

# ANGUS FUNDING NEWS

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## NEWS FROM THE FUNDERS

### HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND

As notified in a previous AFN, HLF are about to make changes to their grant programmes. In April they will announce their Third Strategic Plan and will introduce new application forms and guidance. Although they will accept the new forms as of 1 April 2008, they will only start assessing them after 1 September 2008. You can still apply on the old forms until:

- Heritage Grants programme - 31 March 2008
- Your Heritage - 30 June 2008
- Young Roots – 30 June 2008
- Parks for People – 30 September 2008
- Landscape partnerships – 31 March 2008

A table containing all closure dates, and dates of new application deadlines is available at <http://tinyurl.com/3avn5f>

For further details contact HLF at 0131 225 9450 email [Scotland@hlf.org.uk](mailto:Scotland@hlf.org.uk) or find details on [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk)

### SCOTTISH COMMUNITY ACTION RESEARCH FUND (SCARF)

There will not be a SCARF funding round in February 2008. This is because there has been a very high level of successful SCARF applications since the fund was launched in October 2006 and the money for grants is now fully committed. Communities Scotland are considering whether there should be more SCARF funding rounds later in 2008 and will make a decision in due course. We will keep you updated.

The Scottish Community Action Research Fund (SCARF) supports community organisations to plan and carry out their own research that helps them to:

- understand the needs of their communities
- promote action to tackle them
- improve the quality of life for everyone in their communities.

It is provided by Communities Scotland and managed by the Scottish Community Development Centre (SCDC). NB on 1 April, Communities Scotland will become part of the Scottish Government.

### WRAP

The Funding Support Scheme set up last November to provide recycling services to small and medium-sized businesses has been abandoned. Developed by WRAP (the Waste and Resources Action Programme), grants were to be available to help community organisations, amongst others, to develop services to enable SMEs to

recycle more of their waste. Sadly, WRAP has heard that it is to get a 30% cut in its funding from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, and the result is that the Funding Support Scheme has had to be abandoned.

## RURAL NEWS AND INFORMATION

### VILLAGE HALLS SEMINAR

The Village halls seminar in Aviemore on 23 February was a highly successful event, with all delegate places taken. For those who were unable to attend, the conference report will be available on [www.villagehalls.org.uk](http://www.villagehalls.org.uk) in the near future. In the meantime, a short report has been made available at <http://www.scvo.org.uk/VillageHalls/NewsAndEvents/ViewNews.aspx?NewsID=891&al=t&from=Home>

### RURAL FINANCIAL EXCLUSION

A report on financial exclusion has been published for the Commission for Rural Communities and is available at <http://www.ruralcommunities.gov.uk/> It provides an overview of the unique features of financial exclusion experienced in rural areas as well as good practice case studies on how to tackle them. The site contains other useful reports on rural areas.

### RURAL POLICY REPORT - OECD

The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) published its review into rural policy in Scotland, highlighting a number of key areas.

These include:

- Reducing the number of government bodies delivering rural policy and getting those that remain to co-ordinate and streamline their work
- Creating opportunities for business and economic diversification through regional delivery of the £1.6 billion Scottish Rural Development Programme
- Harnessing Scotland's potential as a producer of energy from renewable sources

The full report can be found at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2008/02/14143544/1>

### SRDP - BUSINESS AND LAND REGISTRATION

Businesses, voluntary and community groups will need to register if they are intending to submit an application to the **Scotland Rural Development Programme 2007-13**.

New users of Rural Payments On-line will need to register and enrol to obtain a Government Gateway user ID. When registering, the applicant will be asked for a logon number (provided by the Helpdesk on: 0845 601 7597) and a Business Reference Number (BRN) or, for a submissions agent, an Agent Identifier.

Applicants should use the Land & Business Change form to register their businesses and land with the Scottish Government's Integrated Administration and Control System (IACS). Until a new version of that form is released (around mid March), applicants should use the current form available at:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Resource/Doc/172952/0048241.pdf>

A business, or voluntary group, once registered, is given a BRN. Where land has been registered, Rural Payments and Inspections Directorate (RPID) will provide the business with a map with each registered 'field' labelled with a Field Identifier (FID).

The Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) 2007-13 was formally adopted by the European Commission on 10 March 2008. Funding is now available from the SRDP which aims to guarantee infrastructure, create new income opportunities for rural regions, promote growth and fight unemployment in Scotland's rural areas. The £1.6 billion programme will provide funding to communities, agricultural businesses, environmental projects, and farmers and crofters, via various programmes: Less Favoured Areas Support Scheme, Rural Development Contracts, LEADER, Processing, Marketing and Co-operation Grants, Crofting Communities Agricultural Grants Scheme, Forestry Challenge Funds and Skills Development. The details of the £57.7 million LEADER strand (focus on strengthening rural communities) of the SRDP is due to be unveiled in the next day or two.

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### ARTS

#### MAKE YOUR MARK IN MUSIC

**The scheme** - Make Your Mark in the Music Business is a new website for people “driven by music or have ideas in music”. One element of the site will be cash prize competitions run during the year. Entry is open to any UK resident under the age of 30 on 17 March 2008. You have to answer two questions:

What role does music play in your life?

How would £1,000 worth of equipment and instruments help you make your mark on the music business?

**Amount** - three prizes of £1,000 vouchers each to spend on musical instruments and/or equipment.

**To apply** - The application form is available at [www.makeyourmarkinmusic.org/win\\_a\\_grand](http://www.makeyourmarkinmusic.org/win_a_grand) or you can email [music@makeyourmark.org.uk](mailto:music@makeyourmark.org.uk) or phone them on Tel: 020 7497 4030.

**Deadline** - 17 March 2008. Winners will be notified in the last week of March 2008.

#### SCOTTISH ARTS COUNCIL INSPIRE FUND

**The scheme** - Inspire offers new possibilities for ambitious projects that increase participation in the arts. This is a one off opportunity. Formally constituted organisations can apply. You can apply for project, or a mix of project/capital funding, including staff. Refurbishment and refit or equipment for buildings is fundable but not new build. Capital costs should be no more than 50% of the total requested.

**Amount** - £8m is available in total, with no minimum or maximum grant. Up to 75% of your total project cost can be funded. 10% of the remainder must be provided in cash, so up to 15% in kind is allowable.

**Contact** - [www.sac.org.uk](http://www.sac.org.uk) for guidelines, FAQs and outline application form, which are also attached.

**Deadline** - the deadline for outline proposals is 5 May 2008. If invited to complete a full application this should be done by 27 October 2008, with grants being announced in February 2009.

### COMMUNITY

#### COMMUNITY RADIO FUND

**The scheme** - Ofcom will be launching a 2008/09 application round to the Community Radio Fund on 10 April 2008. Applications are accepted from any community radio broadcaster already broadcasting under a community radio license by the time the applications are considered. Grants cover the core costs of running a community radio station within the UK.

Core costs can cover items such as:

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

Priority is given to stations that have not received a grant in the past.

The application panel published some useful notes for next round applicants:

Applicants should take note of prior award levels when submitting bids so that the bids are realistic;  
Because of the competition, priority is given to stations that have not received an award before;  
The panel takes into account the level of need. Combined with the desire to fund previously unsupported stations this means that several high quality applications are always rejected;

Several applicants had disregarded, or were apparently unaware of, the priorities for the Fund and its exclusions. These are always published when an application round opens and should be read and followed up on;  
A number of applications lacked clarity;  
A number of applicants had made bids in what was the second round of the Fund for 2007/08 knowing that it is not policy to support two bids in one year.

To summarise the panel's position: "The panel wishes to continue to make grants for core activities, particularly to newly-licensed stations, in line with guidance from DCMS. The panel considers promoting long-term sustainability a critical, core, activity, and will take special note of innovative proposals that have this aim, such as those focusing on business development and fundraising. The panel also believes there is scope for more collaborative working or joint applications from stations".

**Amount** - the minimum grant is £,000 and there is no formal maximum level. However, the average grant is around £13,000 and the maximum awarded in the last round earlier in 2008 was £16,000.

In the last round:

- 52 applications were tabled totalling almost £1.4 million;
- Only £160,399 was available;
- 12 applications were supported, 40 rejected.

**Contact** - details will be available from [www.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/commun\\_radio/Communityfund/](http://www.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/commun_radio/Communityfund/) where you can make an online application, or you can call the Community Radio Team on 020 7981 3860.

**Deadline** - Subject to funding constraints, the first application round for 2008/09 will open on 10 April 2008. The deadline for applications is 7 May 2008. Decisions will be taken on 18 June 2008.

## O2: IT'S YOUR COMMUNITY

**The scheme** - to support individuals and groups seeking to make a positive change in their community. Examples given by the funder are: turning derelict land into a playground; planting trees where none grew before; creating a wildlife pond where there was once a puddle; turning an abandoned building into an arts centre for young people

**Amount** - awards of up to £1,000 are available.

**Contact** - [http://www.o2.com/cr/community\\_fund.asp](http://www.o2.com/cr/community_fund.asp)

**Deadline** - applications can be made at any time.

## ENVIRONMENT

### ANGUS ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST

**The scheme** - Angus Environmental Trust is a Distributive Environmental Body enrolled with Entrust the regulator of the Landfill Communities Fund previously known as the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. The main aim of the Trust is to distribute landfill tax funds to assist local community groups, organisations and other environmental bodies to take forward projects within Angus. All projects supported must be for public benefit and meet the criteria of the Trust and importantly be eligible under the LTCS. Applications by private individuals and commercial organisations are not eligible.

Projects that fall into the following categories will be considered for funding by Angus Environmental Trust

- Projects to protect, improve and enhance the environment (both built and natural) and the cultural heritage of Angus and to improve their accessibility and the public's awareness and understanding of them;
- Projects to reclaim and restore land for economic, social or environmental purposes;
- Projects that prevent or reduce any potential for pollution or to treat pollution on land polluted by a previous use;
- Projects to restore or improve the natural environment and the maintenance or recovery of a species in its natural habitat;

**Amount** - Angus Environmental Trust has not set funding thresholds or intervention rates but considers each proposal on its own merits dependant on the type and nature of the project. All proposals should demonstrate the need for funding support by indicating how alternative sources have been investigated. The Trust will give priority to eligible community led projects which demonstrate a need for gap funding to allow projects to be viable.

**Contact** - application forms and guidance notes are available from Angus Environmental Trust, County Buildings, Market Street, Forfar, DD8 3LG. Further information or clarification can be obtained from Gillian Phillips, Trust Administrator by telephone on 01307 473334 or email [phillipsge@angus.gov.uk](mailto:phillipsge@angus.gov.uk)

**Deadline** - none

## EAGA PARTNERSHIP CHARITABLE TRUST GRANT PROGRAMME

**The scheme** – the aim of work under this grant programme is “the relief of fuel poverty and the preservation and protection of health by the promotion of the efficient use of energy.” Applications for funding should assist to clarify the nature, extent and consequences of fuel poverty and offer insights into opportunities for the energy efficient and cost-effective relief of fuel poverty.

The work funded under this programme can be divided roughly into four categories:

- i. rigorous, policy-related research;
- ii. action projects (e.g. practical, community-based initiatives which have wider applicability);
- iii. the promotion of good practice (e.g. toolkits and workshops);
- iv. practical resource materials and events (e.g. training and education resources).

**Amount** – not stated, but those applying for over £50,000 are asked to answer some questions on project risks.

**Contact** - [http://www.eaga.com/charitable/charitable\\_trust.htm](http://www.eaga.com/charitable/charitable_trust.htm) for further information.

**Deadline** - 2nd May 2008 and 5 September 2008

## E.ON SOURCE FUND

**The scheme** - The E.ON SOURCE Fund has been developed to support community energy projects which either result in the production of energy from a sustainable source or which reduce the amount of energy used by a community organisation. Community groups, charities and not for profit groups can apply. Examples of the types of organisations funded in the past include schools, local-based and national charities, special education colleges and wildlife parks.

Projects that would 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
- A project which can demonstrate the intelligent use of waste energy (e.g. a district heating system that uses waste heat from one building to heat or power another)

**Amount** - grants of up to £30,000 are available to community groups for sustainable energy projects.

**Contact** - <http://www.eon-uk.com/about/2688.aspx>

**Deadline** – 25 April 2008 and 3 October 2008

## ETHNIC MINORITIES

### RACE, RELIGION AND REFUGEE INTEGRATION FUND

**The scheme** - to improve the lives of minority ethnic and faith communities in Scotland, including asylum seekers and refugees, by tackling the inequalities that currently exist, increasing race and faith equality and promoting good relations between different racial groups as well as by reducing the incidence of racism, discrimination, and religious intolerance in all their forms. Migrant workers and Gypsies/Travellers are covered by the scheme. Only organisations currently active within Scotland may apply. Grants can cover one, two or three years work from 1 July 2008 to 31 March 2011. Grants should be spent on revenue costs, including salaries, and any capital element should be absolutely necessary for the staff to do their job.

**Amount** - the maximum grant is £150,000 a year, although the average will be more like £50,000 to £100,000. The minimum is £25,000.

**Contact** - details and application forms for the Fund are available via [www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/grant-schemes/RRRI](http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/grant-schemes/RRRI)

The Voluntary Action Fund is running three workshops for potential applicants. They are in:

Dundee Voluntary Action, 10 Constitution Rd, Dundee on 13 March;

Edinburgh on 17 March;

Glasgow on 20 March 2008 (two sessions).

You must book places by calling Susan Fenner on 01383 620780.

**Deadline** - 14 April 2008. Grants will be awarded in June.

## FINANCIAL INCLUSION

### FRIENDS PROVIDENT FOUNDATION FINANCIAL INCLUSION PROGRAMME 2007- 2009

**The scheme** - for projects that address financial exclusion within disadvantaged communities and will make a strategic contribution to the overall outcome of financial inclusion in the UK. The Foundation will consider requests for capital or revenue funding, core funds or project costs, and is willing to consider applications from any type of legally independent organisation, but can only support work that is legally charitable.

**Amount** – up to £200,000

**Contact** – [www.friendsprovident.co.uk](http://www.friendsprovident.co.uk)

**Deadline** - 25 April 2008.

## GAELIC

### COLUMBA INITIATIVE - ULTACH TRUST

**The scheme** - Colmcille works to foster support for the Gaelic language and develop links between Gaelic Scotland and Ireland. They are currently seeking ideas for suitable projects involving the community, language, arts, education and sport.

**Amount** - up to £2,500

**Contact** - to find out more go to [www.colmcille.net](http://www.colmcille.net)

**Deadline** – none.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIP COMMISSION

**The scheme** – the CSC provides funding for UK organisations (public, private and voluntary sector) to host visits from professionals from the developing Commonwealth. The host should devise a relevant programme and identify suitable recipients through existing networks. The grant covers the cost of travel to the UK, living expenses, some UK travel and other approved short course and conference expenses and a contribution to host organisation costs. Priority will be given to programmes training professionals in the fields of education, engineering, environment, governance, public health and technology.

**Contact** – further details are available from [www.cscuk.org.uk](http://www.cscuk.org.uk) or tel 020 7380 6734 or email [professionalfellowships@cscuk.org.uk](mailto:professionalfellowships@cscuk.org.uk)

**Deadline** – 30 April 2008.

### OPTIMIST CHARITIES

**The scheme** - OptimistWorld.com is a new website dedicated to quote “taking a daily look on the bright side”. Optimist Charities gives the opportunity for smaller charities with low income to raise their public profile. Each week five charities are chosen from amongst registered site members and site visitors are encouraged to vote for their favourite. The winner gets a cash donation and is put into the hat for the OptimistWorld.com Charity of the Year award, where more money will be offered at an awards ceremony in January 2009.

As well as being entered for these occasional awards, charities that have registered with the site are also able to get donations direct from interested visitors.

**Contact** - it is free to sign up to the site.

The registration form is available at [www.optimistworld.com/Charities.aspx](http://www.optimistworld.com/Charities.aspx)

**Deadline** - registered charities are selected on a weekly basis.

## VETERANS

### VETERANS DAY 2008

**The scheme** - Veterans UK, the government agency for veterans' affairs, is inviting applications for grants to run events to celebrate Veterans Day 2008 which falls on 27 June. Grant funding can cover any event within the UK on or around the 27 June celebrations, but this year's events can also be tied in with the 100th anniversary of the Territorial Army.

The main aim of the grants is to encourage communities to come forward and develop events that in time will become self-sustaining and regular parts of the national Veterans Day programme.

All events should deliver on the three key Veterans Day themes, which are:

- The Veterans community is highly diverse: all ex-Service personnel are Veterans whatever their age or service experience.
- Veterans are special: not just because of their service, but also because of the contribution they continue to make to their community and civilian employers through the transferable skills they have acquired.
- A wide range of support and advice is available to Veterans through the public, charity and voluntary sector (and where possible these should be identified by the participation of representative organisations).

**Amount** - grants generally cover no more than 30-40% of the costs up to a maximum grant of £10,000. Where will you find the matching funds? The big difference this year is that, for the first time, the MOD is allowing event organisers to charge an entry fee or seek commercial sponsorship. The MOD is keen to stress that it prefers free events but it recognises that charging may be necessary to promote sustainability. But if entry fees are charged they should be set at a level to meet the costs only, not designed to make a surplus.

**Contact** - all applicants should talk through their ideas with someone from the Veterans Policy Unit at the MOD on 0207 218 3029 or 0207 807 0966 before filling in the application form. Funding guidelines are available at <http://veterans-uk.info/veteransday08/index.htm> or contact

Veterans Day 2008 (Funding), Ministry of Defence, Veterans Policy Unit, 7th Floor Zone 1, Main Building, Whitehall London, SW1A 2HB

**Deadline** - 31 March 2008. Successful bidders will be notified by the end of April.

## YOUTH

### CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES

**NEW**

**The Scheme** - young people in Scotland are to benefit from a new grant scheme for youth projects to be funded from the proceeds of crime. The scheme will provide funding for projects which support young people involved, or at risk from violence, alcohol, drugs or antisocial behaviour as well as support for initiatives such as youth drop-in services and residential, environmental and outdoor activities including climbing walls, skate parks, mountain bikes and canoes and yachts.

**Amount** - £43,000 of the £3m pot has been allocated to Angus.

**Contact** - the scheme which will be administered by YouthLink Scotland, the national youth work agency. Visit [www.youthlink.co.uk](http://www.youthlink.co.uk) for more details

**Deadline** - there will be two applications stages, with the first running in April/May 2008 with decisions taken by May 2008. The second stage will take place in August 2008 with decisions taken by mid-September 2008.

### HELP YOURSELVES! AWARDS

**The scheme** - these awards are organised by Save the Children and British Gas. Activities should help children or young people who are isolated or excluded. The current funding round will support projects running between 1 June and 30 September 2008. Projects should be led by young people or be run by a grassroots community organisation that wants to involve young people in a genuine and meaningful way. Projects must focus on improving children's and young people's life chances.

As a rule grants/awards should be for discrete projects that can go ahead with this funding alone.

**Amount** - in this round, awards will be worth up to £1,000, but a further application round later in 2008 will see awards of, and £10,000 being offered.

**Contact** - further information is available at [www.helpyourselves.org.uk/helpyourselves/index.jsp](http://www.helpyourselves.org.uk/helpyourselves/index.jsp) or by emailing [helpyourselves@savethechildren.org.uk](mailto:helpyourselves@savethechildren.org.uk)

**Deadline** - 28 March 2008.

### YOUTH IN THE WORLD

**The scheme** - The European Commission has issued a call for proposals to Youth in the World: cooperation with countries other than the neighbouring countries of the European Union. It's part of the Youth in Action Programme, and it's a great opportunity for organisations working with young people with links to countries other than those within the EU, particularly the Middle and Far East, Africa and Asia.

The aim of the programme is to:

- Promote the exchange of experience and good practice in the field of youth and non-formal education;
- Contribute to the development of youth policies, youth work and the voluntary sector, as well as capacity-building and leadership development for youth organisations/structures;

- Develop sustainable partnerships and networks between youth organisations.

Projects must deal with at least one of the following themes:

- Strengthening of civil society, citizenship and democracy;
- Fight against racism and xenophobia;
- Inter-ethnic and inter-religious dialogue;
- Post conflict resolution and reconstruction;
- The active role of women in society;
- Minority rights.

Projects must involve young people, people working in the youth sector, youth workers, youth leaders and others with an interest in the field. Projects must start in November or December of 2008 and last between 6 and 12 months.

**Amount** - the total budget for the scheme is €2.5 million. The maximum grant is €100,000 and it can cover up to 80% of costs.

**Contact** - the application details and forms are available at [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/calls2008/action32/index\\_en.htm](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/calls2008/action32/index_en.htm)

**Deadline** - 15 April 2008.

## FUNDING AWARDS

Local voluntary organisations can apply to Scotland's national charity awards scheme, the Third Force News (TFN) Annual Charity Awards. These awards are open to any registered charity or voluntary organisation and are free to enter.

There are five awards:

- Charity of the Year
- Campaign of the Year
- Charity Champion
- Community Action Award
- Partnership Award

The awards will be presented at a dinner and awards ceremony on 19th June 2008, during the Gathering, Scotland's annual voluntary sector fair held in Glasgow. For more information, and an application form, call Siobhan Flannigan on 0131 474 8045 or download it from the <http://www.scvo.org.uk/scvocms/images/Tiffaniesentry.doc>

The deadline for applications is 31 March 2008.

## CALOR VILLAGE OF THE YEAR

## NEW FOR SCOTLAND

**The scheme** - the competition seeks to celebrate rural communities that safeguard the long-term viability of local life and build a platform for future development. The Village of the Year competition is very regionalised and the process and prize structure in each part of the UK is different. Each competition shares four themes of: People; Business; Environment; and Communications. In Scotland the competition will replace the Scottish Community of the Year Awards which ended in 2006. The judges are looking for "well balanced, pro-active, caring communities which, irrespective of size, have made the best of local opportunities to maintain and enhance the quality of life for all inhabitants".

**Eligibility** - The competition is open to rural communities with a population of below 5,000. Individual organisations or partnerships can enter.

**Amount** - the national winner will get £3,000, and four regional winners (North, Central, South, and Islands) will get £1,000 each.

**Contact** - details are available from [www.villageoftheyear.org/scotland/index.htm](http://www.villageoftheyear.org/scotland/index.htm) or by calling The PR Partnership on 01224 248007 or by e-mailing [info@calorvillageoftheyear.org](mailto:info@calorvillageoftheyear.org)

**Deadline** - entry forms will be available from 1 March and the closing date is 31 May 2008.

## NATIONAL LOTTERY AWARDS

The National Lottery Awards are seeking entries and nominations. These awards are the annual search to find the UK's favourite Lottery-funded project.

The seven categories are: Sport, Heritage, Arts, Environment, Health, Education, and the Woman magazine Charity/Voluntary category. The deadline for public submissions is 5pm on 20th March 2008.

If you've entered before, the National Lottery want to know what you are doing now – how has your project developed? Or are you using your Lottery funding for an exciting new project?

The winners of each category are announced on a special BBC1 show and will receive a £2,000 cash prize to spend on their project. Go to <http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/> website to complete an entry form or call 0845 130 4133. The public can also call with nominations.

## NATIONWIDE COMMUNITY AND HERITAGE AWARDS 2008

Nationwide Building Society has teamed up with the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to launch the Nationwide Community and Heritage Awards 2008, inviting the public to nominate people or groups who deserve recognition for community or voluntary work that has made a real difference to people's lives.

Nominations can be made for either:

**Community Champion** – recognition for those who have made an impact in their local community.

**Heritage Hero** – recognition for those who have volunteered to become involved in saving a part of their heritage and sharing it with others.

Nomination forms are online at

[http://www.nationwide.co.uk/about\\_nationwide/community\\_and\\_environmental\\_affairs/nationwide\\_community\\_and\\_heritage\\_awards/](http://www.nationwide.co.uk/about_nationwide/community_and_environmental_affairs/nationwide_community_and_heritage_awards/) Leaflets and nomination forms are available from local Nationwide Building Society branches, public libraries and via local newspapers.

**Deadline** - the closing date for nominations is Monday 28 April 2008.

## FUNDING SUPPORT

### VOICE

VOiCE - a database planning and recording tool designed to assist individuals and organisations to design and deliver effective community engagement. VOiCE has been developed using funding from the Scottish Government as part of the third year of support for the National Standards for Community Engagement.

VOiCE will support you to:

- plan community engagement and service user participation
- conduct it effectively
- monitor and record the process
- evaluate the outcomes

It can be used to support a range of participation from overall area regeneration to specific concerns of users of particular services. It is designed to be relevant both for individual services and for integrated, cross-disciplinary community planning. VOiCE enables all users to have a common system for analysing, planning, monitoring, evaluating and recording that provides common protocols, definition of terms and understanding of different types and purposes of engagement.

VOiCE is currently being tested and will be formally launched at three events across Scotland in March. Events details are below:

20 March 2008	Carnegie College, Dunfermline
26 March 2008	Teacher Building, Glasgow
27 March 2008	Concert Hall, Perth

If you would like to register your interest in any of the events please contact James Anderson on 0141 248 1924. Further details will be posted shortly.

## ONE TO ONE ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS

SCVO One to One is a fee based development support service for voluntary organisations. They can help your organisation in the following areas:

## **Organisational Development Support**

Whether it's a one off facilitated planning day for your team or a longer term programme of support, they will draw on a range of proven facilitative tools and techniques to enable your organisation to better direct its own development. Areas where they can help you to improve include:

### **Governance**

- facilitating a session for your board or management committee to help it to identify areas in which it could improve performance and practical actions that will enable this to happen.

### **Fundraising and financial sustainability**

- helping you to develop strategies for fundraising and for improving the financial sustainability of your organisation.

### **Strategic and business planning**

- facilitating a session to help you identify the main strategic choices facing your organisation and to put in place key elements of your plan.

### **Quality systems**

- facilitating a session for you using the Big Picture, a quality improvement framework for the Scottish voluntary sector, which will help you identify where and how the quality of your organisation can be enhanced.

### **Policy development**

- In areas such as equalities and human resource management they can support you in developing the policies your organisation needs to ensure effectiveness and compliance with the law.

SCVO's pricing information sheet for the above services is available at <http://tinyurl.com/2297or>

## **FUNDRAISING STRATEGIES FOR YOUR AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY**

AmateurDramatic has added an article of funding to its website. To help you achieve your financial goals and meet your fiscal responsibilities, why not try one or more of the fun fundraising strategies? Sections include:

- Look for Programme Sponsors
- Sing for Your Supper
- Offer Free Theatrical Presentations
- Hold a Theatre-Themed Charity Auction
- Sell, Sell, Sell!
- Offer Classes for Adults and Kids

For more details, visit the AmateurDramatic website at [www.amateurdramatic.co.uk/fundraising-strategies-amateur-dramatics-society.html](http://www.amateurdramatic.co.uk/fundraising-strategies-amateur-dramatics-society.html)

## **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING**

The Social Enterprise Academy has designed a series of free one-day workshops to run throughout Scotland during March. This interactive and challenging training is designed for pairs made up of senior management and board members to learn how to work together to achieve the best financial results. For further information or to apply please email [daniel@theacademy-ssea.org](mailto:daniel@theacademy-ssea.org) or visit the website at <http://tinyurl.com/29s5vs>

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Town Twinning and Exchange Visits – an introduction to EU budgets and how you and your town can use them by Alyn Smith MEP**

This publication has been produced to explain European twinning funds and give details of what funds are available and how they can be accessed. Alyn Smith is offering assistance in locating a twin town. He can be reached at [alyn.smith@eurparl.europa.eu](mailto:alyn.smith@eurparl.europa.eu) or via his website at <http://www.alynsmith.eu/>

## FUNDING DEADLINES

17 March	LTSB Standard Grant	general
28 March	B & Q	community
30 March	BBC Children in Need	children
30 March	Positive Destinations	children
31 March	Connection Generations	intergenerational
31 March	Pilkington Energy Efficiency Trust	energy
end March	Leng Charitable Trust	local trust
1 April	Agnes H Hunter	local trust
6 April	Changing Scottish Lives	youth
10 April	UK Community Kitty	community

## FUNDING SUCCESS

**Forfar Farmington FC** has been awarded **£131,300** from **Sportscotland's Building for Sport** programme towards their new changing pavilion at Marketmuir.

**Awards for All** grants –

**Montrose Arts Development Enterprise** has been awarded **£5,000**

**The Adoption and Long Term Fostering Self Help Group (Angus)** has been awarded **£7,976** for accommodation fees and entrance fees

**Fowlis Easter Hall** has been awarded **£7,500** towards a replacement floor.

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