

# ANGUS FUNDING NEWS

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## FUNDING SEMINARS

There is still a chance to catch our remaining funding seminars taking place on 14 May in Monikie Hall and on 18 May in the Millennium Hall, Birkhill. Both take place between 3pm and 5pm. There are also two more chances to hear about the changes to the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme by coming along from 4-5pm to Brechin Town Hall on 19 May and Tealing Hall on 21 May. If you wish to attend, or want more information please contact us on 01307 473221/2

## WWW.ANGUS4COMMUNITY.COM

We are delighted to announce some exciting new changes to our very successful Angus funding website. One innovation is the local events calendar. You can now check on all forthcoming events organised by the external funding team and other Angus organisations such as AAVO and the Volunteer Centre Angus by clicking on the calendar on the homepage at [www.angus4community.com](http://www.angus4community.com)

## NEWS FROM THE FUNDERS

### BIG LOTTERY FUND - THE PEOPLE'S MILLIONS 2009

**The scheme** - applications are invited from groups who are looking to transform their communities or simply allow more people to enjoy their local environment.

**Amount** - The People's Millions has given out 50 grants across Scotland totalling just over £3m. This year, a total budget of £3.5m is available across the UK with 14 grants of up to £50,000 including VAT available in Scotland.

**Contact** - to find out more visit [http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_peoples\\_millions](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_peoples_millions). The first stage application, which just requires an outline of the project and summary of costs, can still be submitted.

**Deadline** - 12 noon on Friday 15 May 2009

### CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES – CREATIVE IDENTITIES

**The scheme** – this is another tranche of money from the proceeds of assets seized from criminals and is directed primarily at young carers and those in care aged 10 – 19. National arts based organisations and carers' organisations will help develop taster sessions in art, film-making and other creative arts.

**Amount** - £1.2m is available for arts project

**Contact** – [www.cashbackscotland.com](http://www.cashbackscotland.com) for further details

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## ARTS

### BBC PERFORMING ARTS FUND – TRAINING IN MUSICAL THEATRE SCHEME

**The scheme** - the BBC is offering grants to musical theatre students. The scheme is open to students aged 17 or over on or before 6 April 2009, and who are either about to start or are part way through a course. The grants are for a contribution to college tuition fees and any additional tuition, such as extra lessons, but do not cover travel costs, equipment, books, or living expenses.

**Amount** - up to £8,000

**Contact** - for more information go to [www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund](http://www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund)

**Deadline** - 18 May 2009

### FIDELIO CHARITABLE TRUST

**The scheme** - grants in support of the arts, in particular the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance. Institutions, colleges, arts festivals and other arts organisations may seek financial support for individuals or groups of exceptional ability, whom they have been responsible for selecting, to enable them to:

- receive special tuition or coaching (e.g. in the case of musicians to attend masterclasses)
- participate in external competitions;
- be supported for a specially arranged performance;
- receive support for a special publication, musical composition or work of art.

Applications from individuals or groups seeking support for them will not be accepted.

**Contact** - for more information, go to [www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk](http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk) where you will find a one-page application form.

**Deadlines** - The closing dates for receipt of applications are 1 February, 1 June and 1 October. If you do not receive any acknowledgement within 28 days of the relevant closing date, you must assume that your application is not successful.

## EDUCATION

### SCIENCE ENGAGEMENT GRANTS

**The scheme** – grants for businesses, educational establishments, visitor attraction sites, voluntary groups and charities to carry out projects or events which engage the general public with science. The scheme can cover a broad range of projects, for example, staging events.

Support will be targeted at projects that demonstrate a number of the following characteristics:

- Target “hard-to-reach” audiences, including particular age groups or people living in areas that are rural or economically remote
- Demonstrate innovative approaches to science communication and public dialogue
- Demonstrate effective partnership working in delivering the project across Scotland
- Support the 3-18 science curriculum and encourage science as a career choice
- Show the relevance of science in everyday life
- Highlight new developments - including ethical and moral debates and considerations
- Build capacity in Scotland's science engagement sector, including professional development for science communicators (other than teachers)

Applications will be assessed against a range of criteria, including value for money, evidence of innovation and partnership working, and the overall quality of planned events/activities.

**Amount** - grants of up to £35,000 are available. Grants can cover a maximum of 75% of the total project costs – applicants are required to provide the remainder in cash.

**Contact** - for further information, go to <http://tinyurl.com/cex6bs>

**Deadline** - 29 May.

## EMPLOYMENT

### FUTURE JOBS FUND

**The scheme** - voluntary organisations are being encouraged to bid for funding to create jobs from the Future Jobs Fund, announced in the Budget. While the money is targeted at providing those aged 18 to 24 with jobs for six months, there will also be funding for older people from disadvantaged groups and areas worst hit by unemployment. National sports organisations have pledged to create at least 5,000 jobs through the fund for young people as sports coaches, swimming and fitness instructors and other leisure posts. Details of the formal bidding process will be announced shortly, but in the meantime large organisations such as social enterprises and voluntary sector bodies are invited to come forward with their initial ideas for new jobs that will benefit the community.

**Amount** - £95m is available for Scotland. Bids should not exceed £6,500 per job created.

**Contact** - see Department for Works and Pensions news release at [www.dwp.gov.uk/mediacentre/pressreleases/2009/apr/149-09-280409.asp](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/mediacentre/pressreleases/2009/apr/149-09-280409.asp) or go direct to [www.dwp.gov.uk/campaigns/futurejobsfund](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/campaigns/futurejobsfund).

## ENVIRONMENT

### THE FOREST EDUCATION INITIATIVE PARTNERSHIP FUND

**The scheme** - The Forest Education Initiative Partnership Fund is specifically to support the work of local groups known as Forest Education Initiative (FEI) clusters. The aim of the Fund is to 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. The types of activities that can be funded include:

- training for teachers (e.g. teachers' workshops)
- educational visits (e.g. to the wide range of forest, timber and woodworking trades and industry)
- 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 (especially material that can be published more widely, for example by being placed on the FEI website).

If you are interested in starting a Cluster Group, the FEI national co-coordinators are available to give support with setting up and running a cluster. Groups may be provided with local training, advice and support to schools, related industries, schools and colleges, local authorities, community groups and environmental bodies.

**Amount** - 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](http://www.foresteducation.org/local_groups.php?page=4)

**Deadline** - 1 June 2009.

## HEALTH

### THE COMMUNITY FOOD AND HEALTH (SCOTLAND)

**The scheme** - groups can apply for funding to develop activities to improve food access to or take up of a healthy balanced diet with and within low-income communities. In the past funding has been provided for a range of activities, including lunch clubs for older people, community garden projects and weaning sessions with young parents.

**Contact** - information (including downloadable application forms) can be found at [www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk](http://www.communityfoodandhealth.org.uk) and application packs are also available from Alice or Rita 0141 226 5261.

**Deadline** - 26 June 2009 (faxed, emailed or late applications will not be accepted)

## INTERNATIONAL

### DEVELOPMENT AWARENESS FUND - MINI GRANTS SCHEME

**The scheme** - organisations with an interest in international development issues can apply for funding. New guidelines will be published by 31 May 2009.

**Amount** - The Department for International Development (DFID) contributes funding for up to 100% of project costs. Funding ranges from £10,000 to a maximum of £100,000 per year, for up to a maximum of 3 years.

Funding is awarded on a competitive basis, following an annual funding round.

In the past, the Fund has provided grants of up to £10,000 per year for up to three years for projects that raise awareness and understanding of international development issues within the UK. Previously funded projects have included:

- £1,595 to a school for a one-year project working with students, their parents and wider community to develop understanding of the global economy and global interdependence, via a study of the fashion industry; and
- a South Asian dance organisation, received £9,000 for using South Asian dance and art forms to bring development issues to life in primary and secondary schools.

**Contact** - <http://tinyurl.com/qz7vvv>

**Deadline** - the 2010/11 funding round is due to open on 1 June 2009, for projects with a planned start date from 1 April 2010 onwards. The deadline is likely to be 30 September 2009.

## LOCAL

### FORFAR ROOF TRUSS COMPANY LTD

**The scheme** – community groups and individuals in the Forfar and Kirriemuir area can apply for a monthly grant. To apply write a letter about your group and project. Eligible groups and individuals include playgroups, PTAs, individuals embarking on a major fundraising exercise, sports groups wanting new equipment, students embarking on overseas voluntary work.

**Amount** - £250 is given to one recipient of the award each month

**Contact** - Forfar Roof Truss Company Sponsorship Project, c/o Angus County Press Ltd, 117-119 Castle St, Forfar DD8 3AH

**Deadline** - last day of each month

## RURAL

### SCOTTISH RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME – RURAL PRIORITIES

**The scheme:** The timetable for further Rural Priorities applications in 2009 has been made available. £10 million will be made available in 2009 for capital investment across all elements of Rural Priorities, through an August funding round, to aid Scotland's economic recovery. This will give rural business, both large and small, the chance to kick-start projects that will create sustainable rural communities. There will be a further three rounds in each following year.

**Contact** - For further details go to <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Rural/SRDP>

**Deadlines** - 2009 submission dates are 1 June and 31 August, with a further date in November

The Scottish Rural Development Programme is currently under review and changes in the process are likely to be revealed shortly – we shall keep you posted.

## SCHOOLS

### COMENIUS

**The scheme** – support is available to support school partnerships, in-service training in Europe and teaching assistantships. The British Council has received 53 applications from local authority partnerships for 2-year project work and linking activities in the first call for proposals.

**Contact** - to find out more about the programme, what it can offer your school and to explore other funding opportunities through the [Comenius programme](http://list.idea-knowledge.gov.uk/t/33080/3572786/5396/0) <http://list.idea-knowledge.gov.uk/t/33080/3572786/5396/0>

**Deadline** – 15 September 2009 for the next round

## CONNECTING CLASSROOMS

**The scheme** - a new British Council funding programme offering grants to small groups of schools to set up partnerships with schools usually from two different countries within one continent.

The participating regions include sub-Saharan Africa, North Africa, Central and South Asia, East Asia, Middle East, China and Latin America. The aim of these partnerships is:

- to bring an international dimension to young people's learning;
- to improve their knowledge and understanding of other cultures; and
- prepare them for life and work as global citizens.

Partnerships last for three years, initially, and participating schools are eligible for funding to support activities and projects that sustain the link during this period. All schools involved in Connecting Classrooms will:

- work with partner schools on collaborative curriculum projects;
- receive professional development for teachers and school leaders; and
- be eligible for International School Award accreditation.

To increase impact and reach, UK schools are usually asked to form 'clusters' of a minimum of three schools before they apply. Successful UK clusters will then be linked with corresponding clusters at one of the contact seminars.

**Amount** - The British Council offers grants to schools in Connecting Classrooms to support the development of partnerships and to cover project-related costs. The level of funding available depends upon the countries involved in your partnership.

**Contact** - for information on how to apply go to <http://www.britishcouncil.org/learning-connecting-classrooms.htm>

**Deadline** - application dates vary depending on which part of the world you want to work with. Please check the British Council websites for dates and updates.

## MAKE IT HAPPY

**The scheme** - to reward innovative and creative use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) resources for the benefit of the school, pupils and the local community. The ICT project must be undertaken by a group of pupils aged nine to eleven. Schools are required to make a positive difference to people's happiness. The nature and content of the project is open but it should show an innovative project that demonstrates the best use of the school's ICT resources to the benefit of the school, local community, in the UK or across the world. Entries may be in any format, for example, podcasts, flyers or a website.

**Amount** - winning schools from each region will have the opportunity to win a cash prize of £1,200. From these winning schools, £4,000 (first place), £2,500 (second place) and £1,500 (third place) will be awarded to three overall national winners.

**Contact** - <http://makeithappy.cc4g.net/>

**Deadline** - 31 July 2009

## SPORT

### SPORTS FACILITIES FUND

**NEW**

**The scheme** – This fund replaces the long established Building for Sport Programme and has two strands: Community Facilities, and Training and Competition Facilities. We are highlighting the Community Facilities strand as this covers the provision or upgrading of all facilities for the general community, with proposals led by local authorities, clubs, community organisations etc. Grants can cover the provision, extension or upgrading of playing facilities, changing accommodation, storage facilities for equipment and the purchase of major items of non-personal equipment with a working life of at least seven years. In some cases it will be possible to get grants to replace existing swimming pools, sports halls or pavilions built before 1980.

**Amount** - projects over £10,000 in total value. Grants will vary considerably according to the scale of the project and its range of uses. Grants of up to £1 million can be made. Some cash or in-kind partnership funding will be

required. In general, the requirement is that at least 25% of project costs should be met from the applicant's own resources. In the case of community group or sports club applications at least half this should be in cash. Otherwise the entire match sum should be in cash. In some specific areas where regeneration is a high priority, or in remote rural areas, it will be possible to supply a smaller match-funding element, but it will still need to be at least 10% of project costs. Local authority led schemes even in these areas will still need to find 25% of the cost in partnership funding.

**Contact** - there is a two-stage application process. Details are available at <http://tinyurl.com/qwmbfm>

**Deadline** - first stage applications will be dealt with as received.

## TOWNS

### TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION FUND

NEW

**The scheme** – to help town centres to grow, to adapt to modern markets and supply the access, mix of facilities and services and environment to meet the needs of local communities and businesses.

Only capital activity can be considered. This might include:

- Improving pedestrian/vehicle access/parking
- Attracting increased footfall
- Diversifying the mix of services and amenities
- Acquiring gap sites and vacant properties for redevelopment – residential, retail, business, recreation
- Streetscape improvements
- Remodelling existing premises to provide a mix of uses – retail, business, residential and recreational, or comply with Disability Discrimination Act legislation

**Eligibility** – local authorities, community planning partnerships, town centre management organisations, urban regeneration companies, businesses, registered social landlords, voluntary sector can apply. Only one bid per organisation per town centre can be accepted.

**Amount** - £60m will be allocated in 2009-10. Bids in the region £100k to £3m are anticipated. Leverage is expected, with higher leverage scoring more highly in the assessment process.

**Contact** – go to <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/town-centres/tcrf> for application form and guidance

**Deadlines** – 5 June for 30 July decision and 21 August for 19 October decision.

## VOLUNTEERING

### COMMUNITY CHEST

**The scheme** – a small grant programme providing grants and free training to help small community groups in Scotland sustain and develop their activities.

Groups can apply for funding for a wide range of activities or operational costs, for example:

- Training for committee members and volunteers
- Visits to other organisations or conferences
- Professional support or consultancy

Groups are particularly welcome to apply if they:

- Work with disability or health related issues;
- Have beneficiaries disadvantaged through their ethnicity, disability, gender or sexual orientation;
- Provide childcare.

Free training will be offered to all groups applying for a grant on topics such as charity law, making successful funding applications, and monitoring and evaluation. The training events will also provide information on where groups can go for further support and funding. Groups receiving a grant will be expected, as a condition of the grant, to attend at least one of the free training events.

Groups will be considered for a grant if they have:

- An annual income below £25,000 per year (excluding any income for capital items such as buildings or equipment);
- A signed constitution or set of rules

- A bank account in the name of the group;
- An independent referee

**Amount** – up to £1,000

**Contact** - For further assistance contact either Patricia or Chris at the Voluntary Action Fund on 01383 620780. To download an application form and guidance notes go to <http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/grant-schemes/Comm>

**Deadline** - applications are welcome throughout the year with deadlines on the 30 June, 30 September and 31 December.

## FUNDING SUPPORT

### EVENTS

#### 12 June 2009, Perth - Accessing Rural Priorities Funding

Key objectives:

- Consider the difference between LEADER and Rural Priorities funding
- Identify the key processes before submitting a SRDP, Rural Priorities application
- Analyse a case study application and consider how the assessment criteria would be relevant to community projects

To book a place, contact Anna Fraser, CVS Administrator on 01738 567076

Location - The Gateway, North Methven Street, Perth, 9.30am – 12.30pm

### WEBSITES

#### SCHOOL LINKS - BBC

The BBC has created a website to promote school links.

It's at <http://list.idea-knowledge.gov.uk/t/33080/3572786/5397/0/>

#### New funding website

Funding Central, a new website managed by NCVO, will be launched in June. The site will provide you with details of over 4,000 income opportunities, focusing on grants, contracts and loan finance. It will also give you a wide range of tools and resources to help you identify and manage the most appropriate income source for your organisation.

For more and to keep up to date contact [sfp@ncvo-vol.org.uk](mailto:sfp@ncvo-vol.org.uk)

#### NTT Fundraising

NTT Fundraising has launched a new service to help charities across the country develop their fundraising strategies. You will receive regular innovative fundraising ideas free of charge and each one focuses on a different type of campaign.

To register for this new service visit the NTT website at [www.nttfundraising.co.uk/our-services.aspx](http://www.nttfundraising.co.uk/our-services.aspx)

### TRAINING

#### INDIVIDUAL LEARNING ACCOUNTS

The level of income threshold to receive an Individual Learning Account (ILA) grant has been raised from £18,000 to £22,000. There are already 106,000 registered in Scotland and this will entitle an extra 250,000 people across Scotland to access the grants.

You can claim £500 towards part time higher education courses, or £200 towards other vocational based courses and training. For further details visit [www.ilascotland.org.uk/](http://www.ilascotland.org.uk/) If you want to find out more about what's available or how to apply for an account, call 0808 100 1090.

### PUBLICATIONS

The Scottish Government has published a Rural Funding Opportunities Guide. It is available to download from <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Publications/2009/04/20114132/1>

## AWARDS

### ANDREW SMYTH AWARD

This is in recognition of achievement in any field which has enhanced the reputation of **Forfar**. The award can be made to either an individual or a group. Nominations should be sent to the Andrew Smyth Award Committee c/o Lloyds TSB Scotland plc, 20 East High St, Forfar by 19 May. The winner will receive an inscribed rose bowl.

### EUROPEAN COMPETITION

A new logo for organic products will be introduced throughout the European Union from July 2010. The new logo will be a mandatory requirement for pre-packaged products that originate from any of the 27 member states.

To celebrate the EU's decision to create a new standardised logo, the European Commission's Department for Agriculture and Rural Development has launched an innovative new competition - EU Organic – which is now open to all students or recent graduates of any of the member states' higher education institutions for art and design. Eligible entrants must be aged 18 or above and be registered on a higher education course in fine arts, graphic design, visual communication, media design or any other similar design-related discipline.

To be in with a chance of winning, entrants must design an innovative and fresh logo that will indicate to European consumers that the organic product has achieved a specified level of quality which is standard throughout the entire EU.

The winning entry will receive a EUR 6,000 cash prize alongside the opportunity to have their design printed on every organic product in Europe plus the chance to gain international recognition for their work. Two runners-up will also receive a cash prize of EUR 3,500 and EUR 2,500, respectively.

The final deadline for entries is the 25 June 2009 with an international panel of experts from the fields of graphic design, visual communications and organic farming shortlisting their favourite logos, which will be then put forward for consideration in a European-wide public vote.

To begin the application process, register online at [http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/logo/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/agriculture/organic/logo/index_en.htm)

## FORTHCOMING DEADLINES

15 May	Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland	<a href="http://www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/">www.ltsbfoundationforscotland.org.uk/</a>
31 May	MacRobert Trust – general	<a href="http://www.themacroberttrust.org.uk/">www.themacroberttrust.org.uk/</a>
1 June	Paths to Health	<a href="http://www.pathsforall.org.uk/pathstohealth/">www.pathsforall.org.uk/pathstohealth/</a>
1 June	Austin & Hope Pilkington – community/disability	<a href="http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/">www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk/</a>
15 June	Greenprints	<a href="http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply/greenprints">www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply/greenprints</a>

## FUNDING SUCCESS

We are delighted to announce a bumper month of funding successes in Angus.

### Angus Council Community Grant Scheme

Carnoustie Horticultural Society	£250
Zuglu Drummers	£460
Dobromysl Foundation	£450
Forfar Instrumental Band	£500
Montrose Air Station Heritage Centre	£500
This is not a Rehearsal Group	£500
Heartie Thrang	£1,000
Dunnichen Heritage Society	£1,181
Arbroath Area Partnership	£2,000
Carnoustie Golf Club	£2,000

Forfar Area Partnership £3,500

**Awards for All**

Heartie Thrang	£1,905
Stepping Stones Playgroup	£4,500
Forfar Sailing Club	£4,600
Letham Playgroup	£7,042
Burnside Primary School	£10,000

**Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland**

Action for Children Services Ltd received £15,584 towards a support worker for homeless people with substance abuse

Montrose YMCA received £7,553 for support to their music group

**2014 Communities**

Home Start Angus received £944 to fund gym and swimming sessions

Arbroath Academy received £743 for netball equipment

**Robertson Trust**

SHOUT – Support and Help Others Understand and Talk received £15,000 for a DVD to highlight alcohol issued for people with learning disabilities

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