort will receive 12 months of funding, mentoring and incubation with one of the partner organisations. Those demonstrating the most progress will receive support for a further 12 months. Participants will benefit from:

- grant funding of up to £45,000 per Fellow – a £25,000 maintenance grant from Scottish Enterprise and up to £20,000 in business development funding;
- over £150,000 worth of comprehensive business training;
- tailored support for areas such as financial planning, business planning, spin out/start-up process;
- marketing and sales - and visiting status with an agreed university or research institute;
- access to international networks.

Early-stage, high-potential entrepreneurs, innovators, academics and researchers with innovative projects who want to form start-ups in Scotland may apply.

**Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018** <http://www.cando.scot/unlocking-ambition/>

## 9. Lloyds Bank and Bank of Scotland Accepting Applications to Social Entrepreneurs Programme 2018

The Social Entrepreneurs Programme aims to help people start up and scale up social enterprise, community projects and impact-led organisations across the UK. The Lloyds Bank and Bank of Scotland Social Entrepreneurs Programme 2018, run in partnership with School for Social Entrepreneurs, and jointly funded by Big Lottery Fund, is free so that there is no cost to participants at any time. This year the programme comprises the following support strands:

- **Start Up** - For those who are in the early stage development of a project or organisation. This programme will support personal development and business skills development to help turn projects or project ideas into a reality.
- **Scale Up** - For established organisations that are looking to take their operations to the next level. This programme will equip applicants with the tools to develop their enterprise further and maximise its social impact.
- **Trade Up** - For established organisations tackling a social or environmental issue.

Each strand provides successful enterprises with a free learning programme, mentoring and a community of people who run social and environmental projects. This is coupled with grant support at the following levels: Start Up - £1,000; Scale Up - £7,000; and Trade Up - £4,000. Individuals who are leading or planning to set up a project or social enterprise organisation which will create social change in the UK may apply.

**Deadline 26<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

<https://www.the-sse.org/courses/lloyds-bank-and-bank-of-scotland-social-entrepreneurs-start-up-programme-2018/>

## 10. IUK Biomedical Catalyst Competitions Feasibility and Early Stage Awards

Innovate UK (IUK), the Medical Research Council and Scottish Enterprise fund the Biomedical Catalyst Awards to support the development of innovative solutions to healthcare challenges. The programme aims to support innovative ideas across the life sciences sector, to make ideas from research and academia a reality. Projects should develop innovative healthcare products, technologies and processes. This could include projects that aim to:

- prevent disease or manage chronic health conditions;
- detect or diagnose disease earlier; and
- provide tailored treatments that change the underlying disease or offer cures.

Support is available for any sector or discipline, including (but not limited to):

- stratified healthcare;
- advanced therapies (gene and cell therapies);
- diagnostics;
- medical technologies and devices.

The **Feasibility Award** is designed for projects that have developed an innovative concept or carried out experimental proof of concept, but have not validated the technology. IUK has allocated up to £2 million to fund feasibility projects in this competition. A project's total costs should not exceed £200,000.

The aim of the Feasibility Award is to explore and evaluate the commercial potential of innovative scientific ideas through:

- reviewing research evidence and identifying possible applications;
- assessing business opportunities;
- investigating intellectual property issues;
- validating initial concepts and existing pre-clinical work through experimental studies; and
- identifying areas for further development.

The **Early Stage Award** aims to create a data package that is sufficient to support the subsequent testing of products or process in a clinical setting or other relevant environment. IUK has allocated up to £8 million to fund early stage projects in this competition and expects the total project costs to range in size from £250,000 to £4 million. Projects can include:

- experimental evaluation (at laboratory scale);
- use of in vitro and in vivo models to evaluate proof of concept or safety;
- exploring potential production mechanisms;
- early stage prototyping;
- product development planning;
- intellectual property protection.

Projects must be led by a UK SME, either working alone or with other SMEs or research organisations. IUK welcomes applications from any sector or discipline. Projects must be carried out in the UK.

**Deadline: 6<sup>th</sup> June 2018** <https://apply-for-innovation-funding.service.gov.uk/competition/130/overview>

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

### 11. Les Mills Fund for Children

Les Mills Fund for Children supports work with children that focuses on; poverty; physical and mental health problems; health and wellbeing; living with disability. Applications of up to £1k are welcome.

**Deadline: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018** <http://lesmillsfundforchildren.org.uk/grants/>

### 12. Funding to Support Family Based Projects

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

**Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2018** <https://kfct.org.uk/>

### 13. Grants of up to £10,000 for Projects that Help Disadvantaged and Neglected Children

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

**Deadline: 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018** <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4fJVTzz5QmQx5rx0S4NVg0Q/small-grants>

### 14. Holiday Grants for Disadvantaged and Disabled 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 between the 1<sup>st</sup> May and the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 for groups of children experiencing disadvantage or who have disabilities. Priority will be given to applications coming from the 20% most deprived areas in the UK. 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. 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: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

<https://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk/explore-our-grants-and-apply/holiday-grants-for-children/holiday-grants-for-children-overview/>

### 15. Funding for Summer Play Schemes

Grants of between £500 and £1,500 are available to help community groups run Summer Play Schemes, for disadvantaged communities. Some priority will be given to projects which show they are inclusive of children from refugee families, and show Black and Minority Ethnic involvement. To be eligible the applicant organisations must have an annual income of less than £150,000 per year, have strong volunteer support and the cost of the play-scheme must be less than £12,000.

**Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018** <http://www.hildencharitablefund.org.uk/summer%20playcheme%20guidelines.htm>

### 16. Grants for Families Facing Financial Hardship Whilst Caring for a Child with a Serious Illness

Families facing financial hardship whilst caring for a child with a serious illness can now apply for grants of up to £1,000 to cover essential items and services such as specialist equipment, creative therapies, hospital travel expenses, everyday items to improve the child's quality of life and social activities. Applications must be submitted by a health or social care professional on behalf the family to be considered for the next round of Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity Family Grants.

**Deadline: 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018** <http://www.roalddahl.com/charity/family-grants?platform=hootsuite>

### 17. The Family Recovery Initiative Fund

The Family Recovery Initiative Fund can offer one-off grants to groups that support families affected by alcohol and drugs in Scotland. Its aim is to improve the wellbeing of family members affected by someone else's substance misuse. Well-being is improved by social inclusion, because people connect with other people, can participate in group activities, and can access support. It is funded by the Scottish Government Substance Misuse Unit. The fund can support a variety of activities including set up costs, running costs, training, events, marketing, travel, activities and networking.

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018** <https://www.sfad.org.uk/communities/fund-for-families>

### 18. Peter Vardy Foundation

The Peter Vardy Foundation was created as a way of distributing 10% of the profits from Peter Vardy Limited to good causes. It exists to improve the lives of vulnerable children and young people both locally and abroad. The Foundation believes that "Every Life is Worthy" and that every child should have a safe and secure childhood and so makes grants to charities and other non-profit organisations that support children and young people who are disadvantaged and face challenges in their lives. The Foundation works together with these organisations to see lives and communities transformed through support, education and care.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <https://www.petervardy.com/peter-vardy-foundation/how-to-apply>

## COMMUNITY FUNDING

### 19. Ofcom's Community Radio Fund 2018 – Round 1 to Open Shortly

The Community Radio Fund, managed by Ofcom with funding from the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport, offers two funding rounds each year. The first round for 2018 is scheduled to open on 4 April to radio stations that are not-for-profit, run by local people for local people about local issues. Each funding round has around £200,000 available for grants. There is no set level of funding. Grants can range from about £2,000 to around £19,000 with an average grant of about £14,000. Grants will be made as a single lump sum and are to cover a one-year period only. The funding is intended for community radio licensees broadcasting under a community radio licence in the UK to cover costs including:

- Fundraising to support the station.
- Administration.
- Community outreach.
- Management.
- Financial management and reporting.
- Volunteer organisation and support

Priority will be given to licensees that have not been awarded a grant in previous funding rounds and to newly-licensed stations. The Awarding Panel considers promoting long-term sustainability a critical, core activity and thus priority will be given to applications that focus on posts that promote long-term financial security and may become self-sustaining.

**Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018**

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

### 20. ACHA Community Action Fund

Argyll Community Housing Association Ltd (ACHA) has a small fund from which the Association makes donations to registered charitable organisations which are worthwhile causes and which have some housing connection or a connection to the Aims & Objectives of the Association. Grants of £500 are available to charitable organisations for the following -

- Culture and recreation (e.g. art, sport, music, history)
- The environment (e.g. green initiatives, clean-ups, green spaces, wildlife and animal welfare)
- Community facilities (e.g. building maintenance, playgrounds)
- Community cohesion and engagement
- Social activities (e.g. fun days, bingo, lunch clubs)
- Health, wellbeing and personal and social development
- Unemployment
- Financial hardship
- Training and education
- Community safety (e.g. crime, anti-social behaviour, safety initiatives)

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <https://www.acha.co.uk/services-community-action-fund/>

## 21. The Good Help Award

Nesta are seeking applications from organisations that demonstrate they are helping people transform their lives through 'good help' activities. 'Good help' is core to many organisations trying to help people take action and improve their lives. Yet too many people receive 'bad help' which can have acute consequences, such as homelessness or addiction, but also chronic and subtle effects which make activities, such as parenting and healthy eating, much harder, and sometimes impossible. The Good Help Award will reward an organisation or team that demonstrates they are helping people to find their sense of purpose and develop their confidence to take action to transform their lives, rather than focusing on fixing a problem for them. Nesta will use the award process to identify and celebrate all of the most promising 'good help' projects - not just the winners - and will be looking for opportunities to share best practice and learning in ways that can help them all increase their impact. There are three awards available - one £15,000 winner, and two £5,000 runners up. Any organisation or team from within the public, voluntary, community or social enterprise sectors in the UK are eligible to apply. Commissioners and/or providers are also eligible to apply. All applicants must be offering 'good help' through an established (i.e. operational for at least 12 months or more) project, programme or service in the UK.

**Deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018** <http://goodhelp.challenges.org/>

## 22. Bank of Scotland Foundation Small and Medium Grants

The Bank of Scotland Foundation's funding programme offers grants to registered charities that are working to develop and improve their local communities. Registered charities in Scotland can apply as long as they are working towards the following objectives:

- Initiatives designed to encourage the involvement in the community of those too often excluded.
- Working with people on low incomes, at risk from poverty or with problems finding accommodation.
- Improving the standard of local facilities.
- Developing and improving local communities (Medium grants only).
- Financial literacy and financial inclusion (Medium grants only).

The grants are as follows:

- Small Grants Programme accepts applications between £1,000 and £10,000.
- Medium Grants Programme accepts applications between £10,001 and £25,000.

Charities can apply to this grants programme once every 12 months.

**Deadline: 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018** <http://bankofscotlandfoundation.org/>

## 23. Volunteering Matters - Action Earth Awards

Awards from £50 to £250 are available to groups of volunteers carrying out environmental activities. This could include improving ponds, woodlands, meadows and other green spaces to make them more wildlife friendly. Create new habitats by planting nectar-rich flowers, fruit-bearing trees or shrubs. Local Nature Reserve grants of up to £500 are also available for volunteer activities taking place on Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) such as wildlife recording or protecting and enhancing biodiversity. In 2018, they are also offering a limited number of Enhanced Health grants of up to £500 for projects which deliver a significant health impact through working with people who have defined health or social needs. Action Earth grant funding is provided by Scottish Natural Heritage (SNH).

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <https://volunteermatters.org.uk/project/action-earth/>

## 24. Calor Rural Community Fund

The fund supports rural communities with projects that are off the mains gas grid and will improve local life. The funding must be used for renovations, redecorating, equipment, or new LPG heating system. Projects could be anything from community centres, village halls and sporting venues to youth clubs and scout groups, or they could be initiatives to support the elderly.

**Deadline: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018** <https://www.calor.co.uk/communityfund/about-the-fund/>

## 25. Foundation Scotland - Nationwide Building Society Community Grants

This Community Grants programme supports local housing projects so more people can have a place fit to call home. The grants will fund projects that provide housing services to people in need and support the most vulnerable. Successful projects must support one of the three objectives: preventing people from being homeless, this could be by improving physical, emotional or social condition, e.g. developing new accommodation for those who are currently homeless; helping people into a home, this could be by helping people into supported accommodation or stabilising rental accommodation e.g.

helping people to access bond schemes; supporting people to remain in their home, this could be by supporting people's independent living within their current home e.g. offering adaptations to support older people or people with disabilities to live at home and continue to be active.

**Deadline: 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018** <https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/programmes/nationwide/>

## EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

### 26. Thomas Wall Trust

Thomas Wall Trust provides funding for projects addressing social and educational needs in the community. Grants of up to £1k are made to organisations with an income of less than £100k per year, and the Trust also provides grants to assist people with the cost of training courses that improve their chances of employment.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018** <http://www.thomaswalltrust.org.uk/grants-for-registered-charities/>

### 27. Eurostat Economic Governance Grants Available

Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union, has issued an Open Call for Proposals offering financial support for Member States to carry out work linked to the modernisation of their public sector financial accounting systems under the accruals basis of accounting with a view to the eventual implementation of the European Public Sector Accounting Standards (EPSAS). The Call is aimed primarily at EU Member States that do not as yet apply accruals accounting across public sector and that are working towards introducing internationally accepted accruals-based accounting standards, or equivalent national accruals accounting standards. Applications are also invited from Member States already using accruals, which are moving towards harmonised financial accounting systems across government, or are preparing for such a reform. Proposals could cover all or some of the following tasks:

- Scoping of modernisation needs.
- Developing the organisation of the project to implement changes.
- Developing an approach to implementation.
- Developing a stakeholder communication plan.
- Exchanging knowledge and best practices.
- Building on existing analyses.

The estimated available Call budget is €800,000 with a maximum co-financing rate of 70%.

Applications will be eligible if submitted by the following:

- Non-profit organisations (private or public).
- Public authorities (national, regional, or local).

**Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/other\\_eu\\_prog/esp/wp-call/esp-call-b2771-2018-epsas\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/other_eu_prog/esp/wp-call/esp-call-b2771-2018-epsas_en.pdf)

### 28. Santander Foundation

The Santander Foundation awards grants of up to £5,000 to help disadvantaged people make the most of their future. Discovery Grants are available to fund an activity which supports one or more of three priority themes:

#### Explorer - improving people's knowledge

- Examples include Money Management workshops helping disadvantaged people learn how to budget.

#### Transformer - improving skills and experience

- Examples include training to help socially isolated people develop skills to get back into work, or volunteering opportunities for disadvantaged young people.

#### Changemaker - innovative solutions to social challenges

- Examples could include projects such as a new social networking programme for visually impaired young people to access the internet.

Projects which are wholly charitable can be funded. They must specifically help disadvantaged people in the UK by improving knowledge, skills or providing innovative solutions. The Foundation aims to help as many organisations as possible, so it doesn't offer grants for longer than one year. Funding is available:

- for small local organisations and lasts for 12 months
- for complete projects, not contributions
- to cover part-time salaries, equipment or materials, but they must be specific to your project

Grants are for UK registered charities, Community Interest Companies and credit unions with at least one year's accounts.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/discovery-grants.aspx>

## 29. Edge Foundation Accepting Applications to £1m Grant Fund

Grants of between £30,000 and £100,000 are available for projects which support the Edge' Foundation's plan for education and must support innovation or development within technical and professional learning. All projects are required to address areas of skills shortages to the UK and address in detail at least one of the following Funding Themes:

- Improve the design and delivery of engaging and relevant Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance
- Support the development of Project Based Learning (PBL) and associated profound employer engagement
- Support the development of a 14-19 curriculum which integrates both academic and technical/professional subjects
- Support the development of innovative approaches to higher education at levels 4, 5, and 6
- Ways to measure the performance of technical education.

Projects must focus on young people up to the age of 24 years; however, projects which support the development and delivery of higher and degree level apprenticeships or other degree level provision have no upper age limits for beneficiaries. All educational establishments or not-for-profit organisations working within the education sector may apply. Particular consideration will be given to applications for projects that have already secured match funding or intend to use the Edge grant to obtain further match funding. Jane Samuels, head of partnerships and projects at Edge, said: "This is an opportunity for further education colleges and other educational and not-for-profit institutions to secure significant funding towards projects and initiatives that can deliver real impact in their area, equipping young people with skills for 21st-century jobs and boosting local economies." There is a two stage application process.

**Deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018** <http://www.edge.co.uk/GrantFund2018>

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](mailto:genna.lugue@argyll-bute.gov.uk) / Tel No 01546 604899 for more information.

## EUROPEAN FUNDING

### 30. Argyll and the Islands LEADER

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

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

For details on the application process, applicants should visit <http://www.aiLEADER.org> the 2018 funding rounds:

	June	September	December
<b>EOI Deadline</b>	13/04/2018	13/07/2018	28/09/2018
<b>Application Deadline</b>	11/05/2018	10/08/2018	26/10/2018
<b>LAG Decision Meeting</b>	21/06/2018	20/09/2018	06/12/2018

The Argyll and the Islands LEADER LAG is part-financed by the Scottish Government and the European Community LEADER 2014-2020 programme.

### 31. ERDF Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme

Scottish Government have invited applications for the Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme. The deadline for applications is **30<sup>th</sup> April 2018**. Information regarding the programme and how to apply can be found by visiting: <http://www.gov.scot/Resource/0053/00530365.pdf>

### 32. North West Europe Programme (2014 – 2020)

The seventh call for project proposals under the Interreg North-West Europe Programme 2014-will open on **26 March 2018** for applications. The Programme's mission is to produce measurable positive change in North-West Europe around three themes:

- **Innovation**
- **Low Carbon**
- **Resource and material efficiency**

Deadline for project submission: **26<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

Decision: **June 2018**

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

### 33. Atlantic Area Programme (2014-2020)

The second call for project applications under the Interreg Atlantic Area will open on the 15 March 2018. The programme offers a maximum co-financing rate of 75% of the total project budget and has a remaining €43 million for this call. The fund will projects on the following activities:

- Stimulating innovation and competitiveness
- Fostering resource efficiency
- Strengthening the territory's resilience to risks of natural, climate and human origin
- Enhancing the biodiversity and natural and cultural assets

Information on the programme can be found at: [https://light.ccdr-](https://light.ccdr-n.pi/index.php?data=e6f2974f4480408aa99122532764d9aac09f3f4b90bbb2e89baa757833dfcaef701b83255c42391b52bd2377b246b4fc)

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Deadline for project submission: **1<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

Decision: **End of October 2018**

## FUNDING FOR DIGITAL PROJECTS

### 34. Funding to Develop the Digital Skills of Vulnerable Young People

Grants of up to £3,000 are available to organisations based in the UK or Ireland to help develop the digital skills of vulnerable young people aged 11-25. As well as the funding successful organisations will also have the opportunity to be part of a six-month accelerator of support workshops, project and staff development opportunities. The funding and support is being made available through the Carnegie UK Trust's #NotWithoutMe Accelerator Programme and successful organisation's will also have the opportunity to pitch for up to £40,000 further funding and a year's support after the completion of the #NotWithoutMe Accelerator programme.

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018** <https://www.carnegieuktrust.org.uk/project/notwithoutme/>

### 35. Funding for Charities to Develop an Effective Web Presence

Registered Charities and not for profit organisation can apply for grants of up to £18,000 to develop an effective social media and web presence with the aim of developing future funding streams. The funding is being made available through the Transform Foundation which offers two types of grants. A grant of £5,000 to be spent on Facebook advertising and a website grant of up to £18,000 to cover the upfront costs of a new charity-specific website including strategy, design, development and training). The grant programmes are aimed at small to medium-sized charities and other not for profit organisations. There is a two stage application process.

**Stage 1 Applications may be submitted at any time** <https://www.transformfoundation.org.uk/>

### 36. SCVO - Digital Participation Charter Fund

The Digital Participation Charter Fund (formerly Challenge Fund), supported by the Scottish Government and BT, invests in community digital participation projects across Scotland. It provides small grants to help a range of organisations tackle poverty, social isolation and other forms of inequality in society through embedding basic digital skills development work in day-to-day activity with their service users. Projects will enable groups and organisations

to improve the digital skills of their members, digitise content and build networks so that they can continue to thrive in the digital world. Building on an understanding of 'what works' in the development of basic digital skills, the sixth round of the Digital Participation Fund will be focused on two specific themes: supporting working age people to increase financial capability, employment and other economic outcomes; supporting older and disabled people to reduce social isolation and loneliness.

**Deadline: 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018** <https://scvo.org/digital/participation/charter-fund/call-for-funding/>

## GENERAL FUNDING

### 37. Funding for Projects that Combat Abuse and Violation of Human Rights

Registered charities in the UK that work towards combating abuse and violations of human rights and help the most vulnerable and marginalised people in society can apply for funding through the A B Charitable Trust. This can include prisoners and penal reform; migrants, refugees and asylum seekers; and human rights, particularly access to justice. The Trust generally makes one-off grants to charities registered and working in the UK with annual incomes of between £150,000 and £1.5m that do not have substantial investments or surpluses. Grants range in size, with most grants awarded being in the range £10,000 to £20,000. ABCT does not normally fund charities with large national or international links.

**Deadline: 18<sup>th</sup> May 2018** <http://abcharitabletrust.org.uk/application.htm>

### 38. National Vegetarian Week Grants

National Vegetarian Week (14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018) is organised by the Vegetarian Society and it's all about eating delicious and exciting veggie food. They have some large and small grants available to help groups with their planned events or activities for the Week. They're open to new ideas which celebrate vegetarianism, such as: cookery demonstrations; communal meals; recipe exchanges; tastings.

**Deadline: 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2018** <https://www.nationalvegetarianweek.org/grants/>

### 39. Rayne Foundation

The Rayne Foundation makes grants to charitable and not-for-profit organisations across the UK tackling a variety of social issues. As an independent funder, an important part of its role is to support work which is untried, tests new approaches but has clear objectives. It favours work which could change the way issues are tackled in society and which could have lessons for others beyond the funded organisation. It will consider applications in the fields of arts, health and wellbeing, education in its widest sense, and those that cover social issues. Its focus is to connect communities, building bridges between marginalised groups and mainstream society, and to enable individuals to reach their full potential. Within these broad criteria, it has a number of areas of special interest:

- Young people's improved mental health
- Arts as a tool to achieve social change
- Improved quality of life for carers and for older people

The Foundation particularly welcomes applications addressing these issues but will consider applications in other subjects which meet its broader criteria. It prefers to fund alongside others as it is unlikely to be able to fund your project in full. It will also consider the size of your request relative to your overall turnover. Small, newer organisations in particular are unlikely to receive a larger grant if that would equate to more than 10% of total income, unless it is towards an organisations first paid post.

**Applications may be submitted at any time** <http://www.raynefoundation.org.uk/grants/uk/apply/guidelines>

### 40. Trusthouse Charitable Foundation

Trusthouse charitable foundation is a medium-sized grant making foundation giving grants to small, well-established organisations in the UK who address local issues in areas of extreme urban deprivation, or in remote and fragile rural communities. Within these overarching themes, the Foundation is interested in three areas:

- Community Support
- Disability and Healthcare
- Arts, Education and Heritage

Grants will fund:

- General costs including core costs, salaries, projects costs
- Capital expenditure on buildings or essential equipment

Grants are for 1 year only. For all its grants programmes, you will need to have secured a minimum of 50% of the total cost of the work or project for which you are applying. What level of grants you can apply for will depend on your annual income.

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

#### **41. The Cinnamon Network-Project LAB**

The Cinnamon Project Lab competition is looking for ambitious church-based social action projects that want to develop their initiatives so other churches can replicate them. Project Lab 2018 is specifically looking for projects that respond to social need in Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic (BAME) communities. They are looking for social action projects that are church-sized, simple and replicable, are bold and want to grow.

**Deadline: 23<sup>rd</sup> Apr 2018** <http://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/project-lab/>

#### **42. Henry Duncan Grants**

To apply to the Henry Duncan Grants, charities must have an annual income of less than £500,000 and be delivering programmes or services which are clearly focused on improving the quality of life for members of the community facing disadvantage. One-off awards of up to £7,000 are made to charities working with people who may typically be experiencing challenging family circumstances, disability, mental ill health, abuse or poverty. At present, the Foundation is particularly interested in supporting:

- vulnerable children and young people
- isolated older people
- carers
- families in poverty
- people affected by disability or mental health issues.

Please note that it is important that applicants can clearly demonstrate the difference that our funding will make to the people they work with and how their quality of life will be improved in the longer term. Applicants can apply for core funding, such as running costs or salaries, or project funds. We will consider applications for small capital costs such as equipment.

**Deadline: 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018** <https://www.corra.scot/grant-programmes/henry-duncan-grants/>

## HEALTH

#### **43. Pink Ribbon Foundation Re-opens for 2018 Applications**

The Pink Ribbon Foundation's mission is to fund projects and provide financial support to UK charities which relieve the needs of people who are suffering from, or who have been affected by breast cancer or who work to advance the understanding of breast cancer, its early detection and treatment. Grants of up to £5,000 are available for revenue, capital or project costs. The Foundation provides financial support to charities in the UK whose objects are:

- To relieve the needs of people who are suffering from, or have been affected by, breast cancer by providing, or assisting in the provision of, information, care or emotional, practical and financial support.
- To advance public education in the understanding of breast cancer, its early detection and treatment, in particular but not exclusively by commissioning, or conducting, research into the causes, detection and treatment of breast cancer and by disseminating the results of such research.

The Foundation will consider applications from general cancer charities if any grant made will be used to benefit those suffering from, or affected by, 50% of patients that suffer from Breast Cancer or for research into, or the dissemination of information about, breast cancer. The Foundation is keen to support initiatives which promote a positive view of living with breast cancer. The Foundation welcomes applications from all ethnic and minority groups.

**Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> May 2018** <https://www.pinkribbonfoundation.org.uk/who-we-help/>

#### **44. Grants to Enrich the Quality of Life of Sick Children in Hospitals**

Registered charitable hospitals and hospices across the UK working to enhance and enrich the quality of life of sick children in hospitals can apply for grants of between £100 and £10,000. Projects funded could include providing life-saving medical equipment, free family accommodation, arts, music and play therapy programmes, sensory equipment and facilities and respite care. Organisations working within hospitals and hospices are also eligible to apply to the Wallace & Gromit's Children's Charity where they have a supporting reference from the hospital/hospice itself.

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018** <https://wallaceandgromitcharity.org/>

#### 45 Triangle Trust 1949 Fund Opens for Organisations Working with Unpaid Carers

The Triangle Trust provides funding through its Development Grants programme to registered charities, not-for-profit social enterprises and community interest companies in the UK whose primary purpose is to support unpaid carers. Applications from organisations working in Scotland, Northern Ireland or Wales are particularly welcome.

Organisations must have a constitution whose primary purpose is to support unpaid carers. Development Grants provide funds towards any costs incurred by the applicant in undertaking its core business so that sustainable income sources can be developed and the organisation's income will not be reduced when the grant comes to an end. The grant could, for example, be used to enable an organisation to make a step change such as diversifying its income streams or setting up a social enterprise to help it become more sustainable in the long term. Grants are available for up to £80,000 over three years with a maximum of £35,000 in year one. The amount requested each year is expected to taper down as applicants develop other sustainable income streams. The emphasis of the Development Grant is to support the development of a solid foundation for the future. The grant could, for example, be used to enable an organisation to make a step change such as diversifying its income streams or setting up a social enterprise to help it become more sustainable in the long term. Please note this funding is not available for charities with a broader remit that are running a project to support unpaid carers.

**Deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018** <http://www.triangletrust.org.uk/apply-funding>

### LAND AND PROPERTY

#### 46. WREN - FCC Scottish Action Fund

The FCC Scottish Action Fund offers funding to projects through the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund (SLCF). WREN will consider applications across all types of projects included in the SLCF Objects including: land reclamation, community recycling, public amenities and parks, biodiversity and historic buildings.

**Deadline: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018** <http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/fcc-scottish-action-fund>

#### 47 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](mailto: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>

#### 48. £10 Million Innovation Fund Launched to Improve Construction Industry Productivity

The ConstrucTech Technology Accelerator is a £10 million innovation fund designed to solve some of the biggest construction industry challenges. The programme provides an opportunity for businesses to trial and ultimately win a contract with the construction company Colmore Tang. The provider wishes to encourage businesses from across sectors to apply their skills and expertise to the construction industry through ConstrucTech. Funding will be provided to those companies that can successfully show how their innovation and technology could improve the sector's productivity, sustainability and skills issues. Colmore Tang and Virgin StartUp are calling for businesses to address the following problems:

- **People:** improving analysis of performance, sharing best practice across building projects, measurement of quality and also implementation of health and safety.
- **Data:** using data to pre-empt potential delays, more efficient material ordering, and more effective use of labour along with use of performance data to improve cost, timescales and estimates of new projects for future clients.
- **Smart Materials:** design and implementation of materials to improve sustainability; improve safety and finding materials which are digitally connected.

Selected start-ups will join a six-week programme, giving them access to:

- Mentoring - meet and learn from entrepreneurs and subject matter experts.

- Access to market support - access to product validation and a go-to-market strategy with a chance to pitch to Colmore Tang executives.
- Office space - access to office space at Virgin StartUp headquarters in London for the duration of the programme.
- Funding - possible access to the Colmore Tang £10 million innovation fund for in-market trials.

No equity will be taken in exchange for participation in the programme. Established start-ups with a validated product or service that's market-ready, with paying customers and a product or service that can address one of the programme challenges, may apply. Start-ups and entrepreneurs from around the world are eligible. The provider is particularly interested in finding start-ups that have a focus on Sustainability; Waste reduction; improving safety; saving time and money; and Preventing failures.

**Deadline: 31st May 2018**

<https://www.uktech.news/news/10m-innovation-fund-launched-solve-construction-industrys-productivity-crisis-20180327>

## SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION

### 49. The Classical Association Grants

The Association will consider applications for summer schools and to institutions offering courses in Greek, Latin and classical civilisation; and bursaries for teachers attending courses abroad to support their professional development. The Association will also support school teaching and outreach work such as Greek and Latin reading competitions, regional Greek/Roman days and school conferences; etc. The Grants Committee meets four times a year to make awards for up to £2,000. Applications which exceed this amount are passed to Council for decision. Schools and other organisations that are applying for more than £2,000, must submit their application in time for the September deadline.

**Deadline: 1st June 2018** <http://www.classicalassociation.org/grants.html>

### 50. Local School Nature Grants Scheme

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

**Deadline: 27th April 2018** <https://www.ltl.org.uk/naturegrants/guidance.php>

### 51. Matched Funding for Books for Primary Schools

A total of £3million has been allocated to a scheme whereby all Schools in the UK purchasing books from an online retailer can apply for match funding of the same amount – effectively doubling the value of their order. Books can be purchased online, by phone or by email with no limit on the number of times each school can apply. The offer is from BookLife.

**Deadline: 31st July 2018** <https://www.booklife.co.uk/pages/what-is-match-funding>

## SPORT FUNDING

### 52. SportScotland Sport Facilities Fund

Our Sport Facilities Fund (SFF) supports capital projects that create or improve places where people take part in sport and physical activity. We want to support projects that provide opportunities for people to get involved in and participate in sport & physical activity. We will target our resources around the development of projects that have the greatest impact on:

- participation
- progression

We will prioritise projects where there is a commitment to the following:

- equalities & inclusion
- people development
- collaboration & impact

Awards of up to £100,000 are available for sports facility projects within club & communities, school & education or performance sport environments.

**Deadline: 1st May 2018** <https://sportscotland.org.uk/funding/sport-facilities-fund/>

### 53. Funding to Grow Community Tennis

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

**Deadline: 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018** <https://www.lta.org.uk/venue-management/facilities-advice/>

### 54. Grants for Specialist Tennis Equipment

Special schools as well as coaches, clubs, disability groups, associations and individuals can apply for grants for equipment and specialist wheelchairs to enable disabled people to play tennis. Funding of up to £1,500 is available for groups and clubs and up to £500 for individuals.

**Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018** <http://www.danmaskelltennistrust.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant.html>

## YOUNG PEOPLE

### 55. Young People Empowerment Grants (Scotland)

Not-for-profit voluntary or community groups, schools, colleges, universities and residential houses who are working with care experienced young people between 14 and 16 years old anywhere in Scotland can apply for funding of between £500 and £10,000 from the Empowerment Grants programme. The programme is being run by the Life Changes Trust and will support predominantly small projects that focus on care experienced young people who: are affected by equalities factors; have experience of the youth justice system; are looked after at home; have experience of long term health issues, including mental health. Funding is available for projects that develop young people's confidence and skills, exercise their rights, have a say in things that matter to them and give them more opportunities to take part in community activities.

**Deadline: 27th April 2018**

<https://www.lifechangestrust.org.uk/care-experienced-young-people/funding-opportunities-0>

### 56. Year of Young People National Lottery Fund

The Big Lottery are offering grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 to heritage, arts and community and sports projects that focus on young people in Scotland. Grants of between £3,000 and £10,000 to projects that focus on young people's health and wellbeing. Health and wellbeing includes many different things from supporting young people to lead active lives to providing opportunities to learn about and improve mental and physical health.

**Applications may be submitted at any time**

[http://national-lottery-yoyp.org.uk/sites/default/files/2018-03/application\\_guidance.pdf](http://national-lottery-yoyp.org.uk/sites/default/files/2018-03/application_guidance.pdf)

### 57. Support for Environmental Outreach Education for Disadvantaged Young People

Schools, colleges and youth groups can receive up to 80% towards the costs of providing environmental outreach education for groups of disadvantaged young people through the Field Studies Council's Kids Fund. The Field Studies Council is an independent educational charity committed to raising awareness about the natural world and works through a network of residential and day Centres in the UK to provide outreach education and training. The funding is available to help young people aged 14 - 18 (25 for those with special needs) attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial. One free staff/adult place is provided for every 12 young people; additional adults pay 20% +VAT. This includes all equipment, tuition and waterproof hire costs. Food and accommodation are included for residential courses.

**Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018**

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

### 58. Rural Career Bursaries for Young People

The lease of a Land Rover Discovery or Discovery Sport for 12 months is the award on offer in a competition for young people aged 21-35 who are pursuing a career in farming or other rural businesses and who want to make a difference in their local community. Bursaries will be awarded to five inspiring young people who have shown how they believe the lease of a vehicle will help them to complete their day-to-day work, project or related tasks.

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018** <http://www.princescountrysidefund.org.uk/how-we-help/the-land-rover-bursary->

### 59. Hunter Foundation Launches 100 Disrupters Competition for Scotland's Ambitious Young People

Sir Tom Hunter has launched the 100 Disrupters Competition, giving Scotland's young innovators a voice with new grant opportunity. The contest offers thousands of pounds to young people with ideas to positively shake up the country. The Hunter Foundation launched the competition in support of the [Year of Young People 2018 in Scotland](#). The programme will award 100 grants of £1,000 to individuals or groups with the ambition to "positively disrupt" Scotland. The cash could go to help a sporting ambition, a business plan, charity promotion or community idea. The competition is open to anyone up to the age of 26 who lives in Scotland. Interested parties can apply on their own or in a group. At the end of the competition, the Hunter Foundation will build a content-rich platform to showcase all 100 ambitions and ensure all of Scotland can witness those ambitions either attempted or realised. Sir Tom Hunter, founder of The Hunter Foundation said: "We are looking to back young people with massive ambition and the courage to take that ambition on. Whether that's one mighty sporting challenge, changing their communities, building the next Facebook, a nascent Rabbin Burns or promoting a charity or cause that can change the face of Scotland, we want to support their ambition. Ambition is taking on a challenge you may not fulfil but giving it a go anyway. As John Wayne said, 'courage is being scared to death, but saddling up anyway'. We hope 100 disrupters will."

**Deadline: 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018** <http://www.thehunterfoundation.co.uk/>

### 60. European Social Innovation Competition

The European Social Innovation Competition is organised by the European Commission with the support of Nesta, Kennisland, European Network of Living Labs, Ashoka and Scholz & Friends. The aim of the competition is to raise awareness of the potential of social innovation to foster growth, entrepreneurship and to provide solutions to current challenges. Successful entries will be game-changing ideas with the potential to advance Europe's growth model. The 2018 European Social Innovation Competition is looking for ideas including, but not limited to:

- Initiatives that use new technologies and ways of working to provide opportunities for youth within their local communities.
- Ideas that assist young people who would not otherwise have become innovators to create their own opportunities in their local environment.
- Ideas co-created with young people to respond to requirements in their local community for skills, experiences and opportunities.
- Solutions to improve the quality of life and financial security of young people in irregular work.
- Innovations that provide information, advice and guidance to young people so they can navigate their options in the new economy.
- Programmes that equip the next generation of workers with skills that allow young people to harness technological change.

Ideas that are led by young people themselves are particularly encouraged. The competition includes a strong mentoring and networking component which is intended to benefit all the successful contestants, not just the winners. Ultimately, the aim is to turn the best ideas into tangible and sustainable projects. Three winning projects will be awarded a prize of €50,000 each, while a further €50,000 impact prize will be awarded a year later to the semi-finalist with the most successful outcomes.

**Deadline: 27<sup>th</sup> April 2018** [http://ec.europa.eu/growth/industry/innovation/policy/social/competition\\_en](http://ec.europa.eu/growth/industry/innovation/policy/social/competition_en)

### 61. Comic Relief Launches £4m Fund for Young People Lacking a Secure Place to Live

Comic Relief is inviting proposals from not-for-profit organisations to support projects in the UK, India, South Africa, Brazil and Kenya that are using sport to improve the lives of children and young people (up to 25 years) who are homeless or living in temporary accommodation to gain skills to lead safe and positive lives. Grants of between £100,000 and £500,000 are available to cover a period of between two and four years. The grant request should be

appropriate to the size of the organisation that is applying. Projects should take a creative approach, use sport as a tool for social change in their approach and contribute to at least one of the following outcomes:

- Children and young people increase and/or sustain their engagement with education.
- Children and young people have increased pathways into training or employment.
- More children and young people have a safe and supportive network or trusted place to go for advice.
- Children and young people increase life skills, for example money management, daily living skills, legal rights, problem solving, creative thinking, communication, interpersonal relationships, mindfulness, assertiveness, empathy, coping with stress, trauma and loss, resilience.

Proposals will need to:

- Go above and beyond confidence building and be able to demonstrate how sport can be used to achieve positive social change.
- Demonstrate wider social outcomes and not just focus on increasing participation in sport for the physical health benefits.

Comic Relief 'wants to hear from organisations who can demonstrate a deep understanding of what makes a positive difference for young people in this situation in their local context'. Applications for work in India, South Africa, Brazil or Kenya can be made by a locally registered organisation directly delivering the project or in partnership with a UK-based organisation. Applications that are made earlier in the process may be reviewed before the deadline.

**Deadline: 14<sup>th</sup> June 2018** <http://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-grants/open-grants-initiatives/safe-secure-settled>

## **62. Hostelling Scotland - Explorer Fund**

The fund aims give young people the opportunity to explore and experience Scotland by supporting disadvantaged young people from youth groups and schools to stay in a Hostelling Scotland youth hostel anywhere in Scotland. Target groups include disadvantaged young people, young people living in areas of deprivation, young people in receipt of free schools meals, young carers, young people with disabilities, care experienced young people and young people who have never had a residential experience. The fund will be used to cover both accommodation and catering costs. Successful groups will be asked to pay a small contribution of £15 per person per night.

**Applications may be submitted at any time**

<https://www.syha.org.uk/charity-programmes/hostelling-scotland-explorer-fund/>