

ANGUS FUNDING NEWS

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Welcome to this month's selection of funding opportunities, events and voluntary sector news

Hundreds of Scottish charities are set to lose at least £6m a year in funding with the announcement that the Lloyds TSB Foundation for Scotland is closing its door to new applications for grants for the foreseeable future. However, it is to fully honour existing commitments to charities and will make final awards in December as planned. Losses predicted by the Group means that there are virtually no monies due to the Foundation in the coming year, which has forced Trustees to close the door to new applications indefinitely.

SPORTS FUNDING EVENT 4 NOVEMBER, Meffan, Forfar

Did you know there are currently a range of small funds and grants available to encourage more people to take part in sport and physical activity? This could be actually taking part in an activity or volunteering to help run some of these activities. In particular there are also funds to encourage more girls and women to take part in sport.

Angus Council's External Funding Team are organising an event to raise awareness of the different funds available and assist with applications and are encouraging schools, sports club and other local groups and partnerships to attend. There will be presentations from the Big Lottery Fund staff on their schemes, 2014 Communities and Awards for All as well as short sessions on the Angus Council Community Grant Scheme and Girls on the Move. There will also be an opportunity to discuss any project ideas with the External Funding Team.

The event will be held on Wednesday 4 November 2009 at the Meffan Museum and Art Gallery, 20 West High Street, Forfar, with registration from 3pm and starting at 3.30pm. If you are unable to attend but would like more information or to discuss your project idea please let us know. Subject to demand we will be happy to run the event again or alternatively meet you individually.

To book a place, please contact Eddie Findlay on 01307 473264 or e-mail externalfunding@angus.gov.uk

WWW.ANGUS4COMMUNITY.COM

Are you one of over 500 organisations to have carried out over 1,600 funding searches at www.angus4community.com? If not, maybe it's time you were.

Feedback tells us that most users have been successful in obtaining funding as a result of searching this database, and J4B, who run the site, think it's the best one in the UK, using it to demonstrate the system to others.

That's because we work hard to keep it updated with a local calendar of events and news, and there's a great section called Local Support, where you can find advice and fact sheets, news of local grants and strategies on topics such as volunteering and child protection.

Register today, for free, and let us know what you think of the site.

NEWS FROM THE FUNDERS

BBC Children in Need raised a record-breaking total of £20,991,216 last November and has awarded £14.8m to 422 projects across the UK working with disadvantaged children and young people. The minimum grant awarded was £600 and the maximum £182,683. Money raised this November will be distributed in three rounds of grants beginning next Spring. All grants are targeted to areas where they will make a real difference and are allocated geographically to ensure that all corners of the UK receive a share of the money raised. Projects supported work with children and young people who may be affected by homelessness, neglect, abuse or poverty, or those who are living with a serious illness, disability or psychological disorder. For more information, go to http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml

GANNOCHY TRUST

The Gannochy Trust now has a website at www.gannochytrust.org.uk which is well worth looking at, as for the first time they have funding themes and have clarified what they will fund outside of Perth and Kinross. In brief, there are four themes.

Of these, those around Inspiring Young People (e.g. sport, music, social skills) and Improving the Quality of Life of the Disadvantaged and Vulnerable (e.g. sports, therapeutic drama and music, healthy lifestyles) are open to all. Community Amenities (village halls and community centres) and Care for the Natural and Man-Made Environment (paths, heritage, conservation) are only available to Perth and Kinross. Application forms can also be downloaded from the website.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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| ARTS | DISABILITY | EDUCATION | FINANCE | HEALTH |
| MISCELLANEOUS | SOCIAL ENTERPRISE | SPORT | VETERANS | YOUTH |

ARTS

IDEAS FUND

The scheme - supports innovative projects in performing, digital and visual arts run by young people aged 16-25. There are currently two priorities within the next grants round.

1. The Fund wants to support the development of ambitious and innovative performing arts productions to go to the 2010 Edinburgh Festival. £30,000 is available overall, with £20,000 due to go to the main award and up to £10,000 to another project. Each winner will also receive mentoring and marketing support. All types of performance are welcome. You need to be between the age of 16 and 25 when you make your application. Preference will be given to projects that involve at least three people.

2. Innovators. £1,000 will be given to each of ten projects that involve inspiring, original, realistic and innovative ideas for creative arts activities. Projects need to take place between 1 January and 20 April 2010, and the winners must be aged between 16 and 25 during that time.

Amount – up to £20,000 to develop a performance piece for the 2010 Edinburgh Festival, and Innovators, and awards of up to £1000 to get a creative project in any discipline off the ground.

Contact - You have to join the Ideas Tap network to make an application. Details are at www.ideastap.com/briefdetail.aspx?briefid=81

Deadline - 11 November 2009.

YOUNG SCOT ARTS ACTION FUND

The scheme - Co-run by the Scottish Arts Council and Young Scot, the Arts Action Fund offers young people the opportunity to follow their artistic dreams and fund their creative talents. Grants could be used to highlight a school performance, hire space to put together a new dance, buy props for a show, help to fund an art exhibition and much more besides.

The Arts Action Fund is open to young people aged 11 to 25.

Amount – £200 to individuals or £750 to groups

Contact - Application forms can be downloaded from www.youngscot.org/channels/arts/?ss=484&s=57&sr=79&ID=20394 or by calling the InfoLine on 0808 801 0338.
Deadline - The Grants Committee meets to discuss applications every eight weeks.

DISABILITY

THE DOUGLAS HAY TRUST

The scheme - Help is available for physically disabled children up to age of 18. Local authorities, hospital social work departments and charities in Scotland are eligible to apply for financial contributions for holidays, education, computers, home improvements, clothing, bedding, shoes etc. for children resident in Scotland.

Amount – variable

Contact - <http://www.douglashay.org.uk/>

Deadline – the committee meet monthly to consider applications.

EDUCATION

COMENIUS REGIO

External Funding will shortly be announcing details of a presentation on this fund for Angus Council staff.

The scheme – presents an opportunity for two local authorities in Europe to link together and through reciprocal meetings, work on any theme with educational relevance to young people of school age. The main purpose of Regio is not to involve pupils or students directly but to promote the development of structured cooperation between the partner regions. Themes can cover:

- School management
- Reducing early school leavers
- Language teaching and learning
- Violence in schools
- Immigration/integration issues
- Teacher training
- Sport
- Literacy

Partnerships in each country should be led by a local authority and include one school and a third agency, which can also be part of the local authority e.g. library, museum, youth justice, another public agency, e.g. fire service, college, or a community group or charity, e.g. youth club.

Award – Funding of up to €45,000 available per region for meetings, work shadowing and other activities over a two-year partnership. Grants can be awarded for preparatory visits.

Contact – Each partner sends its application to its National Agency. The scheme in Scotland is administered by the British Council in Edinburgh who can help with your application. Contact Gary Shiells, gary.shiells@britishcouncil.org

Application guidance and application forms are available on line at <http://www.britishcouncil.org/comenius-applications-forms-and-guidance.htm> or e-mail comenius@britishcouncil.org

Deadline – 11 December for preparatory meeting funding and 18 February 2010 for full application.

FINANCE

BARCLAYS COMMUNITY FINANCE FUND

The scheme – The objectives of the Barclays Community Finance Fund are:

- To increase existing community finance providers' capacity to deliver affordable credit to low income consumers by providing them with short-term direct financial support; and
- To provide financial support to credit unions and CDFIs starting up in areas where public access to affordable credit is restricted

Grants can be used for a variety of purposes including (but not limited to) marketing, infrastructure, product development, mergers between businesses and the delivery of financial capability or money advice services. Priority will be given to proposals that demonstrate the positive impact the grant will make and in particular, how the

grant will enable:

Improvements in efficiency that allow more loans to be made to low income consumers.

Improvements in products and/or services that allow more loans to be made to low income consumers

Innovation in products and/or services that allow more loans to be made to low income consumers

Amount - £250,000 is available overall, with short-term grants of up to £50,000 to deliver services over the course of a 12 month period with an additional 3 month lead-in time (15 months in total).

To apply - Applications cannot be made by the organisation that wants the money; you have to be nominated by someone else. You can be nominated by:

An existing or previous funder;

A provider of in-kind support (for instance, provider of your operating premises, such as a local authority or housing association);

An external evaluator who has previously evaluated you;

A Financial Inclusion Champion, part of the Government's Department for Work and Pensions Champion's Initiative;

An employee of Barclays;

Possible other third parties on agreement with Transact

Contact - Full information is available at <http://tinyurl.com/ycrwyf8> . If you have any questions about the Fund or the nominations process, or if you would like to discuss a potential third party to nominate, you can call Chris Hobson at Transact on 020 7392 2932 or e-mail chris.hobson@toynbeehall.org.uk

Deadline - 7 November 2009 and shortlisted projects will be visited early in 2010. Grants will be agreed in February 2010.

HEALTH

NHS TAYSIDE CARERS INFORMATION STRATEGY FUNDING

The scheme - Funds are available for April 2010 – March 2011 for projects which support Carers in Tayside.

Funding will support:

- Carers in their supporting role
- Improve the health of carers
- Reduce health inequalities and promote social inclusion
- Engage with carers and support them as key partners in provision of care
- Provide information and training to carers
- Improve awareness of carers and carers' issues among NHS staff

Contact - Application packs and further information are available to download from www.nhstayside.scot.nhs.uk or by contacting Barbara Horgan on 01382 424178 or email Barbara.Horgan@nhs.net

Deadline - 30 October 2009. Applicants will be informed of outcome by end of December 2009.

IT

BT COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS AWARD

The scheme - This is an awards scheme which enables community and charitable organisations to get online and make use of information and communications technology. Organisations, working in any field of community benefit, located throughout the UK or Republic of Ireland can apply for a laptop and a year's free broadband connection.

Contact - For more information, please visit: www.btcommunityconnections.com.

Deadline - 5 January 2010

THE NOMINET TRUST

The scheme - The Nominet Trust provides funding to help disadvantaged and vulnerable groups use the internet. Your project should be a new initiative or a distinctive extension of an existing project, have a wide reach or demonstrable potential in the long term and have the internet at its core.

Your project should also meet the needs of the trust's target groups: the young, the elderly, the disabled, the sick, the disadvantaged, and those who are vulnerable. Grant applications are considered by Nominet's board of trustees, who meet quarterly.

Contact - For more information, please visit www.nominettrust.org.uk or tel 01865 334000.

MISCELLANEOUS

THE FUSERNA FOUNDATION

The scheme - aim to revitalise existing charities and individual charitable projects that are failing in their objectives, due to financial constraints and/or lack of exposure and publicity. which:

- Alleviate poverty and financial hardship, relieve sickness and poor health.
- Enable individuals to reach their potential despite social, physiological or environmental limitations.
- Assist, promote and encourage sustainable projects that create long-term benefits for disadvantaged local communities
- Assist in the treatment and care of individuals suffering from mental or physical illness or those in need of rehabilitation

Amount - usually between £5,000 and £15,000.

Contact - visit www.fusernafoundation.org or tel: 0207 409 3900.

PEOPLE'S POSTCODE TRUST

The scheme - Set up by the People's Postcode Lottery, the Trust will distribute funds to small organisations, community groups and registered charities.

Funding will go to projects with one or more of the following aims:

- To prevent poverty, sickness and distress for the benefit of the public
- To promote, maintain, improve and advance health
- To advance citizenship or community development
- To advance public participation in sport
- To promote, improve and advance human rights, conflict resolution or reconciliation
- To promote and advance environmental protection or improvement

The funding is for individual projects, not the running costs of a charity, and the project must show visible results after around three months.

Amount - Funding is available for 3-month projects ranging from £500 up to £10,000. All funding decisions are made by an independent board of Trustees.

Contact – more information, and application forms are available from

<http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/index.php> or call Claire Stewart or Lisa Imlach on 0131 555 7288/ 554 8794.

SYLVIA WADDILOVE FOUNDATION UK

The scheme - projects must be for the benefit of the community or groups of more than four persons. The Foundation supports -

- Educational projects for children and adults, particularly those relating to the Arts
- Musical composition and performances
- Herbal medicine
- Medical research, especially regarding ageing diseases
- Assistance for the disabled
- Farming, organic farming and animal husbandry

The Foundation favours small charities that will carry out the project themselves, rely on volunteers and can demonstrate a successful history of projects. Priority is given to applications from registered charities with a turnover of less than £500,000 - they do not give grants to individuals. Projects should be of lasting value in either time or fixture.

Amount – up to £20,000

Contact - application forms can be downloaded from, www.pwvsolicitors.co.uk/charitable-applications/charity-details/the-sylvia-waddilove-foundation-uk

Deadline -The Foundation usually meets to consider applications in January, April, July and October so submit your application before the last week in December, March, June and September.

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

ADOPT AN APPRENTICE

The scheme - Employers can receive money to recruit a redundant apprentice under a Scottish Government scheme, the first project to be supported through the Government's skills development programme ScotAction. The scheme offers an incentive for firms to take on apprentices made redundant as a result of the recession and is available to both public and private sector employers, as long as they agree to employ the apprentice for a

minimum of 12 months.

Amount - £2,000 for each recruit. Up to £1.7 million European Social Fund cash has been made available for "Adopt an Apprentice" Organisations cannot apply for the cash incentive directly, but are encouraged to link up with a training provider, who will find them a suitable apprentice and liaise with Skills Development Scotland to secure the £2,000.

Contact - <http://www.skillsdevelopmentscotland.co.uk/redundancy.aspx> to download an application form and read the guidelines.

Deadline – 31 May 2010.

RBS SE100

The scheme - The Royal Bank of Scotland, has created a new RBS SE100 Index to chart the growth and impact of organisations throughout the UK that deliver social, economic or environmental change including housing associations, charities, co-ops, social enterprises, community businesses or ethical businesses. In contrast to the Stock Market's Footsie 100, this scheme evaluates and charts the social impact of organisations as well as their financial performance. Each month throughout the year the Index will publish details of what it has measured to be the top five performers in a new market, with the annual publication of the top 100 overall at the end of the year.

Amount - Prizes worth a total of £50,000 will be given in March 2010 to enrolled organisations that have performed best.

To apply - To be eligible to be part of the Index, and to access some of the £50,000 in prize money, you need to either nominate yourself or have someone nominate you. The sign up forms are at www.se100.co.uk/signup/signup.php Full details of the RBS SE 100 Index are available at www.se100.co.uk You can also call Tracey Kiddle on 020 8533 8893 or Chrisanthi Giothis on 020 8533 8891.

Deadline - You can join the Index at any time.

SPORT

CASH 4 CLUBS

The scheme - Sports club registered with their sport's National Governing Body or local authority can apply for grants through the Cash 4 Clubs grants scheme. Cash 4 Clubs gives clubs a unique chance to apply for grants to improve facilities, purchase new equipment, gain coaching qualifications, and generally invest in the sustainability of their club.

Amount – up to £1,000. In 2008, over £30,000 was given out in grants to 30 community sports clubs across the UK. There are three tiers of grants at £250, £500 and £1,000.

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

Deadline - Applications can be submitted at any time and grants are awarded on a quarterly basis.

VETERANS

BIG LOTTERY FUND - HEROES RETURN 2

Two Angus veterans, along with a spouse and two carers recently received funding from this fund.

The scheme - funding to help World War II veterans who saw active service, to take part in commemorative visits (within the UK and overseas) to mark the anniversary of events that led to the end of WWII. Veterans may be accompanied by a spouse and/or a carer.

Amount - Applicants can apply for a fixed amount grant of between £150 and £5,500 depending on the number of people taking part and the destination. There will be five levels of funding according to the destination. These fixed amounts have been set so that there is enough money to cover the cost of travel and insurance.

Contact - If you have any general questions about the scheme and whether you are eligible, ring the application helpline 0845 0000 121. Application forms are available at

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_heroes_return?tab=1®ioncode=-uk

Deadline - 31 January 2011.

YOUTH

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND COMMUNITY CASH AWARDS

The scheme - Young people are being given the chance to claim a share of £1 million to help tackle the dangers of drugs, crime and play a positive role in their community. The Awards will see £1 million of grants being distributed

by youth charity “The Prince’s Trust” to young people who want to run community projects in some of Britain’s poorest areas. They are available to disadvantaged 14 to 25-year-olds who want to transform their area and learn practical skills. Projects could range from improving local youth facilities to sex education workshops in schools. 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; and be a new or developing project. Previous projects supported include; an amateur boxing project to give young people greater confidence; and a media project to promote community cohesion and greater understanding between the local community and asylum seekers.

Amount - £250 to £5,000

Contact - http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/community_cash_awards.aspx

Deadline - Applications can be made at any time.

GO PLAY

The scheme –to help the play sector in Scotland to grow and offer increased opportunities for free play to children aged five to 13 years. It is a two year programme, fully funded by the Scottish Government. Registered charities are eligible to apply. They expect to receive applications from organisations ranging from adventure play associations and out of school clubs with a significant amount of free play to national charities that provide free play as well as many other activities and services.

Eight local authorities have been prioritised, and Angus is NOT one of them. Therefore individual out of school clubs are very unlikely to be considered, but we have been informed that “an Out of School Network can be funded in the infrastructure strand. For an application to be successful, we would be looking to strengthen the Network (e.g. increase its ability to support the clubs, and/or extend its reach to include more clubs in its L.A. area). Further, any proposals from the network (or a lead OOSC in the network) would obviously have to be explicitly based on supporting the provision of “free play” rather than other, more structured activities that the clubs run, such as dance, sports, arts and crafts etc.”

Amount – no minimum or maximum

Contact - Inspiring Scotland on 0131 442 8763 to talk to an advisor. They will discuss with you what your charity does, and whether you will be eligible to apply for investment from the Go Play programme. Further details on the fund are available at <http://www.inspiringscotland.org.uk/Home/Go-Play>

Deadline – a signed application hard copy of your application should be submitted by 6 November 2009

YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME

The scheme - The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals under its Youth in Action Programme for young people which aims to inspire a sense of active European citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans and to involve them in shaping the Union’s future.

This call for proposals aims to support partnership projects with regional or local public bodies (i.e. regions, municipalities, etc.) or with organisations active in the youth sector at the European level in order to develop long-term projects which develop or reinforce long-term actions, strategies and programmes in the field of non-formal learning and youth.

Contact - http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2009/call_action_4_6_en.php

Deadline - 1 December 2009

FUNDING SUPPORT

CHARITY FACTS

- According to the Charity Commission the annual income of the UK charity sector has risen by 17 per cent to £52bn over the past two years
- 1% of charities control 66% of income
- 118 - Number of people on the largest board
- 43 - Most trusteeships held by a single person
- 58 - Average age of a trustee
- 754,000 - People employed in the sector

PUBLICATIONS

The Directory of Social Change has produced four specialist funding guides, each priced at £35.

- Environmental Funding Guide
- The Government Funding Guide
- Youth Funding Guide
- Sports Funding Guide

To order, contact www.dsc.org.uk/sfguides

TRAINING

The Directory of Social Change will be running the following courses in Edinburgh

19-22 October, Foundation Course in Fundraising Practice – from £730

2 December, How to Raise Money from Trusts – from £145

To book or get more information visit www.dsc.org.uk/conferences

Gain a nationally recognised qualification with the HNC Working with Communities

This is offered on a flexible basis so you can study at home, online and through classroom-based tutorials.

The course is aimed at those already working in community-based settings or those with limited experience in community-based work but an interest in pursuing this as a career option.

Find out more at one of the following open evenings

Tuesday 20 October 6.30pm – 8.30pm Damacre Centre, Brechin

Wednesday 28 October 6.30pm – 8.30pm Angus College Learning Centre, West High St, Forfar

Thursday 29 October 6.30pm – 8.30pm Angus College, Keptie Road, Arbroath

WEBSITES

For charities wanting cost effective static websites, or owner controlled content, visit www.yourcharitysite.co.uk

Sustainable Funding project

Learn more about ways to make your organisation's finances more stable and sustainable.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/sfp/index.asp?id=2090>

FREE AND MONEY SAVING OFFERS

Please note that Angus Council is not endorsing individual companies or projects mentioned.

Competitive Energy prices

In the current climate securing the cheapest energy rates is vital in protecting your organisation. UK Power can quote & compare all of the big energy suppliers, so you can receive the most competitive price on the market. Visit www.ukpower.co.uk/business or call **0800 970 5494** for business gas and electricity quotes.

Computers For Rural People Scheme (UK)

Individuals clubs and organisations, etc, in rural areas that need access to information and services, are able to purchase fully functioning ex-government computers for as little as £99. The computers are being made available through the Arthur Rank Centre. This is a collaborative unit supported by the National Churches, the Royal Agricultural Society of England and the Rank Foundation.

For organisations that need more than one computer; e.g. for a Drop-in centre, School etc. the prices are even lower.

Contact - http://www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/projects/computers_for_rural_people/index.html

Cheaper Telephone calls

The Callchecker scans the cheapest providers daily to provide the most up to date call costs for calling landline, mobile, personal, 0845 and 0870 numbers.

<http://callchecker.moneysavingexpert.com/ukcallchecker/>

Free IT equipment

A free 'matchmaking' service for individuals and organisations to donate un-needed hardware (computers, printers etc) to UK charities, not-for-profit organisations and educational establishments.

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

If you know of any sites that offer free goods, or search for competitive prices, let us know and we'll feature them in the coming months.

FORTHCOMING DEADLINES

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| 15 October | Groundswell – homeless |
| 16 October | Scottish Arts Council – Ambition - arts |
| 20 October | Hilton in the Community - community |
| 31 October | MacRobert Trust - various |
| 31 October | Cashback for Communities – youth |
| 1 November | Austin and Hope Pilkington – community, disability |
| 6 November | Shell Springboard – climate change |
| 13 November | Comic Relief |

FUNDING SUCCESS

Awards for All have given grants to three Angus groups:

Angus Independent Advocacy received £4,285 for office refurbishment

Montrose Day Care received £10,000 for new bathroom facilities

Angus & Dundee Bird Club received £1,835 for a laptop, projector, screen and software

The Furniture Recycling Project Angus received funding for a new delivery van from the **Mathew** Trust.

Showcase the Street has been offered a number of 6 month training placements through the Government's new **Future Jobs Scheme**.

Angus Council Community Grant Scheme – successful applications can be viewed at <http://www.angus.gov.uk/externalfunding/communitygrant/default.html>

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