

ANGUS FUNDING NEWS

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This month we bring you news of the long awaited launch of the Scottish Rural Development Programme including LEADER, feedback from a happy applicant and as always a range of funds to hopefully meet your needs.

NEWS FROM THE FUNDERS

ANGUS COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT SCHEME

The Angus Council Community Grant Scheme can offer grants up to £5,000 but if you are planning to apply for over £500, your funding application has to be agreed at a Council Committee. You are advised to apply two months before the committee meeting is held, in order that your application can be processed and assessed in time for the draft committee report which is prepared one month before the meeting.

To assist you in getting the timing right, here is a timetable, but please note that some applications take longer to assess, and these are only guidelines. If you have any queries over when to apply, contact us at externalfunding@angus.gov.uk or telephone 01307 473222/1

Latest suggested date for applying

mid April
mid July
early September
mid October
early December
mid January

Committee meeting

12 June 2008
4 September 2008
23 October 2008
4 December 2008
29 January 2009
12 March 2009

There are limited funds in the scheme, and these can run out before the end of the financial year, so if you are intending to apply later in the year, please check with us for the availability of funding.

LLOYDS TSB FOUNDATION FOR SCOTLAND

There will be a funding surgery in Montrose on 20 May, for anyone considering applying to LTSB. Places can be booked by phoning 0870 902 1201.

SEEING IS BELIEVING FUND/NEW IDEAS FUND

The **Seeing is Believing and New Ideas** funds are currently under review because of Communities Scotland recent move into the Scottish Government. The review means that no grant applications will be considered at the present time.

THE TUBNEY CHARITABLE TRUST

The **Tubney Charitable Trust**, wishing to strengthen its positive impact on the biodiversity of the UK and the welfare of farmed animals both in the UK and internationally, has announced a new more focused approach to its charitable giving. Beginning on 3 June 2008, this will see the Trust awarding grants to **invited applicants only**. In accordance with the wishes of the founders, the Charity has a limited life and is spending both its income and its capital to achieve its objectives. The Trustees have decided to allocate most of the Trust's remaining uncommitted funds (approximately £26 million) to a small number of large, focused grants over the next three years. For this

reason the Trustees have chosen to close the charity's open programmes and to focus on funding proactive work with grants being provided on an invitation-to-bid basis.

The Trust's current grant making programmes will close on 2 June 2008.

LOTTERY FUNDS

AWARDS FOR ALL – SPORTS PROJECTS

The Awards for All scheme is becoming increasingly competitive, particularly for sports clubs.

The last committee reviewed 53 applications with a sports focus but only had enough resources to fund 16 of the applications. If you are a sports project looking for up to £10,000, the Big Lottery Fund advise you to take note of the following advice before you apply:

- Your application should show how it develops further what you currently do. They want to see an expansion of your existing activities.
- If you can demonstrate how your project will help meet all or most of the four aims of Awards for All you will increase your chance of success.
- If you've had a grant before, don't ask them to fund the same thing again.
- If your project has wider benefits around health and well-being, then tell them about this in your application.

For more information on Awards for All go to www.awardsforall.org.uk or email scotland@awardsforall.org.uk or call 0870 240 2391

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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ARTS

CLORE DUFFIELD FOUNDATION - PERFORMING ARTS AWARDS

The scheme - The Clore Performing Arts Awards fund performing arts education initiatives aimed at children and young people (aged 0-18) across the UK. The Awards will fund education programmes that cover every aspect of the performing arts including opera, dance, music, musical theatre, the spoken word and theatre. The following are eligible to apply:

- * Registered charities
- * Limited companies
- * Early years settings, primary, middle and secondary schools, sixth-form colleges, SEN schools
- * Pupil Referral Units
- * Voluntary youth organisations
- * Professional and amateur arts organisations

Applicants must be able to demonstrate both artistic excellence and fully participatory experiences for young people.

Amount - The Awards will fund project costs ranging from £1,000 to £10,000.

Contact - to read the guidelines and download an application form go to www.cloreduffield.org.uk/page_sub.php?id=71&parent=35 or tel Clore Duffield on 0207 351 6061.

Deadline - Wednesday 17 September 2008

ARTS AND BUSINESS

The scheme - The Scottish Government is providing Arts & Business funding to encourage new business sponsorship for the arts on a £1 for £1 matching basis. This will build on the success of the equivalent scheme that has, over the last two years. Engaging with the arts is a proven way for business to promote their services and goods, associate with customers and clients, develop staff and give something back to their communities, and this scheme offers a great incentive to see how beneficial an arts sponsorship can be.

Amount - £600,000 will be available over the next two years, to encourage new business sponsorship for the arts on a £1 for £1 matching basis.

Contact - for more information and to download guidelines and an application form for the New Arts Sponsorship Grants visit <http://www.aandb.org.uk/render.aspx?siteID=1&navIDs=1,4,24,891>

FIRST LIGHT FILMMAKING FUND

The scheme - First Light Movies, which is supported by the UK Film Council and the National Lottery, has announced that it is to simplify its grant making process by providing an online application process. First Light Movies provides grants to young people aged between 5 - 18 to participate in all aspects of film productions. Support is available through three funding streams:

There are three programmes -

- The Pilot Awards - Grants of up to £5,000 for the production of a 5 minute film. Deadline 24 June.
- The Studio Awards - Grants of up to £25,000 for films up to 10 minutes long. Deadline 22 April.
- What's the Big Idea Awards - Grants of £3,000 to develop ideas and stories for films. Deadline 24 June.

Contact - to find out more and apply online visit www.firstlightmovies.com/funding

Deadline - Tuesday 22 April and Tuesday 24 June 2008

ENVIRONMENT

THE INCREASE III PROGRAMME

The scheme - The INCREASE III programme is a £7.5M Scottish Government Investment Programme being delivered through a partnership between the Waste & Resources Action Programme (WRAP) and the Community Recycling Network for Scotland (CRNS).

The aim of the INCREASE Programme is to help not-for-profit, community-based organisations develop projects that will increase the reduction, reuse and recycling of waste in line with the move towards a Zero Waste Scotland. The INCREASE III programme has four distinct funding strands depending on what type of investment is sought.

INCREASE Prevention:

£5,000 - £300,000

Project proposals should relate to the prevention of waste in the first place.

INCREASE Enterprise:

£5,000 - £300,000

Project proposals should include initiatives which aim to recycle, reuse or compost household, commercial and industrial waste, be innovative and/or commercially viable after start-up.

INCREASE Capacity:

Project proposals should relate to the employment of key staff to enhance management capacity, backfill of key operational positions freeing up time for organisational or activity development.

INCREASE Small:

Up to £5,000

Project proposals should relate to the purchase of plant and machinery, H&S equipment, provision of licences and permits and training. This funding strand is limited to organisations which have a turnover of less than £100,000.

Contact - Emma Margrett email: emma@crns.org.uk Tel 07887758212 or get more information from

<http://www.crns.org.uk/increase/>

Deadline – none given

GREENPRINTS

The scheme – funding, as well as support and practical expertise, is available to enable young people to make a real difference to their communities. The funding, which is provided through the GreenPrints programme, is open to not for profit organisations for projects designed and delivered by groups of volunteers aged 16 to 25. The SITA Trust and the Charity "V" have each pledged £1m to fund the programme. The overall programme will be managed using the expertise and experience of the 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 Trust to assist with the practical delivery of every single project that is supported.

Amount – up to £10,000

Contact - www.sitatrust.org.uk/greenprints

Deadline - there are several application deadlines throughout the year and the next closing date is 25 April.

BIG LOTTERY FUND - THE PEOPLE'S MILLIONS

The scheme - the aim of the competition is to fund projects that improve the quality of life of local communities through transforming the local environment, or provide opportunities or facilities for enjoying the local environment.

Projects must meet one of the following four themes:

- Making the local environment cleaner, safer or greener
- Improving the local natural environment
- Improving the design, appearance, or accessibility of local amenities
- Providing opportunities or facilities for enjoying the local environment or local amenities

Amount – up to £50,000 is available for each project, with a total of £5.5m available across the UK. The total project should be under £100k, with additional funding already in place. The grant will primarily be for one off capital expenditure.

Eligibility - You can enter if your organisation is: a voluntary or community group, a local authority, school, or statutory health body, a social enterprise. The cost of either buying an existing building or constructing a new building is NOT eligible.

Contact – Entries can be made on line at www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/peoplesmillions where you can also download the guidelines or post it to Big Lottery Fund Scotland Office, 1 Atlantic Quay, 1 Robertson Street, Glasgow, G2 8JB Tel: 0141 242 1400.

Deadline – 15 May 2008. Shortlisted projects will be chosen and the projects will be presented on ITV television at which time the viewing public will vote for their preferred projects. Winning projects should start by March 2009, and be completed by December 2009.

HEALTH

COMMUNITY FOOD AND HEALTH (SCOTLAND)

The scheme - to improve access to, and take up of, a healthy, varied and balanced diet. All projects must involve working with or within Scotland's low-income communities.

Projects must tackle one or more of the barriers to healthy eating outlined in the Scottish Diet Action Plan (1996).

- Availability - such as the lack of access to fruit and vegetables of an acceptable quality and cost;
- Affordability - such as the cost of getting to the shops as well as the cost of shopping;
- Skills - such as the lack of confidence and skills for cooking or shopping;
- Culture - such as long established dietary habits and reluctance to experiment with new foods.

All applications must be for the costs of a new activity or for developing the range, scale or sustainability of current activity. You can also apply for pilot projects or feasibility studies.

Priority will be given to projects that show that they will be able to sustain their food activity or learning in the future. Applications are particularly welcome from community groups, voluntary organisations and social enterprises, whether they are new or existing groups, including those that are new to community food activity and those who have carried it out before.

Priority will also be given to groups or agencies linked to or working (or planning to work) in partnership with other agencies or whose planned project is part of a local plan or strategy, such as Food and Health Strategies, Joint Health Improvement Plans, etc.

Amount - grants of between £500 and £3000 will be available for groups and agencies.

Contact - further information is available at www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk/funding/smallgrants.php

Tel: 0141 226 5261.

Deadline - likely to be early in the summer of 2008, with grants being made by the autumn.

RURAL

SCOTTISH RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The scheme – this is a £1.6 billion programme of economic, environmental and social measures designed to develop rural Scotland over the next seven years. The SRDP brings together a wide range of formerly separate support schemes including those covering the farming, forestry and primary processing sectors, rural enterprise and business development, diversification and rural tourism. It includes measures to support and encourage rural communities and delivers the LEADER initiative for local innovation in rural areas (see next item). Funding for the SRDP comes from the Scottish Government, The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development and Voluntary Modulation (which enables funding to be redirected from Common Agricultural Policy).

One of the three themes of the SRDP is:

Improving the quality of life in rural areas and diversification of the rural economy

Each region has its own priorities. The rural community priorities for the Tayside area can be found at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP/RuralPriorities/Tayside/RuralCommunities>

Eligibility - Individuals and groups may seek support to help deliver the Government's strategic objectives in rural Scotland.

Contact – for more information go to <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP>

You can now complete the online [Statement of Intent for Rural Priorities](#), to register your interest in applying for funding and you should receive a response within 28 days advising on whether you should proceed to full application stage.

LEADER – RURAL TAYSIDE

The scheme – part of the Scottish Rural Development Programme, LEADER will promote economic and community development within rural areas, distributing grants to rural community and voluntary groups, as well as groups of businesses, and public organisations. The aim of LEADER is to increase the capacity of local rural community and business networks to build knowledge and skills, innovate and co-operate in order to tackle local development objectives.

The Rural Tayside LEADER programme covers most of rural Angus, excluding towns of over 10,000 population. However, activities in these areas can be supported if they benefit the local rural area, e.g. a farmers' market.

Amount – no minimum or maximum, but the minimum projects costs must be more than £1,000, and the grant will usually provide a maximum of 50% of the total required.

Contact – <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP/LEADER> or Alison Smith at Angus Council on 01307 473221 email smithaj@angus.gov.uk

Deadline – the scheme has just opened and runs until 2013.

NB There is also a LEADER programme covering the Cairngorms National Park, which includes the upper Angus glens. There are also opportunities for projects across the two areas ie rural Tayside and the Cairngorms National Park.

Look out for details shortly of awareness raising events on both SRDP and LEADER or to receive regular information on these schemes contact Alison on 01307 473222 or e-mail smithaj@angus.gov.uk.

SCHOOLS

PLAYGROUND PARTNERSHIPS 2008

The scheme - schools within the UK that wish to improve their play spaces have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Playground Partnerships Initiative 2008. Schools wishing to apply will first of all need to order the free Playground Partnerships resource pack. To be considered for an award, schools need to submit a folder of work – a portfolio of evidence' – and a completed application form (mainstream or special school) by post. Applicants are encouraged to develop a pupil-led approach; involve the whole school; encourage input from the wider school community and include pupils with special educational needs

Amount - a total of £500,000 is available to fund specific improvements and developments to their play environments. Schools can apply for awards of £1,000, £2,000, £5,000 or £10,000. All schools that are shortlisted will receive at least £250.

Contact - www.playgroundpartnerships.org/staff-room.php#awards

Deadline - the closing date for applications is 18 July

SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

PHONE CO-OP START-UP AND EXPANSION FUND

The scheme - to provide support to social enterprises in their crucial start up and development stages.

Amount - the fund has been started with an initial allocation of £10,000 and will offer £250 to each social enterprise in the form of a credit on their Phone Co-op bills, which can be used to pay for any telecoms products or services provided by the Phone Co-op, including fixed line and mobile telecoms, broadband, web hosting and phone systems.

Applicant social enterprises must be new customers of The Phone Co-op, or be taking additional services as a result of expansion, and must agree to use The Phone Co-op's services for two years.

Contact the <http://www.thephone.coop/index.html> for further information.

Deadline – none given

TRANSPORT

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

The scheme - bids are invited from Scottish local authorities for sustainable transport initiatives. The plans, in partnership with COSLA, call for expressions of interest on a matched funding basis from Scotland's local authorities to help create the communities.

The Scottish Government is looking for innovative ideas from local authorities. Activities could include:

- Car sharing schemes
- Organised cycling and walking trips
- Discounted bicycles
- Infrastructure changes
- more pedestrian/cycle/walking only areas
- No car zones
- Improved conditions for walking, footpaths cleared of obstacles; better managed and maintained streets
- More cycle lanes and secure cycle parking
- More park and walk as well as park and ride facilities
- Improvement of green space
- Better use of public spaces to increase opportunities for recreational physical activity
- Greater investment in public transport - improved bus services, facilities and better public transport information
- Free bus and train tickets encouraging residents to give it a try
- Maps explaining how to walk or cycle to a local shop, or even something as simple as a timetable for their nearest bus stop
- School and work place travel plans

Amount - The Scottish Government is making up to £15m available over the next three years to create "sustainable travel demonstration communities" across the country.

Contact - <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/03/17083340>

Deadline – not stated

VOLUNTEERING

VOLUNTEERING SCOTLAND GRANTS SCHEME

The Volunteering Scotland Grants Scheme is offering two grants:

MAIN GRANTS - Up to £35,000 per year is available for projects creating high quality volunteering opportunities, involving new volunteers from disadvantaged groups who need additional support to become involved. One, two or

three year funding is available and priority will be given to small and medium size charities that have existing experience of involving volunteers effectively. Applications for one-year grants can be made at any time. The deadline for applications for two- or three-year grants is 16 May 2008. Decisions will be announced in July 2008 with projects starting in September 2008.

SMALL GRANTS - Up to £5,000 is also available to organisations with few, if any, paid staff. Small Grants can be used to fund volunteer training (including that for voluntary management committee members), planning and consultation events that involve volunteers, staff training where it will lead to the improved involvement of volunteers, attendance at conferences and networking events that are relevant to volunteers etc.

You can apply at any time.

Contact - further information and application materials for these funding schemes is available on www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/grant-schemes/vsgs or by phoning 01383 620780.

Deadline - Friday 16 May 2008 (large grants)

YOUTH

COMMUNITY CASH AWARDS

The scheme - Community Cash Awards are grants to help young people set up a project that will benefit their community. You just have to come up with an idea for a project that will improve life in your local community. Maybe a new basketball court, a music studio, a youth club, sex education workshops in schools, a youth advisory board, even a local magazine. Anyone who is aged 14 to 16 and is in school but struggling, or aged 16 to 25 and unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week are eligible to apply.

Projects must:

- be run and managed by people between the ages of 14 and 25;
- clearly benefit the local community;
- benefit the people running the project;
- be a new or developing project.

The following are not eligible:

- formal groups or organisations;
- expeditions or overseas travel;
- fundraising activities for charity;
- trips and outings, unless they have educational value.

Amount - funding of up to £1,000 is available for 14 to 16 year olds and up to £5,000 is available for those aged 16 to 25.

Contact - call free on 0800 842 842 or visit the Prince's Trust website at www.princes-trust.org.uk/ for more details.

Deadline – none given

AWARDS

AWARDS FOR BRIDGING CULTURES

The scheme – a new scheme to reward local schemes and projects, run by grass roots, community and voluntary organisations that help to build bridges between communities and cultures. The scheme will also reward local authorities and other public sector bodies that can demonstrate their support for voluntary sector projects promoting intercultural dialogue.

Amount – winners will receive a trophy and be invited to a one day learning conference and awards ceremony in November.

Contact – www.bridgingcultures.org.uk or tel 024 7679 5768

Deadline - 1 October 2008

ENTERPRISING BRITAIN

The scheme - Enterprising Britain is a nationwide competition to find the most enterprising place in the UK: the city, town, village or community that can best demonstrate how it has overcome challenge and enhanced its economic prospects through an innovative, entrepreneurial approach.

Amount - there is a prize of £5,000 plus free publicity, PR opportunities and a place in the UK final in London.

Contact - further information and the competition entry form are available at www.enterprisingbritain.org.uk.

Deadline - applicants in Scotland have until 18 April to submit their entry.

SCOTTISH CALOR GAS VILLAGE OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2008

The scheme - Is your community rural, vibrant and enterprising? The Scottish Calor Village of the Year awards 2008 have been introduced to allow Scotland's villages and small rural towns, with a population of less than 5,000, to promote their success and share best practice.

Contact - <http://www.villageoftheyear.org/>

Deadline - communities have until 31 May to submit their entries.

SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENTS

You may find the following links to recent SG announcements on funding initiatives of interest. As these are often made sometime in advance of the funding coming on stream we cannot provide full details of how to apply, but will attempt to do so as these details are released.

15/04/2008 **Funding for zero waste technology**

Up to £6 million will be available over three years to fund innovative projects to treat organic waste.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/04/15102743>

14/04/2008 **Funding for healthcare research**

The Scottish Government has announced £4 million pounds funding for research programmes over the next five years which will help improve healthcare for patients in Scotland.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/04/14101204>

08/04/2008 **Funding for swimmers**

Scottish Swimming is to benefit from an investment of £818,000 in the national governing body, Sportscotland

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/04/10094308>

28/03/2008 **Tackling climate change**

a new £17 million Climate Challenge Fund to give communities across Scotland an unprecedented opportunity to reduce their carbon footprint.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/03/27123807>

20/03/2008 **Funding for alcohol misuse**

funding of £25 million for tackling alcohol misuse was announced.

Funding across Scotland for alcohol screening, prevention and treatment services will be available.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/03/20111632>

17/03/2008 **Scottish food grant scheme**

A new £60 million scheme to help develop and promote Scottish food has started.

For the first time, the scheme for food producers and processors will support greater collaboration in the supply chain, in line with a future national food policy.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/03/17085157>

13/03/2008 **Funding support for the arts**

The Scottish Government has awarded £600,000 to encourage further private sector investment in the arts in Scotland

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2008/03/Q/Page/3>

FUNDING SUPPORT

DONATED SOFTWARE AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY PRODUCTS FOR ELIGIBLE UK CHARITIES

This programme distributes a wide variety of latest version donated software and hardware to eligible UK charities. Charities pay a small administrative fee but will still make savings of between 92% and 96% on typical retail prices. www.ctxchange.org

CLEVER COMMUNICATIONS: FREE BOOK FOR CHARITIES WANTING TO WORK WITH THE MEDIA

The Voluntary Action Media Unit has produced a free book for charities called **Clever Communications**, with articles by media and charity insiders giving an insight in to the secrets to building successful media relationships. It includes the **Clever Communications Directory**, listing hundreds of media contacts and useful resources for charity communicators. To be sent a free copy of the book, just email your name and address to book@vamu.org.uk

BUDGET NEWS

Despite initial fears, charities will not lose out when the new lower rate of income tax is introduced in April. The voluntary sector had been concerned about losing more than £90m a year in Gift Aid donations when the basic rate of income tax falls from 22% to 20% next month.

But the Chancellor's announcement included provision for Gift Aid, which enables charities to reclaim the tax paid on one-off donations, to be paid at a transitional rate of 22% for three years, meaning the level of benefit will remain the same.

If you don't already claim Gift Aid, and would like to know more about it, the Voluntary Arts Network briefing is a good place to start. You can download it at www.vascotland.org.uk/uploaded/map174.pdf

NON-CHARITIES CAN CLAIM GIFT AID

Small public benefit organisations that do not have charitable status can claim Gift Aid, according to guidance from the Office of the Third Sector.

Published as part of the Budget the guidance says donations to small groups such as community associations and playgroups can be funnelled through umbrella charities that have the power to make grants to them.

Donors will be able to give to voluntary groups through such bodies, which will claim 28p Gift Aid on each pound donated and pass it on to local groups. The move could help thousands of small organisations to claim back an estimated extra £6m.

PHILANTHROPY SITE EXPANDS ITS REMIT

Philanthropy website The Big Give, www.thebiggive.org.uk set up to help major donors find large charity projects to fund, has widened its remit to include small projects.

Since the site's launch last July, it has catered only for projects needing more than £100,000. Now that the threshold has been lowered, charities can put forward campaigns to raise £5,000, £10,000, £25,000 and £50,000.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE TOOLKIT FROM CHESHIRE COUNCIL

The toolkit has been produced by Cheshire County Council to bring together existing advice and information on setting up social enterprises with information provide in a user-friendly way. They have split the development of a social enterprise into nine key stages. Each stage contains information and advice on a particular aspect of developing a social enterprise and several key tasks to complete.

You can find the site at <http://www.cheshire.gov.uk/wellbeing/toolkit/intro.htm>

TRANSPORT SHARING?

Monifieth Amateur Drama Club who wish to move their stage equipment to other venues, have been advised by the lottery that there is already a van in the Angus Area. If you know of any voluntary organisation group within Angus that have a van they are willing share with other organisations please contact Susan Godsall, Finance Officer, Angus Association of Voluntary Organisations, Tel: 01241 430349

AVIEMORE VILLAGE HALLS SUMMIT REPORT

The final report of the Village Halls Summit 2008 is now available to download at <http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/download/2371/Village-Halls-Summit-2008-Report.pdf>

The report includes a transcript of the Cabinet Secretary Richard Lochhead's keynote speech, presentations and outputs from the round table discussions. There are a limited number of hard copies of the report available on a first come first served basis. If you require one please e-mail Sandra.hogg@scvo.org.uk with a full postal address.

And finally...

Do you ever wonder if attending a funding event is worthwhile? Hopefully this great piece of feedback will encourage you to attend.

TAYSIDE FUNDING FAIR FEEDBACK

“ Having gone to the Funding Fair in Perth this year on 7th February I found most of the usual funding bodies present with all three local authorities (Dundee, P&K and Angus) present. My first thought is there anybody new or a fund we were not aware of in attendance. I found the Scottish Community Foundation representative was more than helpful and after a five minute chat she gave me details of their website and where to find an application form plus what they expect to see on forms if you were to have any hope of being successful.

Their form was able to be filled in electronically and was very clearly laid out and easily completed. It was posted to them on 1st March. On the 6th March I had a forty minute interview over the phone to discuss the application and for her to gather additional information for submission of a report to their committee. On the 2nd of April they wrote to us saying they were awarding us £4,000 towards youth workers wages with a number of acceptable conditions attached which we have acknowledged and replied. They advise payment on receipt of our acceptance.

What has impressed us with Scottish Community Foundation is their very professional approach with our application being processed quickly and to our satisfaction successful.

If only all funders were of a similar nature life would be so simple!!!!

I would also say to those who doubt the value of the joint Funding Fair idea to go along wherever it is, as, like us, they just might find someone new to apply too. Meeting their representatives is also worthwhile from our

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experience. Jim Milne, Brechin Youth Project.

If you would like to share your experiences at events or with funders with others please send us details and we will be happy to include them.

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