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NEWS FROM THE FUNDERS

THE HENRY SMITH CHARITY - NEW GUIDELINES FOR WORK TAKING PLACE IN SCOTLAND

The Henry Smith Charity is a UK-wide grant maker distributing approximately £25 million each year. From 1 March 2009, the Henry Smith Charity is piloting a new application process for eligible projects in Scotland. Applicants must use the new guidelines and application form if they wish to apply for a grant towards a Revenue or Capital project taking place in Scotland, regardless of whether or not the organisation is based there. If the grant being applied for is UK-wide or is regional but involves some work in Scotland, please refer to the Henry Smith Charity's Main Grants Programme guidelines.

Please look at the website at www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk for further details and the application form.

BIG LOTTERY FUND

The Investors in Ideas deadline of 30 January has been put back to 31 March 2009 so there's still time to apply. Further details are available at http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_investing_ideas?tab=2&fromsearch=-sco

AWARDS FOR ALL

Changes to Awards for All will take effect from 1 April 2009. If you would like to find out more including changes in the application process, the Big Lottery Fund are holding a training event for the Awards for All small grants programme on Wednesday 1st April 2009 at Dundee Voluntary Action, 2pm – 4pm. Places are limited but if you would like to attend please email enquiries.Scotland@biglotteryfund.org.uk.

KIDS FIRST TRUST

Former Woolworths charity, The Kids First Trust has now received its own charitable status, but its future activities will be quite limited. It will concentrate its attention on trying to maintain the Playground Partnerships scheme, providing support to UK Primary Schools and Special Schools.

The Trust is launching a fundraising campaign to try and make the most of the 10th anniversary of Kids First. Money raised will support the next round of Playground Partnerships, which will focus on the importance of play as a learning and development tool for children.

The Kids First Trust has set up its own website at <http://kidsfirsttrust.org> (WARNING - be careful to use the correct url as a similarly named website takes you somewhere else entirely). There's also a website at www.playgroundpartnerships.org which will be updated once the financial position is more secure.

The new contact address is: Kids First Trust, The Hub, 5 Torrens Street, London, EC1V 1NQ Tel: 020 7841 8955.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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ARTS

THE ELEPHANT TRUST

The scheme – The trust allows artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects where funding is lacking. Priority is given to individual artists and small organisations or galleries. It can respond quickly and imaginatively at a time when some artists may be facing unexpected short-term crises. Any art form is accepted, but there is a preference for the visual arts.

Amount - small grants usually up to £2,000 or so, enabling an artist's show to go ahead when otherwise the funding would be hard to find.

Contact - application is brief and straightforward and must be by post. You will need:

- A maximum 300 word description of the project on one A4 sheet;
- A budget on one A4 sheet covering the total cost, the amount requested, details of other applications made, and the name and address of the prospective grant holder;
- A small collection of images of the artwork, on paper. About 6-8 at most, no bigger than 20 x 30 cms. You can include a few press cuttings or other similar materials too;
- A brief CV where relevant;
- A stamped and addressed envelope to return your stuff.

Applications need to be sent to: Ruth Rattenbury, The Elephant Trust, 512 Bankside Lofts, 65 Hopton Street, London SE1 9GZ E-mail: ruth@elephanttrust.org.uk

Deadlines - 14 April and 19 June 2009

FIRST LIGHT MOVIES

The scheme - A Lottery-funded programme to inspire the making of short films by young people, and support groups of young people aged between 5 and 19. There are three funding streams:

1. The Studio Award

The scheme - funding for between two and four films of up to 10 minutes in duration Applicants must have a track record of film making with young people.

Amount - the maximum grant is £30,000, which can cover up to 60% of costs.

Deadlines - 5 May 2009. Decisions will be announced on 17 June 2009. After the next round the application process will change to a two-stage one. New guidelines will be issued on 24 August 2009, with a closing date of 5 October 2009, with decisions announced on 5 February 2010.

2. The Pilot Award

The scheme - funding for one short film of up to five minutes in duration

Amount - the maximum grant is £5000, which can cover up to 80% of costs. Around £26,500 will be available in the next application round.

Deadlines - 31 March 2009. Decisions will be announced on 12 May 2009. Further application rounds will close on 7 July 2009 (decisions on 18 August), 13 October 2009 (decisions on 24 November), 19 January 2010 (decisions on 2 March 2010), and 27 April 2010 (decisions on 8 June 2010).

3. The What's the Big Idea? Award

The scheme - funding for script development projects that team young people with scriptwriting professionals

Amount - the maximum grant is £3000, and can cover up to 90% of costs.

Around £26,500 will be available in the next application round.

Deadlines - the next closing date is 31 March 2009. Decisions will be announced on 12 May 2009. Further application rounds will close on 7 July 2009 (decisions on 18 August), 13 October 2009 (decisions on 24 November), 19 January 2010 (decisions on 2 March 2010), and 27 April 2010 (decisions on 8 June 2010).

Contact - applications need to be made online. The forms and all other information are available at www.firstlightmovies.com/funding/ or contact First Light Movies, Unit 6, Third Floor, The Bond, 180 - 182 Fazeley Street, Birmingham, B5 5SE, Tel: 0121 753 4866.

THE MUSIC SOUND FOUNDATION

The scheme - The Music Sound Foundation is dedicated to the improvement of music education with a focus on youth. The Trustees currently accept applications from the following:

- Schools (non-specialist) to fund music education

- Music Students in full time education to fund instrument purchase
- Music teachers to fund courses and training

Contact - for more information, visit www.musicsoundfoundation.com.

Deadline – none given

AWARDS FOR YOUNG MUSICIANS

The scheme - these awards can help with: the purchase or hire of musical instruments and accessories; music lessons; weekend music schools; music courses; orchestra fees; travel. Applicants are required to: have achieved distinction in their last music exam, or, if they haven't taken exams, show evidence of this level of ability; be recommended by their music teacher; have their families show evidence of financial need.

Amount – between £200 and £2,000, based on evidence of musical talent and financial need.

Contact - for further information and to download guidelines and an application form visit www.a-y-m.org.uk/awards.html or phone 0117 904 9906.

Deadline - 30 March 2009. An adjudication process takes place every spring and awards are made in June

COMMUNITY

SCOTTISH FAITHS COMMUNITY FUND

NEW

The scheme – this is a small grant scheme which is a major new anti-poverty initiative with local faith groups working together to tackle poverty in the community. Groups can apply for pilot initiatives or longer-term revenue grants.

Amount – over £100,000 will be distributed in the first year and the fund aim to increase this to £500,000 per annum after three years.

Contact – Iain Johnston, Operations Director, Tel – 0141 221 4576 email iain@faithincommunityscotland.org

Deadline – none given

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

NATIONWIDE FOUNDATION

The scheme - The Nationwide Foundation is currently accepting applications for funding under its Small Grants Programme which has the following aims:

- to promote the well-being of young men, women and children whose lives have been affected by domestic violence and to reduce the prevalence of domestic violence through increased service provision, education and awareness raising;
- to improve the quality of life of families with a member or members in prison, through the provision of services responsive to their needs; and
- to provide young people who are or have been involved with the criminal justice system with a rehabilitation programme designed to obtain the skills, confidence and personal support networks to enable them to lead fulfilled and successful lives.

Amount - under the programme grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities with a yearly income of less than £500,000.

Contact - for further information, visit www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk

Deadline – none

ENVIRONMENT

GRANT CHARITABLE TRUST

The scheme - applications for donations are invited from registered charities and voluntary organisations in Tayside whose objects are the preservation of wildlife or the preservation or improvement of the environment for wildlife and from any charitable institution or individuals for the relief of poverty or suffering of any kind. Net assets should not exceed £500,000

Contact - Apply in writing to Grant Charitable Trust c/o Blackadders LLP, 34 Reform St Dundee D1 1RJ

SCOTTISH POWER GREEN ENERGY TRUST

The scheme - The Scottish Power Green Energy Trust accept applications from local community groups, not for profit organisations and charities within the UK which advance renewable energy and support your local community through education and public engagement. The Trust considers all kinds of renewable technologies, including small-scale hydro, wind power, biomass, landfill gas, solar energy and ground source heat pumps. Grant requests must be to support the capital and installation costs of a renewable energy project and they do not fund feasibility projects. They will grant up to half the cost of the chosen renewable technology.

Amount - there is a maximum award of £25,000 but most projects receive around £10,000.

Contact - you can get further information on the Green Energy Trust by calling the Secretary of the Trust on 0141 568 3492 or by e-mailing greenenergytrust@scottishpower.com

Deadline - the Trust meets three times a year to consider applications – usually during the first week of April, September and December.

LIFE+

The scheme - the European Commission will be launching a call for proposals under the LIFE+ programme on the 15th May 2009. The LIFE + programme is the EU's main fund for supporting environmental projects.

Life + is divided into a number of funding strands that will support;

- best practice or demonstration projects that contribute to the implementation of the EU's Birds and Habitats Directives;
- innovative and demonstration projects that halt the loss of biodiversity;
- projects that contribute to the implementation of Community environmental policy; and
- projects that implement communication and awareness raising campaigns on environmental, nature protection or biodiversity conservation issues, as well as projects related to forest fire prevention.

LIFE+ funding is available to both public and private bodies registered in the EU

Amount – this is a 2.143 billion euro programme with 250m euros available for this call. . The maximum co-financing rate will be 50%.

Contact - more information can be found at the Life+ webpage which can be found at <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm> Since the LIFE unit anticipates that there are unlikely to be significant changes with respect to the 2008 call, it recommends that potential applicants begin preparing their applications using the 2008 applications package.

HEALTH

PATHS TO HEALTH

The scheme – funding is currently available for new and innovative ways of promoting walking for health

Contact – potential applicants must first contact the local Paths for Health Development worker, Catharine Idle on 01259 218855 email catharine.idle@pathstohealth.org.uk to discuss their project before applying. Full information is available at <http://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pathstohealth/grants.asp>

Deadline – 6 April for larger grants. There is no deadline for small grants, but the yearly allocation of funding does usually run out before the end of the next financial year.

HERITAGE

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

The scheme - the Fund provides grants and low-cost loans for the conservation of listed or scheduled buildings, or those in conservation areas. Applicants must be registered charities or Building Preservation Trusts. Grants for repair are not available, only grants for conservation appraisal. Grants come in a variety of forms, but organisations that are not registered Building Preservation Trusts can only apply for Options Appraisal Grants. Options Appraisal Grants are to help you look at the key conservation issues affecting your building, examine all the options for conservation in outline, and consider the viability of the most beneficial option. You should also use this as an opportunity to consider all the possible avenues for funding the work. The outcome must be a report that brings together conservation and financial findings in the form of an implementation strategy covering the preferred option. These cover up to 75% of the cost of an initial options appraisal to see if the project is likely to qualify for a further AHF loan. Loans are available as working capital to allow purchase of property or the cost of capital conservation works. To be eligible to apply you must either own the building, be able to acquire it, or have a long lease.

Amount - the maximum grant is normally £7,500 but in exceptional circumstances you can get up to £12,500. The maximum loan is normally £500,000 and security is required. The interest rates are currently 4% for conservation work and 6% for acquisitions. Loans normally last two years, or until the building is sold, whichever is the earlier.

Contact - guidance notes for both grants and loans are available at http://www.ahfund.org.uk/finance_grants.html and www.ahfund.org.uk/finance_loans.html respectively.

Deadline - there are quarterly application deadlines, and the next three for 2009 are 7 May for a June meeting, 13 August for a September meeting, and 22 October for a December meeting.

MARSH VOLUNTEERS FOR MUSEUM LEARNING AWARD

NEW

The scheme - The British Museum and the Marsh Trust have joined forces to launch an exciting new awards scheme for museum volunteers. The 'Marsh Volunteers for Museum Learning Award' is open to all individuals or groups of people who work on a voluntary basis in direct contact with the public in an accredited museum or gallery.

There will be 12 regional winners (9 English regions and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland), who will each receive a £250 prize. From those, an overall winner will receive an additional £1,000. An application form for nominations and more information about the award is available at www.britishmuseum.org/the_museum/museum_in_the_uk/marsh_trust_volunteer_award.aspx or tel: 0207 323 8000.

Deadline - Monday 16 March 2009

HOMELESSNESS

GROUNDSWELL'S SMALL GRANT AWARD SCHEME

The scheme - offers grants to homeless people to set up their own projects. Applications are welcome from anyone with experience of homelessness, ie. rough sleepers, Travellers, squatters, refugees and asylum seekers, residents of hostels and B&Bs etc – anyone without a secure tenancy. The project can be a service user group, an arts group, a business, a charity – any kind of self-help initiative. They prefer examples of people working together, but if you are working alone you can still apply, as long as you can show a collective benefit for your project. You can apply for a grant with them if you are an informal collection of people or a more formal group with a constitution. If you have plans to grow then it is probably worth getting a constitution at some point.

Amount – up to £700.

Contact - to find out more visit www.groundswell.org.uk

Deadline - 15 April 2009

IT

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AWARDS

The scheme – launching on 17 March, the scheme targets community and voluntary groups that could benefit from internet access and ICT but don't necessarily have the resources. Since the launch of the awards, it is estimated that Community Connections has enabled over 5,000 groups to get online including silver surfers, playgroups, out of school clubs, pre-schools, cultural groups, local environmental initiatives and youth sports organisations. Through the scheme, community groups can apply for the award's package that consists of:

- a multi-media internet-ready computer;
- a contribution towards one year's broadband internet access through BT Total Broadband;
- a Community website.

Amount - the package is valued at £1,300.

Contact - for further information, visit www.btcommunityconnections.com.

MISCELLANEOUS

FOYLE FOUNDATION

The scheme - The Foyle Foundation supports charities registered in the UK whose purpose is to benefit the arts, learning or health.

'art' scheme - the Foundation seeks applications that make a strong artistic case for support in either the performing or visual arts.

'health' scheme - the Foundation supports applications linked to a known medical condition and smaller health charities, including those for rare or distressing conditions will be favoured.

'learning' scheme - the Foundation's main priorities for support are libraries, museums and archives and special educational needs and learning difficulties.

Amount - The majority of grants will be in the range of £10,000 to £15,000. Applications for less than £10,000 per annum will generally not be accepted. The maximum amount of a large grant will not normally exceed £500,000 and may be payable over several years.

Contact - For further information and guidelines visit: www.foylefoundation.org.uk/ or telephone 0207 430 9119

THE BIG LOTTERY FUND RESEARCH PROGRAMME

The scheme – grants are available for research projects led by voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations throughout the UK. The Research programme can fund social, medical or socio-medical research with the aim of increasing the influence of the VCS on public policy. Applicants must be from the VCS but they can work in partnership on their projects with the wider research community.

Amount - £10,000 - £500,000

Contact – visit <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/scotland/about-sco/region-update-sco.htm#story02> for a project outline proposal form

Deadline - if you intend to apply for a grant from the Research programme, your project outline must be with the BLF before 5pm on Tuesday 31 March 2009. The final deadline for to submit your completed full application form is 5pm Friday 29 May 2009.

LANKELLYCHASE FOUNDATION

The scheme - The LankellyChase Foundation has issued new guidelines to cover the next five years, 2009-14. The Foundation will continue to support work concentrating on social justice, highlighting unpopular causes and working on topics that do not normally attract charitable funds. The Foundation will continue to concentrate upon smaller charities, many of which will have only a local or regional remit. The Trustees will consider applications from large national charities but support will be rare and limited.

Applications from Black voluntary sector and minority ethnic groups are also particularly welcome within the priority areas.

Future programmes.

1. The Arts – there are two open programmes

- Unlocking Creativity — Arts and Severe Mental Ill Health.
- Young People and the Arts - vulnerable 11-21 year olds

Amount - £10,000 to £15,000 a year for up to three years. Larger grants are possible in exceptional circumstances.

2. Breaking Cycles of Abuse

- Domestic Abuse
- Rape and Sexual Violence.
- Sexual Exploitation.
- Women in Prostitution
- Young People
- Child Protection.

Grants will be available for 1-3 years and are generally up to a maximum of £45,000 in total.

3. Custody and Community

- Women Offenders:
- Short-term or Remand Prisoners with Multiple Complex Needs (including young offenders):
- Immigration Detainees

Amount - grants will generally be for £10,000 to £15,000 a year for up to three years.

4. Free and Quiet Minds

- Secure Psychiatric Care,
- Black and Minority Ethnic Groups
- Asylum seekers

Amount - grants will range from £10,000 to £15,000 a year for up to three years.

5. Local People, Local Places

The aims of the programme are to:

- Support local organisations to achieve lasting positive social change and to set clear outcomes to measure impact on communities.
- Encourage new and sustained investment to ensure that local people do not remain on the margins of society and have every opportunity to participate in decisions that affect their lives.
- Enable organisations to have their voices heard and influence the development of policies that have impact on communities.
- Develop the strengths and abilities of all the people working within local organisations and to encourage partnership working with other voluntary and statutory agencies.

Amount - revenue grants are likely to be restricted to three years in the first instance. Such grants will average £50,000 over the three years. Capital grants of up to £50,000 are available to acquire assets, adapt an existing building or purchase equipment in the interests of the long-term sustainability of the organisation. Priority for the capital grants will be given to organisations working in remote rural areas where access to other facilities is severely restricted.

Loans are also available, and there is special guidance and application forms.

New arrangements are in place to support **historic churches**. A new partnership has been set up with the Churches Conservation Trust to support local communities to manage and improve the community use of Grade 1 and Grade 2* Listed Buildings. The aim is to demonstrate new ways of working with congregations and communities in disadvantaged areas to prevent the loss of historic churches and show how the regeneration of an historic church building can be a catalyst for community renewal.

Contact - The full guidance notes are available at www.lankellychase.org.uk/LankellyChase%20Guidelines%20v1.pdf or call 01235 820044 or e-mail: enquiries@lankellychase.org.uk. The Foundation welcomes phone enquiries once you have read the initial guidelines.

SCHOOLS

INNOVATIVE GEOGRAPHY TEACHING GRANTS

The scheme - teachers with an innovative idea for promoting the teaching of Geography in a stimulating way can apply for a grant from the Royal Geographical Society. The grant is open to all geography teachers working in secondary schools and aims to enhance pupils' geography education in a stimulating way.

Amount – the Society provides five grants of £800 each year.

Contact - <http://www.rgs.org/OurWork/Grants/Teaching/Innovative+Geography+Teaching+Grants.htm>

Deadline - 16 October 2009

THE FOREST EDUCATION INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP FUND

The scheme - to support the work of local groups known as Forest Education Initiative (FEI) clusters and help develop among young people a greater understanding of trees, woodlands, forest management, forest products and wood as a sustainable resource. Clusters can include woodland owners, related industries, schools and colleges, local authorities, community groups and environmental bodies.

The type of activities that can be funded include:

- training for teachers (e.g. teachers' workshops);
- educational visits
- creating facilities in woodlands for education; educational projects in schools;
- practical projects (in and out of school) involving children;
- case studies about woodland management or wood use; and
- development and production of materials for educational use by teachers or children

If you are interested in starting a Cluster Group, FEI co-ordinators are available to give support with setting up and running a cluster.

Amount -The Partnership Fund can provide grants of between £500 and £5,000 for specific activities, which enhance the overall objectives of the FEI.

Contact - http://www.foresteducation.org/local_groups.php?page=4 or local co-ordinator Bonnie Maggio on 01738 771034

Deadline - 1 June 2009

TOURISM

INNOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT FUND

NEW

The scheme – the fund has been set up through a partnership between Destination Dundee and Angus and Dundee Area Tourism Partnership to offer local tourism businesses the opportunity of funding towards innovative projects which will add to the area's economic growth. Projects should aim to develop tourism and attract more short-break visitors. Applicants should demonstrate how they intend to increase visitor numbers. Money is available for product development, marketing, promotion and research and aims to encourage partnership and collaborative working.

Amount - £140,000 in total will be available over two years. Applicants may apply for up to £20,000 each and up to 75% of the total project costs.

Contact – www.innovationfund.org.uk for more details, or the External Funding Team on 01307 473222/1 or email at externalfunding@angus.gov.uk . To apply you need to first register and complete an expression of interest form.

Deadline – none

TOURISM INNOVATION FUND

NEW

The scheme - Scottish Enterprise's new programme aiming to increase the number of tourists who visit Scotland has opened to applications. The fund is open to applications from small to medium-sized leisure and tourism businesses based within the Scottish Enterprise funding area.

Applications should be genuinely innovative and encourage additional tourists to Scotland. Projects should also deliver significant business benefits, such as:

- Generating higher tourism spend.
- Increasing overnight visitor numbers.
- Getting visitors to stay longer.
- Improving visitors' tourism experience.
- Developing new market sectors.
- Extending the season outside of the peak months.

Amount – the fund can offer match funding worth up to £30,000 along with five days one-on-one consultancy to help tourism firms provide new and innovative services.

Contact - applications are made via a two-stage process. Interested companies are initially asked to complete an expression of interest outlining their project. Selected bids will be invited to complete a more in-depth full application. For further information about the Tourism Innovation Fund, visit the Scottish Enterprise website at <http://tinyurl.com/a9nlrz>

Deadlines - 30 April 2009, 30 September 2009, 28 January 2010.

VOLUNTEERING

VOLUNTARY ACTION FUND SCOTLAND — COMMUNITY CHEST

The scheme - the emphasis of the scheme is on enabling groups to build their capacity and develop strong organisations through activities like providing training for committee members and volunteers, visits to other organisations or conferences, and buying professional support or consultancy. With the money comes the opportunity to attend free workshops on subjects ranging from charity law to writing successful funding applications. To get a grant you will need to attend at least one of these workshops.

Until the end of September 2009 priority will still be given to applications from groups in Clackmannanshire, Inverclyde or South Ayrshire. Priority will be given to groups working on disability or health-related issues, those whose beneficiaries might be disadvantaged through their ethnicity, disability, gender or sexual orientation, and groups that provide childcare. It is unlikely that 'hobby groups' that do not provide services beyond their members will receive a grant. Grants will not be given to groups that have already received Community Chest support in the past 12 months.

Amount - Grants will be for a maximum of £1,000 and will only be given to groups with an annual income below £25,000.

Contact - The application form and full details of the fund are available at www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/grant-schemes/Comm or call the Voluntary Action Fund and ask for Patricia McKibben or Chris Smith, the Community Chest Grants Officers. Tel: 01383 620780. E-mail info@voluntaryactionfund.org.uk

Deadlines - 31 March, 30 June, 30 September and 31 December 2009. You should hear within 12 weeks.

YOUTH

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

The scheme – the focus is on children and young people experiencing disadvantage. The fund gives money to organisations working to combat or alleviate disadvantage and make a real difference to the quality of young people's lives. Disadvantage includes poverty, disability, behavioural difficulties, illness, abuse or neglect. You can apply for activities, equipment, capital or salaries. You can apply for between one and three years' funding. There is now a small grants programme in Scotland for grants of under £10,000.

Amount - vary

Contact www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey or email pudsey@bbc.co.uk

Deadline – you can apply at any time of year in advance of the closing dates of which there are now four. Those remaining for this year are 15 April, 15 July and 15 October.

THE GORDON FOUNDATION

The scheme – the Foundation helps people up to the age of 30 grow to full maturity as individuals and members of society by providing a number of bursaries, currently with the following organisations: The Actors Centre, The Maritime Rescue Institute, Parkhouse Award, Rambert Dance Company, The Royal Academy of Music and Wigmore Hall. It also offers a small number of grants to support young people engaging in educational travel which involves physical challenge and endeavour. The Foundation also owns and maintains two long wheelbase Land Rovers which it loans without charge to groups of young people for expeditions or field trips.

Contact - for more information about the Gordon Foundation or the loan of Land Rovers contact the administrator, Gillian Hoyle telephone: 01483 456347 email: Gordon.Foundation@btinternet.com Applications for grants should be made by requesting an application form either by email or by post to Gordon Foundation, PO Box 214, Cobham, Surrey KT11 2WG. You can download an application form from <http://www.gordon.foundation.btinternet.co.uk/>

LANKELLYCHASE SUMMER PLAYSCHMES

The scheme – to support summer playschemes which benefit children between 5-17 years old. Projects with strong volunteer support are especially encouraged. There is particular interest this year in supporting specific activities for children and young people living in refuges, and for young carers.

Amount - small grants of £500

Contact - if you have any questions about your plans or eligibility you can seek advice by e-mail at enquiries@lankellychase.org.uk There is a simple application form, available at www.lankellychase.org.uk or by phoning 01235 820044.

Deadline - you should apply as soon as possible, but no later than 8 May 2009. Decisions will be announced in June.

AWARDS

CENTRE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARDS

The scheme - charities, small voluntary groups, or other projects tackling poverty at a local level are welcome to apply. There is no application form. Simply describe in 500 words or less how your organization makes an exceptional contribution to tackling poverty and turning lives around.

Evidence of anecdotal and numerical results of how lives are being turned around are particularly welcome. Supporting evidence of up to 15 pages may be attached to your application. This can include press articles, evaluation reports or applications for funding.

Amount – there is a prize fund of £50,000

Contact - for more information, visit: www.centreforsocialjustice.org.uk/default.asp?pageRef=39 Applications should either be emailed to awards@centreforsocialjustice.org.uk or posted to CSJ Awards 2009 The Centre for Social Justice 9 Westminster Palace Gardens Artillery Row London SW1P 1RL

Deadline - 17 March 2009. The Awards ceremony will take place in central London on Wednesday 1 July 2009 at 7pm.

TFN SCOTTISH CHARITY AWARDS 2009

The scheme - are you proud of your achievements? Want your hard work recognised? Then enter the TFN Scottish Charity Awards! The Awards are an excellent opportunity to celebrate success and get your charity's work recognised. Whether you're a household name or a tiny grassroots project, TFN wants to hear from you. The Award categories are: Charity of the Year; Campaign of the Year; Charity Champion For; Partnership Award and Community Action Award.

Contact - for more information and to download an application form visit www.scvo.org.uk/scvo/NewsAndEvents/TFN_Home.aspx

Deadline - 17 April 2009. The TFN Scottish Charity Awards will be held on 11 June 2009

ARTS & BUSINESS SCOTLAND AWARDS

The scheme - The Arts & Business Scotland Awards celebrate creativity and excellence in partnerships between Business and the Arts. For the 23rd A&B Scotland Awards, partnerships can be nominated in six categories: Community Award; Cultural Branding Award; Sustainability Award; Young People Award; Small Business Sponsor Award; New or Returning Sponsor Award. There are also two further categories for individuals: Business Volunteer of the Year Award and Leadership Award (there is no formal nomination process for this category, but they are looking for suggestions to put forward to the panel).

Contact - to register your suggestions for any of the awards please e-mail: ScotlandAwards@AandB.org.uk with the organisation, the role of the individual in the organisation and stating in no more than 200 words why you believe they should be considered for the Award. You can download information about the Awards process at www.AandB.org.uk/scotland.

Deadline - 6 May 2009

DOWNLOADS

IMPROVE ACCESS FOR DEAF AND DISABLED AUDIENCES

The Independent Street Arts Network (ISAN) has developed a toolkit packed with useful information and examples of ways you can improve access for deaf and disabled audiences at festivals and events. All areas are covered, from marketing to facilities, from stewarding to programming. Many of the measures don't cost anything, and all of the advice will help you encourage attendance and improve access for the audience members you may not even know you were excluding. You can download the Access Toolkit from www.streetartsnetwork.org.uk

EVENTS

Friday, 27 March 2009, "Measuring what Matters" at the West Park Conference Centre, Dundee
10.30am to 4.00 pm

This conference will provide an opportunity for politicians, policy makers, community development workers and community groups to look at ways at setting objectives that point towards genuine, sustainable progress and that recognise the value of activities that have no price tag attached. A full programme is available at:

<http://www.communitydevelopmentalliancescotland.org/newsEvents.asp>

Wild Harvests of Scotland Conference - 15 – 16 April, Birnam Arts and Conference Centre

For details and to get involved, please contact Emma Chapman: emma@reforestingscotland.org

Tel: 07913 960614 or go to http://www.forestharvest.org.uk/Business_WHSS.php

REMINDER

The External Funding Team has planned a series of eight funding surgeries during April and May. The dates, times and locations are listed below. If you belong to a community or voluntary group and would like to come along to discuss any funding issues, to seek funding or to find out more about the Rural Tayside LEADER programme that funds rural community projects, please come along.

If you wish to book a particular time to come, please contact Linda Caston on 01307 473221.

All surgeries run from 3pm – 5pm
20 April Damacre Centre, Brechin

7 May Inglis Memorial Hall, Edzell

23 April ACCESS Office, Kirriemuir
27 April Letham Hall, Letham
30 April Tealing Hall, Tealing 1

11 May Charleston Hall, By Glamis
14 May Monikie Hall, Monikie
18 May Millennium Hall, Birkhill

FUNDING SUCCESS

Awards for All grants have been given to the following Angus groups

Forfar and District Pipe Band received £ 3,769 for instruments

Ladyloan Primary School received £4,000 for sporting playground markings and seating

Lowson Silver Surfers Computer Club received £7,100 for eight computers and a printer

Outdoor Angus Group received £ 9,763 for an information leaflet

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