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UPDATE ON FUNDING PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES IN HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM

LBHF 3rd SECTOR INVESTMENT FUND 2010 – 2014

The 3rd Sector Investment Fund will be open to applications from 21st September 2009 for funding from October 2010 for organisations delivering outcomes for residents in the following areas;

- **Health and Wellbeing (Older People)**
- **Children and Families**
- **Regeneration and Advice**
- **Infrastructure**

There will be a workshop on each of the Service Specifications during the week beginning 21st September, followed by a series of workshops on various aspects of the application form, which Community Liaison are running in partnership with CaVSA.

During the same week there will also be an opportunity to attend a workshop on commissioning Youth Services and another one on funding from the Big Lottery Fund.

Please see the flyer and booking form sent with this mailing for further details.

FUNDING NEWS - ELECTRONIC

Many of you have already responded to this, but as stated in the last Funding News, we are aiming to increase the number of electronic copies delivered by email as it is cheaper, more environmentally friendly and it also means that you can immediately click on any links etc.

We would appreciate if you would forward your email address to: communityliaison@lbhf.gov.uk.

Please let us know if there are any reasons why you cannot receive Funding News in an electronic form.

Many thanks

GRASSROOTS GRANTS – THAMES COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Thames Community Foundation distribute grants of up to £5,000 to support small informal voluntary and community groups with an annual income of up to £30,000.

The key themes for Grassroots Grants which your project should fit are;

- Personal and Economic Development
- Community Development
- Community
- Capacity Building
- Youth
- Health and Well-being

**Application forms and guidance notes - one for grants up to £900 and one for grants of £901-£5,000 - are available from: Grassroots Grants, Thames Community Foundation, NPL Building 1 – Room 201, Hampton Road, Teddington, Middlesex TW11 0LW
Tel: 020 8943 6030
Email: grantstcf@btconnect.com**

Website:

www.thamescommunityfoundation.org.uk where you will be able to download all relevant documents in order to apply to Grassroots Grants.

Closing Dates: 30th September 2009, 30th November 2009 and 29th January 2010

LONDON DEVELOPMENT AGENCY COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAMME

The London Development Agency (LDA) has announced the launch of the second round of funding for its 2007-10 Community Grants Programme. Part funded through the European Social Fund, small voluntary and community organisations such as social enterprises, charities, and community groups that support refugees, women, disabled people and families are available to apply for grants of up to £12,000 to support quality outreach provision, providing an essential stepping stone for unemployed and economically inactive participants to find employment or progress to further learning. A total of £5.5m is available through this scheme.

**For further information contact:
Community Grants, GLE, New City
Court, 20 St Thomas Street, SE1 9RS**

<http://www.lda.gov.uk/server.php?show=ConWebDoc.3353>

Closing date: 12 noon 14th September 2009.



TRUST & CORPORATE FUNDING

CRACKING THE CODE

Cracking the Code is a bursary scheme from the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) to improve governance within third sector infrastructure organisations. The scheme offers up to £500 to improve the way that community and voluntary organisation are led and governed. The type of activities that could be funded include; organising a board away day; attend training on the latest legal updates or the roles and responsibilities of board members; improving an organisation's

recruitment and induction systems; holding a stakeholder forum to improve strategic planning; and or carrying out a governance review. In return for the bursary the NCVO will ask organisations to write a case study and develop a method to share the knowledge and experiences with others in the local area.

**For further information contact:
NCVO, The National Council for
Voluntary Organisations, Regent's
Wharf, 8 All Saints Street, N1 9RL
Tel: 020 7713 6161
Email: ncvo@ncvo-vol.org.uk**

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/governanceandleadership/?id=13148>

Closing date: 30th September 2009.

ESMÉE FAIRBAIRN FOUNDATION - FOOD STRAND

The Food Strand is a £3 million funding pot over three years (2008 - 2011) with the aim of promoting an understanding of the role of food in enhancing quality of life. It will prioritise the enjoyment and experience of food rather than its production and to enable as many people in the UK as possible to access, prepare and eat nutritious, sustainable food.

The Foundation are keen to support work which enhances quality of life, which will include the following:

- Improving access to appropriate, diverse and sustainable food in areas where availability is limited
- Exploring or enhancing understanding of the impact of food on wider well-being
- Demonstrating the positive role of food in a social context or how food can contribute to community cohesion
- Developing leadership in food policy and/or enabling greater connection

among currently diverse food-related interests

- Scaling up effective local or regional practice that deserves a wider platform
- Strategic or exceptional work that supports the development of sustainable food systems.

The Foundation is interested in work that influences policy and practice across a range of food-related areas. The Foundation expect to support a mix of practical projects that have wide significance, and some research and policy based work.

Previously funded projects include;

- Community Food Enterprise Ltd which received a £70,000 grant towards the costs over two years of the continued operation of existing Social Food outlets and expansion of the service into new areas.
- Local Food Links Ltd, which received a grant of £99,204 towards the scale-up of the Local Food Links hot school meals service in Dorset over two years and to explore the provision of a user-led catering service for older people

For further information contact:
Esmée Fairbairn Foundation, Kings Place, 90 York Way, N1 9AG
Tel: 020 7812 3700
Email: info@esmeefairbairn.org.uk

<http://www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk/funding/food.html>

Closing date: Applications can be submitted at any time.

HEALTHY HEART GRANTS

Community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers involved in preventing heart disease can apply for 'Healthy Heart' grants of up to £10,000 through Heart Research UK. Over the

last 40 years, Heart Research UK has funded many of the ground breaking medical breakthroughs, including the first ever successful UK heart transplants and the development of heart valves. The type of projects funded through this scheme in the past include:

- The Foresight Project in Grimsby which encourages visually impaired people to take regular exercise using tandem bicycles, a project in Bradford to encourage local residents to participate in fun physical activities such as belly dancing, line dancing and exercise classes.
- The Ross-shire Bravehearts project in Inverness educates adults with learning difficulties about heart health so they can take part in physical activities.

For further information contact the lifestyle team on 0113 297 6206 or email lifestyle@heartresearch.org.uk

http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/healthy_heart_grants.htm

Closing date: 31st August 2009.

AUSTIN AND HOPE PILKINGTON TRUST

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust awards grants to charitable organisations in the United Kingdom and overseas. The trustees welcome applications for projects within the following areas for the next three years. These categories are then repeated in a three-year rotation.

- 2009 – Community, Disability
- 2010 – Children, Youth, The Elderly, Medical
- 2011 - Music and the Arts, Overseas

Grants are usually between £1,000 and £10,000, with the majority being £5,000 or less. Exceptionally, grants of up to £20,000 are made, but these are usually

for medical research projects. Previous grants awarded include:

- A grant of £5,000 towards a resource centre providing advice and training for workers dealing with mental health in rural areas
- £5,000 towards a project aimed at behavioural programme for persistent young offenders.
- Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood which received a grant of £1,000 for a programme of educational activities with local schools
- A grant of £3,000 towards enabling participation by children with special needs in international children's theatre festival
- A grant of £20,000 to the National Asthma Campaign towards the next stage of a research project into the causes of asthma, specifically studying links to antenatal diet

For further information contact: Karen Frank, Administrator, The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust, PO Box 124, Stroud, Glos. GL6 7YN
Email: admin@austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk

<http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/>

Closing date: 1st November 2009.

LLOYDS TSB

Following the acquisition of HBOS plc by Lloyds TSB plc resulting in Lloyds Banking Group, a review of the new group's community investment is in progress. The grant-making activities of the HBOS Foundation will be replaced by the Lloyds TSB Foundations grants programmes. This ensures a simple approach, with one point of contact for charities wishing to make a grant application. Please note that your organisation will need to meet the programme criteria of the relevant Lloyds TSB Foundation.

For further information contact: Grant Manager, Hertfordshire and North West London, Lloyds TSB Foundation for England and Wales, Pentagon House, 52-54 Southwark Street, SE1 1UN

Tel: 0870 411 1223

Fax: 0870 411 1224

Email:

enquiries@lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk

www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk

COMIC RELIEF

Grants are available that support projects by not for profit organisations within the following programme areas; Mental Health; Domestic and Sexual abuse; Refugee and Asylum Seeking Women; Sport for Change; Young people aged between 11 and 25; and Local Communities.

Comic Relief has also announced two new programmes coming soon in the areas of: Young Carers (managed by the Princess Royal Trust for Carers); and Older People.

There are no minimum or maximum grants in most of these programmes, but on average grants are of between £25,000 and £40,000 per year. Funding can be used to cover both running and capital costs. Comic Relief are keen to make sure that the funding reaches all parts of the UK, especially areas which often miss out, such as rural communities.

For further information contact: Comic Relief UK, 5th Floor, 89 Albert Embankment, SE1 7TP

Tel: 020 7820 5555

Email: ukgrants@comicrelief.com

http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk

Closing date: 13 November 2009 5 March 2010.

MIND - OPEN UP INITIATIVES SCHEME

Mind, the national mental health charity, is seeking applications to its Open Up Initiatives Scheme. The aim of Open Up is to give a voice to people with experience of mental distress and through enabling them to work together, take action against mental health discrimination. As well as providing financial support, it offers access to resources, training and the opportunity to link with others.

What can you apply for?

Between October 2009 and September 2010 Open Up will support 16 projects, two in each of the 8 England regions including London.

Three kinds of activity will be supported:

- Projects that develop greater understanding about mental health discrimination and ways of tackling it, for example grass roots action-led research or story telling.
- Initiatives that support people to directly challenge discrimination in their every day lives, for example through campaigning or the formation of a self-help group or developing a website or other information outlet.
- Initiatives that raise awareness amongst the general public, for example through media projects or training programmes.

Each applicant, which can be an organisation/group or an individual, will get support during the application process and beyond from the Open Up Co-ordinator in their region.

Funding can cover direct expenses only and you can apply for up to £5,000 though the average grant will be nearer £2,500.

For an application form and more information on how to apply, contact: the Open Up team on 0208 519 2122 or

email ouinitiatives@mind.org.uk or visit www.open-up.org.uk/initiatives.

Closing date: 15th August 2009.

HILDEN CHARITABLE FUND

The Hilden Charitable Fund has announced that the next deadline for submitting applications is the 11th September 2009. Within the UK, the Hilden Charitable Fund makes grants to projects that address disadvantages, notably by supporting causes which are less likely to raise funds from public subscriptions. In particular, the Fund wants to support projects that address homelessness, minorities, and penal affairs. Preference is given to supporting small community organisations with an income of less than £200,000 per year. During 2007/08 the value of the average grant given was £5,000.

For further information contact: The Hilden Charitable Fund, 34 North End Road, W14 0SH

Tel: 0207 603 1525

Email: hildencharity@hotmail.com

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

Closing date: 11th September 2009.

LEARNING LAUNCHPAD

Organisations that work with young people, whatever their background, to help them achieve their potential have the opportunity to apply for funding through The Learning Launchpad. The Learning Launchpad is a grant making fund delivered by the Young Foundation working in partnership with Edge that provides investment to organisations in their early stages of development. The Learning Launchpad offer investment at two stages.

- Stage one investments of up to £30,000 are suitable for people or

fledgling organisations that are starting out with a new idea.

- Stage two investments of up to £100,000 are typically suitable for organisations or initiatives that are already up and running and want to grow.

In particular, the Learning Launchpad is looking to support ideas that have a profound social impact both on individuals and on society as a whole; are innovative; are sustainable; can be replicated and are run by passionate and competent people.

For further information email:
learning.launchpad@youngfoundation.org
g with the subject title "Learning Launchpad fund" and we'll get back to you.

<http://www.learninglaunchpad.org/>

Closing date: 5pm 24th November 2009.

THE PETER CRUDDAS FOUNDATION

The Peter Cruddas Foundation is a grant making Foundation that aims to support charitable works that benefit disadvantaged and disengaged young people in the UK by ensuring that their funding reaches those most in need. The Foundations funding streams for 2009 are;

- pathways/support for young disadvantaged or disengaged young people into mainstream education;
- training or employment;
- crime diversion schemes;
- work experience/skills projects for young people;
- mentoring of young people in London;
- general youth work in London.

To be eligible for funding an organisation must be a registered charity or an organisation/individual supported by a UK charity. There are no minimum or

maximum grants and projects can be funded for more than one year.

For further information contact:
Stephen D Cox, Foundation Administrator, Peter Cruddas Foundation, 66 Prescott Street, E1 8HG
Tel: 0203 003 8360
Email: s.cox@pcfoundation.org.uk

http://www.thepetercruddasfoundation.org/about_us.html

Closing date: Applications can be made any time.

RUSSELL INVESTMENTS CHARITABLE FUND

The Capital Community Foundation has announced that grants of up to £5,000 are available to support projects that support disadvantaged young people. The Russell Investments Charitable Fund is open to community and voluntary groups with an annual income of less than £150,000 and aims to support projects and activities with the following themes.

- Financial Literacy - Projects and activities that educate and help people to make appropriate decisions regarding personal finances
- Children and Young People- Projects and activities for children and young people with limited opportunities or access to services that many young people take for granted.
- Further Education - Projects and activities that encourage prepare and support young people and adults entering into further and higher education

Priorities will be given to those projects that:

- are responsive to local issues
- working with children and young people with physical and learning disabilities

- focused on equipping young people with confidence, skills and knowledge in financial matters, particularly personal finance.

For further information contact: Cat Dix, Grant Officer, Capital Community Foundation, 357 Kennington Lane, SE11 5QY

Tel: 020 7582 5117

Email: cat@capitalcf.org.uk

http://www.capitalcf.org.uk/assets/grantfiles/russell_investments_charitable_fund_guidelines.pdf

Closing date: 23rd October 2009.

REACHING FOR GOLD

Reaching for Gold is a new competition designed to encourage innovative ideas from groups of young people that can make a practical difference to society in the areas of Youth, Community and Disability within the South East of England. It is designed for teams of up to ten 14-19 year olds, and is particularly targeted at those living or working with disadvantage or disability.

Applications need to be submitted through voluntary and community sector organisations, or a school. Each successful team of young people through to stage 2 will be supported by voluntary and corporate sector mentors, facilitated by an enabling package of prizes, to work towards an event at St George's House, Windsor Castle. All finalists will receive mounted certificates. The organisation that puts forward their young people and wins, will receive a cheque for £5,000 to help work up the winning idea further.

For further information contact: Reaching for Gold, c/o Groundwork South East, 18-21 Morley Street, SE1 7QZ

Email: r4g@groundwork.org.uk

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

Closing date: 2nd October 2009.

BEACON INITIATIVE - EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY WORKFORCE GRANTS

Children England, the national charity working for Children and Families has announced that it is seeking applications for funding through the Beacon Initiative - Equality and Diversity Workforce Grants scheme. The aim of the scheme which is being funded through the Children Workforce Development Council is to support projects that develop and promote innovative practice in the field of equality and diversity. The funding is available to local, sub-regional and regional voluntary and community sector service delivery organisations working with children young people and families. The maximum sum will be £2,500 per organisation and there will be a total of 10 grants.

**For further information contact: Children England, Unit 25, 1st Floor, Angel Gate, City Road, EC1V 2PT
Tel: 020 7833 3319**

Email: info@childrenengland.org.uk

<http://www.childrenengland.org.uk/home/740>

Closing date: 1st September 2009.

PHILIP LAWRENCE AWARDS

Local groups that are making a real contribution to their local community and the lives of others; and groups that promote respect and understanding of faiths, culture and communities internationally are being invited to enter the Philip Lawrence Awards. Established in memory of Philip Lawrence, the head teacher who was murdered outside the gates of his school in London, these

awards recognise and reward outstanding achievements in good citizenship by young people. Winning groups receive cash awards of up to £1,000 to invest in sustaining or developing the award-winning activity. Groups made up of any number of nominees aged 11 to 20 years are eligible to enter. Nominations may be made by, for example

- school teachers;
- governors;
- youth and community workers;
- police officers;
- local authority members;
- staff in Racial Equality Councils;
- people in voluntary and community sector bodies.

Since 1997, over 95 groups have received a Philip Lawrence Award. The outstanding results have proved that the awards have been a huge success in promoting youth involvement in local communities, social behaviour, self-esteem and continual participation in valuable neighbourhood activities.

For further information email:
philiplawrenceawards@catch-22.org.uk
or telephone 0207 336 4816

<http://www.philiplawrenceawards.net/>

Closing date: 28th September 2009.

JEANS FOR GENES CALLS FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

UK charity Jeans for Genes has announced it is now accepting applications from other charities for grants up to £25,000. Jeans for Genes raises funds for research into serious genetic disorders affecting thousands of children such as cystic fibrosis, haemophilia and sickle cell. Funds also provide laboratory equipment and facilities, as well as valuable advice and support for families. The Charity is seeking applications for projects to

"extend the reach of Jeans for Genes into the genetic disorder community". The charity is offering grants of between £500 and £25,000 to improve the understanding of genetic disorders and helping those people who suffer from such disorders to cope with the challenges that they bring.

**For further information contact: Jeans for Genes, 1st Floor, MacMillan House, Paddington Station, W2 1FT
 Tel: 020 7199 3300**

Email:
grantapplications@jeansforgenes.com

<http://www.jeansforgenes.com/money/grants/apply>

Closing date: 30th September 2009.

GREENPRINTS

A partnership of five of the country's leading not-for-profit organisations have come together to provide support and funding to help young people improve green spaces in our communities. SITA Trust, v the youth volunteering charity, BTCV, The Wildlife Trusts and the BBC's Breathing Places campaign, have joined forces to develop a two-year programme called GreenPrints which will offer funding of up to £10,000, as well as support and practical expertise from the partners, to enable 16–25 year olds to make a real difference to the communities in which they live.

The funding is open to not for profit organisations for projects designed and delivered by groups of volunteers aged 16 to 25. SITA Trust and v have each pledged £1 million to fund the programme, making it one of the largest single investments made by either organisation to any funding programme. The overall programme will be managed using the expertise and experience of SITA Trust and BTCV. One of the most unusual elements of this programme is the individual, dedicated mentor-support

that will be provided by the BTCV and The Wildlife Trusts to assist with the practical delivery of every single project that is supported.

For further information contact: Sita Trust, The Barn, Brinkmarsh Lane, Falfield, South Gloucestershire, GL12 8PT

Tel: 01454 262910

Email: sita.trust@sita.co.uk

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/p/greenprints>

Closing date: 12th August 2009.

E.ON SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FUND

E.On the power and gas generating and distributing company has announced the launch of a new Sustainable Energy Fund. The E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund offers grants of up to £20,000 to community groups and not for profit organisations who wish to consider and implement sustainable energy projects in their buildings.

Projects that can be considered include:

- the purchase and installation of one or more renewable energy technologies (e.g. wind, solar thermal, PV, wood etc)
- the renovation of existing facilities to incorporate micro-generation technology (e.g. the reinstatement of a watermill and the purchase of a turbine to produce hydro-electricity)
- an energy efficiency makeover for your building that could demonstrate significant energy savings and also behavioural change amongst users
- the use of new or innovative technology to deliver either energy savings or micro-generation capacity.

To be eligible organisations must benefit specific community groups namely:

- Young people
- Elderly people
- People in fuel poverty.

For further information contact: E.ON UK Plc, 6th Floor, 100 Pall Mall, SW1Y 5NQ

Tel: 024 76 183 843

<http://www.eon-uk.com/about/sustainableenergyfund.asp>
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Closing date: 16th October 2009.

SITA TRUST ANNOUNCES CHANGES TO ITS ENHANCING COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

The SITA Trust has announced changes to its Enhancing Communities Programme which will enable projects situated in more urban areas and some of the UK's most disadvantaged communities to be funded. Under the Enhancing Communities Programme grants of up to £50,000 are available to not for profit organisations, community groups, parish councils, local authorities and charities for projects that make physical improvements to community facilities and historic buildings or structures.

For further information contact: Sita Trust, The Barn, Brinkmarsh Lane, Falfield, South Gloucestershire, GL12 8PT

Tel: 01454 262910

Email: sita.trust@sita.co.uk

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/news/30>

Closing date: 12th August for the small grants scheme and 14th October 2009.

CASH 4 CLUBS

Sports club that are registered with their sport's National Governing Body or local authority can apply for grants of up to £1,000 through the Cash 4 Clubs grants

scheme. Cash 4 Clubs is a sports funding scheme which gives clubs a unique chance to apply for grants to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, and generally invest in the sustainability of their club. In 2008 over £30,000 was given out in grants to 30 community sports clubs across the UK. There are three tiers of grants at £250, £500 and £1,000.

For further information visit:

<http://cash-4-clubs.com/>

Closing date: Applications can be submitted at any time.

LORD'S TAVENERS

The Lord's Taverners, which aims to give young people, particularly those with special needs, an opportunity to participate in recreational cricket, has announced that funding of up to £6,000 is available in 2009 for the installation of non-turf pitches, practice ends and nets. Applicants can be England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) affiliated clubs, individual schools or other organisations directly involved in the development of youth cricket. but must be approved by the Cricket Development Manager at your local County Cricket Board. Awards do not normally exceed the following levels: non-turf match pitch (£3,000); non-turf practice ends (£2,000); and outdoor nets (£1,000).

For further information contact:

Janine Holt, The Lord's Taverners Administrator, c/o England & Wales Cricket Board, County Cricket Ground, Old Trafford, Manchester, M16 0PX.

Tel: 0161 877 6643

<http://lordstaverners.org/taverners.cfm?menuid=1&menupos=8>

Closing date: Applications can be made at any time.

THE E-LEARNING FOUNDATION

The e-Learning Foundation's grants are not intended to help schools provide a general subsidy to all parents, they are intended to help schools support their poorest families who are not eligible for other grants and would find it hard to purchase their own computer and Internet or donate the recommended level. To take advantage of the support available, Schools need to be affiliated to the e-Learning Foundation.

**For further information contact: e-Learning Foundation, 3000 Hillswood Drive, Hillswood Business Park, Chertsey, Surrey KT16 0RS
Tel: 01932 796036
Email: info@e-learningfoundation.com**

<http://www.e-learningfoundation.com/cmsfilelist.aspx?link=008ad471-aae0-4619-a0e4-cd87bdb22b8c>

JACK PETCHEY FOUNDATION

The Jack Petchey Foundation has announced the introduction of a small grants scheme for recipients of the Achievement Award Scheme "Leader Award". The Achievement Award scheme operates in approximately 2,000 schools, colleges and youth organisations throughout London and Essex and provides financial support to schools, colleges and youth organisations to recognise, reward and celebrate the achievements of their young people in contributing to society.

In addition, young people may choose to nominate an adult leader for an annual Leader Award. This publicly recognises the efforts of adults who go the extra mile" to support their young people.

**For further information contact: The Jack Petchey Foundation, Exchange House, 13-14 Clements Court, Clements Lane, Ilford, Essex, IG1 2QY
Tel: 0208 252 8000**

Email:
mail@jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk

<http://www.jackpetcheyfoundation.org.uk/?managing-your-jpf-funding/resources-for-leader-awards/leader-award-winners-small-grants-fund.html>

Closing date: 30th September 2009.

BRITISH COUNCIL

The British Council is seeking applications to support joint curriculum projects between schools in the UK and Spain and the UK and Portugal. Primary, secondary and special schools, as well as colleges of further education can apply for grants of up to £5,000 to develop joint curriculum projects that enable schools to work collaboratively on a joint project of common interest. The general aim of the activities should be to promote mutual understanding between the participants. Priority will be given to schools; who have not previously received a joint curriculum project grant and / or have little experience of international activity; are working with disadvantaged young people and those in priority target groups (SEN, looked-after children, those eligible for free school meals); and have demonstrated a plan for sustainability of the partnership.

Possible thematic areas for projects could include; Literacy; Arts and crafts education; History and Geography; Sport; Science and Technology; Global citizenship; and intercultural understanding. This list is by no means exhaustive and is intended to illustrate some of the areas which could form the basis of a joint project.

For further information, please contact 020 7389 4665 for Spain and 020 7389 4916 for Portugal
world.links@britishcouncil.org

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-spain-joint-projects.htm> for **Spain** or
<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-anglo-portuguese-joint-curriculum-projects.htm> for **Portugal**.

Closing date: 9th October 2009.

BRITISH COUNCIL CHINA AND JAPAN PROGRAMME

A variety of different funding opportunities are available to help primary, secondary and special schools, as well as colleges of further education to develop partnerships with Chinese or Japan schools and the teaching of Chinese or Japanese. The programme aims to:

- establish sustainable links that will impact on the development of the schools and colleges involved;
- to enrich the curriculum and support language awareness and learning;
- and to provide professional development opportunities for staff.

Funding is for example available to local authorities and clusters of schools to develop strategic area links with regions in China and Japan. Schools in the UK can also apply for grants of up to £1,000 for school linking visits to develop new or existing partnerships with schools in China and Japan.

Closing date: 1st October 2009.

Schools can also apply for funding to undertake a curriculum project with their partner school. Joint Curriculum Projects is managed by the British Council on behalf of the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), and enables schools to work collaboratively

on a joint project of common interest including sport, art and music. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to contribute towards;

- pupil mobility, including local travel in China and Japan;
- accommodation and subsistence costs;
- materials; administration costs;
- evaluation and dissemination costs;
- and staff time cover.

For further information, please contact 020 7389 4595 or email world.links@britishcouncil.org

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-china.htm> **for China**

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-japan.htm> **for Japan**

Closing date: 23rd October 2009.

BRITAIN SASAKAWA FOUNDATION GRANTS PROGRAMME

Schools in the UK that wish to develop links with Japan and Japanese schools are also able to apply for funding through the Britain Sasakawa Foundation. The Foundation makes small grants of up to £1,500 to support activities that support the study of the Japanese language and culture, School, Education and Youth exchanges. In the past the Foundation has made grants towards visits the between the UK and Japan between by teachers and young people and the teaching and development of Japanese language and cultural studies in schools.

For further information contact: The Great Britain Sasakawa Foundation, Dilke House, 1 Malet Street, WC1E 7JN

Tel: 020 7436 9042

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

Closing date: 31st October 2009.

ARTS AWARDS

The Wellcome Trust is inviting organisations and individuals to apply for funding through its Arts Awards. The Arts Awards support projects that engage the public with biomedical science through the arts including dance, drama, performance arts, visual arts, music, film, craft, photography, creative writing or digital media. Applications are invited for projects up to £30,000. The aim of the awards is to support arts projects that reach new audiences which may not traditionally be interested in science and provide new ways of thinking about the social, cultural and ethical issues around contemporary science. The scheme is open to a wide range of people including, among others, artists, scientists, curators, filmmakers, writers, producers, directors, academics, science communicators, teachers, arts workers and education officers.

For further information contact: Arts Awards, Wellcome Trust, Gibbs Building, 215 Euston Road, NW1 2BE, UK

Tel: 020 7611 7222

Email: arts@wellcome.ac.uk

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/Arts-Awards/index.htm>

Closing date: 23rd October 2009.

FIRST LIGHT MOVIES

First Light Movies provides grants to projects that enable young people to participate in all aspects of film productions.

The funding is available to organisations such as schools, youth services, community and voluntary groups that work with young people aged between 5 and 18. Every year approximately

£700,000 of grants are available through three funding streams. The Studio Awards provides grants of up to £30,000 for between two and four films of up to 10 minutes. The Script Awards provides grants of up to £3,000 for script writing projects that team young people with script professionals. The Pilot Awards provides grants of up to £5,000 for one short film of up to five minutes in duration.

**For further information contact: First Light, Studio 28, Fazeley Studios, 191 Fazeley Street, Birmingham, B5 5SE
Tel: 0121 224 7511
Email: info@firstlightmovies.com**

<http://www.firstlightmovies.com/funding/>

Closing date: Studio Award 5th October 2009, Script Award and Pilot Award 13th October 2009.

ELEPHANT TRUST

The Elephant Trust offers grants to artists and institutions (priority is given to small organisations and galleries) for new, innovative visual arts projects based in the UK. 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. The Trust normally awards grants of up to £2,000, but larger grants may be considered.

**For further information contact: Ruth Rattenbury, The Elephant Trust, 512 Bankside Lofts, 65 Hopton Street, SE1 9GZ
Tel: 020 7922 1160
Email: ruth@elephanttrust.org.uk**

<http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/intro.html>

Closing date: 21st September 2009.

A-N GO AND SEE BURSARIES AVAILABLE TO EXCHANGE IDEAS BETWEEN ARTISTS

Artists' groups and networks within the UK can apply for awards of up to £500 through the Go & See bursaries scheme. The scheme which is provided by a-n The Artists Information Company and managed by the Networking Artist's Network aims to support exchange between artists' groups and networks in the UK and beyond in order to explore new projects and provide a focus for critical exchange. NAN defines artists' groups as two or more artists working together or engaged in collective activity who consider themselves to be a group or network.

For further information visit:
<http://www.a-n.co.uk/nan/topic/473133>

Closing date: 1st September and 1st December 2009.

UNLTD 4IP AWARDS

UnLtd, the charity for social entrepreneurs has announced that it has teamed up with Channel 4 to launch of a new funding scheme (4iP) to help individuals turn their digital media projects into a reality. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to help individuals develop early stage digital media ideas and prototypes and to turn these prototypes into social businesses. This can include supporting great ideas for websites, games and mobile services which help people improve their lives. There are two themes that 4iP is looking to support. These are:

- using the web and mobile to keep an eye on how government, organisations and elected representatives use their power;
- and exploring how digital tools, games, applications and services can help people change their lives for the

better whether that's their health, wellbeing, finances, work/life balance or dealing with unemployment.

The awards are available to individuals over the age of 16; as well as informal groups. To discuss your ideas and to obtain an application form please contact 0845 850 1122 or email: 4ip@unltd.org.uk

<http://www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=179&PageName=4ip>

TALKTALK'S INNOVATION IN THE COMMUNITY AWARDS

TalkTalk's Innovation in the Community Awards enable charity and community groups throughout the UK to harness the power of the Internet. Through the awards 30 cash prizes of £2,000 are available. Five overall winners will receive an additional £250 of technology equipment. Talk Talk are keen to fund any technology project which extends the work of the organisation concerned.

Previous winners include the following:

Street League, a nationwide charity using football as a means of getting disadvantaged people into work and education. Participants in its training sessions and competitive football leagues, also complete sports-themed modules in CV- writing, job searching and personal development. Street League will use its award to redevelop its website to create a social networking facility for site users, and increase the uptake of IT training.

Aspire helps people with spinal cord injuries to access computers through specialist equipment in hospitals and at home. The grant will go towards helping even more people get online, however severe their injuries.

For further information visit:

<http://www.talktalk.co.uk/information/innovation-in-the-community>

Closing date: 30th September 2009.

UNLTD - BIG CHALLENGE

The Big Challenge is a competition for young people funded by Vodafone and youth charity v, along with social enterprise foundation and competition organisers UnLtd. The contest offers either groups of young people or those working on their own aged between 16 and 25 the chance to win a share of £60,000 funding to carry out projects that use volunteering to help tackle the problems facing the 21st century. This year's Big Challenge theme focuses on bringing communities together.

Individuals can apply on their own or in a group with other young people. Applications can be submitted in any creative format and will be shortlisted by UnLtd Youth Leadership Team before a final vote by the public. Successful applicants will get part of the Challenge fund they will have their project costs paid for and support and mentoring over the rest of the Challenge year to make their ideas a reality.

For further information contact: Abby Kegg, Big Challenge Manager, Big Challenge, UnLtd, 123 Whitecross Street, EC1Y 8JJ

Tel: 0207 566 1106

Email: AbbyKegg@unltd.org.uk

<http://www.bigchallenge.org.uk/default.aspx>

Closing date: 28th September 2009.

REFUGEE INTEGRATION AWARDS SCHEME

Funded by the European Refugee Fund Phase III and with the support of the UK Border Agency, UnLtd – the Foundation for Social Entrepreneurs has re-launched RISE: Refugee Initiative for Social Entrepreneurs, under the name RISE Accelerator. Rise Accelerator aims to unleash and encourage the potential of refugees as social entrepreneurs.

Grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available to small groups of refugees and individuals to set up projects that will make their communities a happier, safer, healthier and more just place as well as support refugees to achieve their full economic and social potential. The RISE programme has already funded 75 refugees, benefiting over 2000 people around England. The success of the project has allowed UnLtd to extend the RISE programme for another two years. UnLtd will also provide dedicated support including; training opportunities, tools and resources to ensure you develop your own skills as well as helping you develop your project. The scheme will aim to fund and support a further 64 projects over the next two years.

For further information contact:
Maryam Pasha, RISE Accelerator
Coordinator on rise@unltd.org.uk or
0207 566 1136

Head Office/London Office, 123
Whitecross Street, Islington, EC1Y
8JJ
Telephone: 0207 566 1100
Email: info@unltd.org.uk

<http://unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=55&PageName=rise:refugeeawardsscheme>

Closing date: Applications can be made at any time.

BIG INVEST

BIGinvest is a specialised provider of finance to social enterprises. Social enterprises are defined as businesses with primarily social objectives whose surpluses are principally reinvested for that purpose in the business or community, rather than being driven by the need to maximise profits for shareholders and owners. Loans are available for commercial property renovation or purchase, equipment purchase, growth or acquisition and working capital. The average size of Big Issue Invest's loans are around £200,000. The minimum loan size is £50,000. Each loan is tailored to each enterprise's stage of development and risk profile, as well as being focused on scale-up.

For further information contact: Big Issue Invest, 1-5 Wandsworth Road, SW8 2LN
Tel: 020 7526 3434
Email: enquiries@bigissueinvest.co.uk

<http://www.biginvest.co.uk/>

Closing date: Applications can be submitted at any time.

EUROPEAN FUNDING

SAFER INTERNET PROGRAMME 2009 – 2013

The European Commission has announced the 2009 call for proposals under the Safer Internet Programme. Safer Internet 2009-2013 builds upon the Safer Internet plus programme started in 2005 and will have a budget of €55 million. Encompassing recent communications services from the web 2.0, such as social networking, the new programme will fight not only illegal content but also harmful conduct such as online grooming and bullying. This call

for proposals aims to support the following actions:

- establishing Safer Internet Centres all across Europe to co-ordinate activities and bring together a variety of stakeholders to ensure action and facilitate transfer of knowledge
- to appoint an organisation / partnership of organisations to co-ordinate and support the Safer Internet Centres
- to set up a thematic network of European non-government organisations representing children's rights and welfare to develop a concerted approach by sharing experience and best practices, and by developing joint strategies, in order to ensure that the needs of children are taken into account in discussions about the Internet and new media in Europe, as well as in the relevant international fora.

Proposals are also invited for a knowledge enhancement project that aims to enhance the knowledge of online-related sexual abuse of children, in particular online grooming.

For further information visit:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/activities/sip/funding/projects/index_en.htm

Closing date: 19th November 2009.



LOTTERY FUNDING

BIG LOTTERY FUND — 2009-15

The Big Lottery Fund has published its Strategic Framework for 2009-15. The Framework follows a consultation process that ran through 2008 and consists of two documents. Big Thinking and What You Told Us.

One element of the 2009-15 Strategic Framework will be a commitment that at

least 80% of Big's funding will go directly to the voluntary and community sector.

For further details visit:

www.biglotteryfund.org.uk



GOVERNMENT FUNDING

HARDSHIP FUND

The Community Development Foundation, has announced that the £16.7 million Hardship Fund is now open for applications. The Hardship Fund will provide grant support to third sector organisations in England delivering front-line services to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in society. Grants of between £50,000 and £250,000 are available to support organisations in England with a turnover of at least £200,000 that are in financial hardship as a result of the recession, which is impacting on their ability to deliver services in the following areas;

- health and social care;
- housing support;
- education and training;
- and information, advice and guidance.

Grants will be paid from October 2009 and need to be spent by September 2010.

For further information contact:

**Community Development Foundation,
Unit 5, Angel Gate, 320-326 City Road,
EC1V 2PT**

Tel; 0207 833 1772

Email: admin@cdf.org.uk

<http://www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/hardship-fund>

Closing date: Applications can be submitted at any time during the lifetime of the fund.

THIRD SECTOR INVESTMENT PROGRAMME FOR THE INNOVATION, EXCELLENCE AND SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FUND

The 2010-11 fund which is open to voluntary organisations providing a service similar to a service provided by the National Health Service or by local authority social services aims to support the work of third sector organisations with a clear focus on supporting and driving forward new ideas, excellence and developments in health and social services.

Projects that are eligible for funding under this scheme must also address one of the following cross cutting themes;

- information, advice, advocacy and support;
- personalisation and dignity;
- community and user involvement and peer support;
- promoting, supporting and maintaining positive behaviour in terms of health;
- and reducing inequalities in health.

There is no minimum or maximum funding that organisations can apply for. However under the previous scheme the average grant awarded was around £50,000.

**For further information contact: Third Sector Grant Funding Hub, Department of Health, 3E60 Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds LS2 7UE
Tel: 0113 2545450**

Email:

thirdsectorinvestment@dh.gsi.gov.uk

http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Publications/PublicationsPolicyAndGuidance/DH_103016

Closing date: There is a two stage application process. Outline proposals need to be submitted by the 4th September 2009. Successful

organisations will be invited to submit detailed applications by the 27th November 2009.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP FUND

Gordon Brown has launched a major youth leadership programme for young people aged 13 to 19 aiming to increase the opportunities for them to lead change in their communities. The Youth of Today Leadership Fund has been set up to fill outstanding gaps in the provision of leadership opportunities available to young people. The Fund will help to support programmes with grants and will identify new innovations that could lead to greater sustainability and creativity in the sector in the long term.

The grants aim to:

- Help more young people take on leadership roles in their community.
- Create more opportunities for young people to influence the decisions affecting them.
- Raise the quality of youth leadership opportunities.
- Enable small organisations to grow.
- Support innovative projects that are unlikely to find funding from other sources.

The programme which is led by a partnership of charities headed by the Young Foundation has a total budget of £1 million to be spent by March 2011 to support organisation through two funding schemes.

The deadline for "Scaling Up" grants of between £5,000 and £20,000 available for organisations working with young people to scale up their operations or projects to the next level has passed.

Organisations with a proven track record can apply for a limited number of "Reaching Out" grants of between

£75,000 and £100,000 to set up new projects.

For further information visit:

<http://www.theyouthoftoday.org/fund-your-dream-project>

Closing date: 20th November 2009.

FAITH IN ACTION

The Community Development Foundation will soon be open a second funding round of its Faith In Action Programme. Faiths in Action is a £4 million grants programme sponsored by Communities and Local Government and administered by the Community Development Foundation that is open to faith, inter faith, voluntary and community sector organisations at national, regional and local levels in England.

The aim of the fund is to support the government's aspiration to help faith communities and others to promote understanding, dialogue and develop strong and sustainable partnerships. The Fund is particularly keen to support projects that focus on the inclusion and participation of women and young people and those which involve partnerships between one or more organisations.

Faiths in Action supports delivery of the Government document, Face to Face and Side by Side. All applications must therefore directly relate to one or more of the fund's four priorities which are derived from this framework. These are:

- developing the confidence and skills to "bridge" and "link"
- supporting shared spaces for interaction and social action
- developing structures and processes which support dialogue and social action
- improving opportunities for learning which build understanding.

To access the above document, visit www.communities.gov.uk/publications/communities/facetofaceframework

If you have any questions, please contact the Faiths in Action helpline:

Tel: 01223 400 341

Email: fundingadmin@cdf.org.uk

For further information contact: Head Office, Community Development Foundation, Unit 5, Angel Gate, 320-326 City Road, EC1V 2PT

Tel 0207 833 1772

Email: admin@cdf.org.uk

Visit: www.cdf.org.uk and under services, click on Faith in Action or visit:

http://www.cdf.org.uk/bfora/systems/xmlviewer/default.asp?arg=DS_CDF_TECHA_RT_23/page.xml/27&xsl_arg=//BF%5FCDF%5FPRA%5FGRT/&xsl_argx=4

MODERNISATION FUND

Barclays Commercial Bank is to provide £9.5 million to match the money that the Government is putting into the loan element of the Modernisation Fund being managed by Futurebuilders England. The Fund has been established to help third sector organisations in England to better withstand the recession and provide increased services to those people worst affected by it.

Futurebuilders England is managing part of the Fund and is providing loans to help organisations faced with meeting the needs of the recession and those affected by it. The loan fund previously had a ceiling of £500,000 but this new Barclays money will be used on an as-needed basis to enable suitable organisations to raise more than £500,000. Barclays will also provide professional support for lenders.

For more information go to www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/what-we-offer/products/modernisation-fund/ and www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/news-and-events/futurebuilders-news/barclays-will-provide-gbp9.5m-matched-funding-for-futurebuilders-modernisation-fund/.

Closing date: Applications dealt with as received.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE INVESTMENT FUND

The Government's Department of Health has launched a new bidding round to the Social Enterprise Investment Fund. Since 2007 the Fund has provided mainly capital and loan investment to support social enterprises in the delivery of innovative health and social care services. The aim is to help new social enterprises start up and existing social enterprises grow and improve their services. The Fund operates across England and provides loans of £25,000 and above, and grants for time-limited funding while the project is being set up and for some capital funding.

Applications are welcome from:

- Multi-agency partnerships, particularly voluntary and community groups wishing to use their expertise to provide services across health and social care;
- Existing social enterprises looking to expand into health and social care;
- Groups of professionals, such as nurses and therapists, seeking to form a social enterprise to deliver their services.

Business support comes in the form of working with one of Futurebuilders England's own investment officers and business consultants on issues such as contract negotiation, organisational reviews, business and financial planning, legal advice, marketing and PR, ensuring

Full Cost Recovery, identification of working partners, market analysis etc.

For further information about the Social Enterprise Investment Fund visit:

www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Socialenterprise/SocialEnterpriseInvestmentFund/index.htm.

There is a multi-stage application process. To begin an application you need to contact Futurebuilders England either by calling them on 0191 269 2276 or by sending an enquiry. The details are at www.dh.gov.uk/en/Managingyourorganisation/Socialenterprise/SocialEnterpriseInvestmentFund/Theapplicationprocess/index.htm.

That will precipitate a process that will involve phone interviews, visits, face-to-face meetings with investment officers etc. Decisions can be made within weeks, especially if the investment is for less than £200,000.

Once the agreement to invest has been made you have up to 12 months to begin drawing down the money (except for capital investments in property where you have to use the money within 6 months).

Closing date: Initial applications accepted as received.

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

Further details have been published about the Government's Volunteer Management Programme in England. The Programme is worth £3 million and is being managed on behalf of the Office of the Third Sector by Capacitybuilders. For most of those that have been waiting for details of the Programme since it was first announced in 2008 the latest developments will bring disappointment

as almost all the money is not to be available through open bidding.

The £3 million programme has two main aims:

- To improve support to those who manage volunteers in all sectors, especially those that manage volunteers as part of a broader portfolio of work, or who themselves undertake the role on a voluntary basis.
- To remove some of the barriers that can be encountered in accessing volunteer management support, such as a lack of awareness about existing products and services, insufficient budget, and geographical constraints.

The Volunteer Management Programme will have three strands:

- Strand A is an 18 month grant fund for local volunteering development organisations to provide outreach and other direct support services to people who manage volunteers. £1.6 million will be available through this strand. Capacitybuilders is now in the process of identifying whom to support within Strand A. Around 25 local projects will receive on average £60,000 to be spent over 18 months from October 2009. It is envisaged that much of this money will go on employing new staff rather than redirecting the activities of existing ones.
- Strand B will make £200,000 available over two years to support the national strategic development of volunteer management, including information, resources, learning and training.
- Strand C is a bursary fund to pay for training for people managing volunteers. Up to £1 million will be available in 2010/11.

Now for the disappointing part. Rather than open the Strand to full competitive bidding, 32 existing ChangeUp consortiums will be invited to bid in closed competition. They have been

invited to prepare a bid by the end of August 2009 with a view to final decisions being made by October 2009.

As for Strand B, the money is being delivered to the existing Modernising Volunteering national support service led by Volunteering England.

And Strand C: Capacitybuilders will be working over the coming months to develop proposals for the Bursary Fund to be launched in April 2010. The aim is to make it accessible to a wide range of people who manage and coordinate volunteers and add to existing provision. At the moment at least, there appears to be a preference for an open bidding process.

More information

There is a Volunteer Management Programme prospectus that covers details of the scheme. It is available at www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/downloadfile.aspx?ID=442. There's also a lengthy FAQ document that gives more background information and some updated details at www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/downloadfile.aspx?ID=443.

Closing date: Bursary Fund applications are likely to be invited from the spring of 2010 with a view to the first bursaries being available from April 2010.

MEDIABOX

Mediabox, a Department for Children, Schools and Families fund to enable disadvantaged 13-19 year olds living in England the opportunity to develop and produce creative media projects, using print, television, film, radio or online platforms, has announced that its Mix Mediabox funding scheme will open for applications on the 10th August 2009. Through its Mix Mediabox scheme, grants of between £5,000 and £20,000

are available to organisations that bring together young people from diverse economic backgrounds, faiths or geographic areas to work on a media project. This grant scheme supports projects that enable young people to work with older members of their community, to create media projects that encourage communities to gain a better understanding of each other and promote community cohesion.

In addition funding is also currently available through the ongoing Mini Mediabox scheme. This provides grants of £1,000 to £5,000 and is open to grassroots and community youth organisations for youth led media projects.

For further information contact: Paul Green, TBC, Interim Mediabox Co-ordinator, Film London, Suite 6.10 The Tea Building, 56 Shoreditch High Street, E1 6JJ
Tel: 020 7613 7697
Email: Paul.green@filmlondon.org.uk

<http://www.mediabox.co.uk/funding.php?ID=1>

Closing date: 21st September 2009

LOW CARBON BUILDINGS PROGRAMME PHASE 2 PROGRAMME

Following an announcement that the Low Carbon Buildings Programme Phase 2 grants programme was to be closed at the end of June 2009, the Government has decided to extend the programme until April 2011 by investing a further £35 million into the scheme. Through this programme public sector organisations (including schools, hospitals, housing associations and local authorities) and charitable bodies can apply for grants of up to £200,000 for the installation of microgeneration technologies such as biomass boilers, air and water sourced

heat pumps, hydro and wind turbines, etc.

For further information contact: Low Carbon Buildings Programme - Phase 2E, BRE, Building 17, Garston, Watford WD25 9XX
Tel: 08704 23 23 13
Email: info@lcbpphase2.org.uk

<http://www.lowcarbonbuildingsphase2.org.uk/>

Closing date: Applications can be submitted at any time.

NEW GREEN LOAN SCHEME

The Department for Energy and Climate Change has launched a new loan fund to help public bodies in England such as schools, hospitals and councils cut their carbon emissions and reduce their energy consumption. A total of £51.5 million is available in interest free loan funding to install a wide range of energy efficient technologies, such as solar panels, wind turbines and insulation, etc. There is no maximum level of loan funding available but the minimum loan is £5,000. The funding is being administered by Salix Finance an independent company funded by the Carbon Trust which is already working with 128 bodies, including local authorities, NHS Foundation Trusts, and further and higher education institutions to reduce their carbon footprint.

For further information contact: Salix Finance, 25 Southampton Buildings, WC2A 1AL
Tel: 020 3043 8800
Email: Info@Salixfinance.Co.Uk

<http://www.salixfinance.co.uk/loans.html>

Closing date: Applications will be allocated on a first come first served basis and the loans are repayable over a 4 year period.

TACKLING DRUGS CHANGING LIVES AWARD

The Home Office provides the Tackling Drugs Changing Lives Award to reward voluntary and community groups who make a difference in their community regarding activities aimed at the prevention or treatment of drug misuse. The awards recognise people who have made an outstanding contribution to tackling drugs. They reward people who have changed lives and communities through their work. Anyone can nominate a team or individual for an award - colleagues, family, community leaders, service users and ex-service users. There are two categories of awards available, awards for individuals and awards for teams. Each winner will receive £10,000 for their organisation to spend on the prevention or treatment of drug misuse.

For further information visit:
<http://drugs.homeoffice.gov.uk/>

Closing date: Monday 31 August 2009.

VOLUNTARY & COMMUNITY SECTOR INFORMATION

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as conduct, disciplinary and grievance, attendance, in fact for any issue that you may have relating to your employees!

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**For further information contact: Anne Egleton, Managing Director, ec4you Ltd, Centurion House, London Road, Staines, Middlesex, TW18 4AX
Tel: 01784 247059
Email: enquiries@ec4you.co.uk**

www.ec4you.co.uk

TRAINING AND ADVICE/EVENTS

H&F VOLUNTEER CENTRE

Quality Standards Vital to Beat the Recession

The HR Advice and Guidance project has seen a huge increase in voluntary organisations taking advantage of this free assistance and training over the past 12 months. The high standard of training and the 1-1 professional advice to assist organisations in progressing to a quality standard have been the contributing factors. Over 128 people made use of the service seeking advice on a range of issues such as ensuring legal requirements were met on contracts of employment, policies and procedures, and working together towards building solid management skills to deal with conflict in the workplace, and to recruit and retain staff.

With the recession and changes being made in local authorities who are seeking to commission out work in the future, and with funding from mainstream funders now at a premium, it has become more necessary for organisations to develop, and achieve quality standards. The importance of this has been shown through some funders requiring a quality standard of

some sort in order to be eligible to apply for funding in the first place.

This project is designed to help organisations meet those standards and you are encouraged to contact us to see how we can help you on a range of different issues. Do not hesitate to contact us for advice on quality standards. We are working in partnership with CaVSA, and between us can help you deliver a higher quality service.

All these contribute to good organizational and operational management skills, enhancing the organisation, increasing the skills base and raising standards. This free service is aimed at managers of voluntary organisations, and if you are small and trustees play a big part in managing your organisation, we can all work together to make your organisation a better and brighter place.

For further information contact Jenny Melrose at jennym@hfvc.org.uk or phone 0208 741 9876

GRANTNET – FREE FUNDING SEARCH PORTAL

LBHF provides access to a free funding search portal for use by local voluntary and community groups and local enterprises. It can be accessed on the Council's website at www.lbhf.gov.uk under Funding on the A – Z.

If you have used it recently please let us know how you found it. Please send your comments to communityliaison@lbhf.gov.uk.

FUNDING INFORMATION

National Council of Voluntary Organisations (NCVO) & The Office for the Third Sector (OTS) have recently launched Funding Central www.fundingcentral.org.uk, the new free website for comprehensive information about funding.

Funding Central is a free smart website funded by the Office of the Third Sector which provides access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities, plus a wealth of tools and resources supporting third sector organisations to develop sustainable income strategies appropriate to their needs. The site provides a comprehensive list of funding opportunities (grants, grant in aid and contracts) available from government and government non-departmental bodies and agencies, local and regional government, charitable organisations and foundations, and the EU.

Visit: www.fundingcentral.org.uk



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Pre-printed flyers to be received by **Friday 2nd October (Please note: only 1 flyer per organisation)**. Please let Denyse know by **Monday 28th September** if a flyer is to be included

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