

ANGUS FUNDING NEWS

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Welcome to the first funding newsletter of 2010. We plan to continue to bring you news of funding opportunities, and useful information, as well as a varied programme of free funding related events.

This month we are covering the following funders

Aidis Trust
Aftaid
Cattanach Charitable Trust
Children in Need – Small Grants
Children Today Charitable Trust
Europe for Citizens Programme
Hilton in the Community Foundation
The Kids' Fund
Networking Artists network
Old Possum's Practical Trust
Prince's Foundation - Start
Scottish Arts Council – Flexible Funding
The Skinners' Company Lady Neville Charity
War Memorials Trust

EXTERNAL FUNDING TEAM EVENTS

MAKING A SUCCESS OF YOUR EVENT

Planning an event but not sure who will be coming? Running an event for the first time? Feeling the pressure of running an event and everyone expecting it to be a success? What do you do first?

To help you, Angus Council is running two information and training events focused on community groups in Angus who run events for the general public. The aim of the "Making a Success of your Event" is to provide support and advice on a wide range of topics including planning your event, financial success, marketing and evaluation.

The event will be held on Thursday 28 January from 6.30-9.00pm and again on Friday 5 February from 1.30-4.00pm, both in Angus House, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar.

To book a place at one of the events please contact Eddie Findlay on 01307 473264 or e-mail externalfunding@angus.gov.uk.

TIME TO THINK...

With so much to do on a daily basis, it's difficult to find time to step back, look at what you are doing and ask yourselves some important questions about your organisation, your purpose, how to attract funding and supporters. Big challenges are facing many organisations in 2010: reduced income; increasing and changing demands for services; political and financial uncertainties. The organisations that survive and thrive will be those that have a culture of innovation: where good ideas are implemented successfully.

We have arranged a session which will address some of these issues. It is distilled from several sessions presented by top fundraisers and charity gurus at the recent Institute of Fundraising conference, so you will be getting the benefit of current thinking on key charity issues and trends.

The session is aimed mainly at managers of staffed charities and will allow time for discussion of common issues, and is meant to be thought (and action) provoking.

We're sure that you'll find it useful, motivating and inspiring and well worth giving up a morning in the office for.

The session will run on 2 February at Angus House, Orchardbank, Forfar from 9.30a.m – 12.00p.m.

If you wish to attend please contact externalfunding@angus.gov.uk - or call Eddie Findlay on 01307 473264

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As funding gets harder to come by in these straitened financial times, take advantage of our free funding search engine by visiting www.angus4community.com It's free to register, and simple to use. You will also get emailed updates for your funding searches so you won't miss out on new and updated funds.

NEWS FROM THE LOTTERY

FEEDBACK ON BIG LOTTERY FUND APPLICATION PROCESS

The BIG Lottery Fund (BIG) Scotland office is currently developing a range of new funding opportunities, to launch next year. It has already heard the message that stakeholders want BIG Scotland to give clear decisions early in the process to reduce the number of unsuccessful applicants, but it also acknowledges that sometimes it hasn't made itself clear about what it needs to hear from applicants. With this in mind, BIG Scotland would like to hear feedback on the application materials it used last time around, and its application processes in general. In particular it wants to hear people's thoughts on:

- What were the strengths of the way BIG works compared to other funders?
- What best practice can we copy from elsewhere?
- In terms of our application form, were there any questions which were unclear, or any parts where we could improve our guidance?
- What sort of questions would help us to understand your project better?
- Which questions didn't help you communicate your project to us?

If you are interested in providing feedback, you can do so at the BIG blog at <http://www.bigblog.org.uk/>

AWARDS FOR ALL – SPORT

Due to less funding being available, sports clubs can only seek a maximum of £15,000 in total from Awards for All. This means that if you have had a grant of £10,000 last year, the most you can apply for now is £5,000. If you have free reserves in excess of the total cost of your project you are less likely to get funded. Therefore it is important that if reserves are being set aside for a particular project, this is made clear in your accounts. New clubs (i.e. those without a track record or 12 months audited accounts) may only be able to apply for a maximum of £5,000. You are unlikely to get funding for like for like replacement of old equipment, but can apply for new equipment to improve sporting provision.

AWARDS FOR ALL – SCHOOLS

We have been advised by an Angus school who recently applied, that they needed to supply their **school cost code**. This is not mentioned in either the application form or guidance notes. It should be inserted in Section 4, in the last box headed Building society roll number – (yes, really!) You can get your school cost code number from your Devolved School Managers (DSM).

For projects in schools, AFA cannot fund activities that occur during school time. All activities must be additional to the school curriculum. If you have a project that will take place in a school you can check its eligibility by calling AFA on 0870 240 2391.

AWARDS FOR ALL – LAND AND BUILDING PROJECTS

The maximum project size you can apply to Awards for All for is £75,000 including VAT. Awards for All can fund up to £10,000 of this but the majority of other funding should be in place before you apply.

2014 COMMUNITIES

We have been advised that this programme, due to have closed on 31 December 2009, will remain open indefinitely. You can apply for up to £1,000 for groups of young people to get involved in sport. For an application form call 0870 240 2391 as the website page appears to have disappeared – perhaps the BIG webmaster was not told the fund was to continue either.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

ARTS	COMMUNITY	DISABILITY	MISCELLANEOUS	OLDER PEOPLE	TOWN TWINNING	YOUTH
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ARTS

NETWORKING ARTISTS' NETWORK – GO AND SEE

The scheme - provides small awards to allow artists' groups to visit each other within the UK and beyond. Bursaries are to support travel between artists' groups and networks in the UK or overseas so that the artists can benefit from critical feedback, research and personal/group development. Applications are invited from artists' groups and networks only, meaning at least two artists working together. At least 10% of the artists in the group must be subscribers to the Networking Artists' Network.

Amount – up to £500

Contact - guidance notes are available via a link at www.a-n.co.uk/nan/topic/473133 Applications have to be made by e-mail before each of the closing dates.

Deadlines - 1 March, 1 June, 1 September and 1 December. You are encouraged not to leave it until the last minute.

OLD POSSUM'S PRACTICAL TRUST

The scheme - Old Possum's Practical Trust makes a number of grants each year to further the aims of the Trust, which are 'to increase knowledge and appreciation of any matters of historic, artistic, architectural, aesthetic, literary, musical or theatrical interest'. Grants are more likely to be given for projects that involve:

- children or young people
- disabled or disadvantaged people
- communities

. . . and which fall within historic, artistic, architectural, aesthetic, literary, musical or theatrical criteria, and which enhance the lives of others rather than the well-being of the applicants themselves.

Amount - usually falls within the range of £500 - £5,000.

Contact - For more information visit www.old-possums-practical-trust.org.uk where you will find application guidelines and an online application form.

Deadline – none given.

PRINCE'S FOUNDATION - START

The scheme The Prince's Foundation for Children & the Arts is inviting arts organisations across the UK to apply to become an arts partner for their flagship program 'Start'.

Through 'Start', Children & the Arts provides funding and practical support to enable arts organisations across the UK to form partnerships with primary and secondary schools in their local area. 'Start' allows children who have little or no experience of the UK's rich culture; children who may never have been to a play, heard a live piece of classical music or even visited their local art gallery to experience the very best of the UK's glorious arts heritage.

The 'Start' programme is based on four key themes:

- Introducing young people to the arts;
- Inspiring them to learn more;
- Enhancing their experience through critical analysis and participation; and
- Encouraging them to create their own art.

Children & the Arts are seeking to work with between 6 and 10 partners for the 2010/11 academic year who can:

- deliver projects that are high quality;
- target children who are unlikely to have visited venues before;
- accessible for the audience targeted;
- offer opportunities to create learning and skills development;

- can be sustained over a period of time; and
- build upon an organisation's current education programme.

Contact - <http://www.childrenandarts.org.uk/arts-community/start-how-you-can-get-involved/>

Deadline - 29th January 2010.

SCOTTISH ARTS COUNCIL'S FLEXIBLE FUNDING

The scheme - Scottish Arts Council and Scottish Screen are investing £7.98m each year in the Flexible Funding programme (2011-2013) in order to achieve the following:

- A body of creative work of high quality
- Most, but not necessarily all, of which is presented or produced in Scotland
- The work should be celebrated at home and beyond
- The activity supported should result in a good geographic spread within Scotland.

The aim of this fund is to support activity that is likely to have a high impact.

The fund has been established to enable:

- an organisation to be directly involved in creating/supporting the production and/or public presentation of the work of artists and creative practitioners
- an organisation to offer a range of services, support and advice to other arts and creative organisations, enabling these to best deliver and develop their programming and business objectives

Amount - £50,000 - £500,000. 25% must be sought from sources other than the SAC, with 10% minimum in cash for grants up to £99k, rising to 25% in cash for amounts over £350k.

Contact - For more information, guidelines and application form please visit www.scottisharts.org.uk/1/funding/flexiblefunding20112013.aspx

Deadline - 5 March 2010 for Stage 1 applications with a final decision in July.

COMMUNITY

WAR MEMORIALS TRUST

The scheme – The Trust provides grants to repair, conserve and preserve war memorials in their existing form as well as helping to reinstate the memorial to its original design.

Two schemes operate in Scotland. Freestanding memorials are eligible for support from the specific Small Grants Scheme in Scotland. The scheme is also supported by Historic Scotland. Grants can be for up to £7,500 and up to 75% of eligible costs. Applications are invited year round. Non-freestanding memorials could be supported by the main Small Grants Scheme that operates across the UK.

Contact - General information about the War Memorials Trust, and current information about the Small Grants Scheme, is available at www.warmemorials.org.uk. You can also call 020 7233 7356 for advice about grants and conservation techniques.

Deadline - applications for small grants accepted as received.

DISABILITY

AIDIS TRUST

The scheme – the trust assesses individuals with disabilities, helping to determine the right computer communications equipment. They work in partnership with most agencies and organisations with complementary backgrounds throughout the UK. Aidis Technical Services includes a Lottery Funded Helpline, which offers help, support and advice on anything from suggesting the best equipment to help with computer access through to ALL problems with your computer.

Aidis' shop also offers significant discounts on computers and hardware and software adaptations.

Contact - Call 0845 120 3719 (9.30am to 5.00pm, Monday-Friday) or email support@aidis.org They have a website at <http://www.aidis.org>

Deadline – none

MISCELLANEOUS

THE SKINNERS' COMPANY LADY NEVILLE CHARITY

The scheme - provide grants that will make a clear and significant contribution to grassroots charitable organisations working in designated priority areas.

Amount - One-off grants of £500 - £1,000 are made to small registered charities and not-for-profit organisations.

Eligibility – applications are welcomed from organisations employing less than the equivalent of four full-time paid staff, which are working in the following priority areas:

Disability – Projects that provide opportunities to people of any age with physical or mental disabilities

Local Heritage – projects that help local groups to conserve and restore their landmarks, landscape, traditions and culture

Local Community – Projects that are involved in improving the facilities or quality of life for people in a deprived neighbourhood

Performing and Visual Arts – Groups involved in undertaking a particular activity in any field in this area

They fund items of non-recurring expenditure (e.g. equipment, an event, a particular element of capital building works). Grants should make a clear and significant contribution to the project

Contact - You are welcome to discuss a potential approach with the Charities Administrator. Please call on 020 7213 0562 or email charitiesadmin@skidders.org.uk or go to the website at <http://www.skiddershall.co.uk/charities/lady-neville-charity.htm> to download guidelines and an application form.

Deadlines – mid March and mid September

OLDER PEOPLE

AFTAID

The scheme – AFTAID consider applications for a wide variety of grant requests, there are many reasons why an older person may find themselves financially stretched beyond their means to the point of genuine distress. Emergencies are a fact of life, but for those helped a drama really is a crisis. They pride themselves on their almost unique ability to provide grant aid swiftly where necessary.

Contact - <http://www.aftaid.org.uk/grantapp.html> Email info@aftaid.org.uk requesting an application form by return email. Applicants are also requested to include with their application some written support from care professionals (Doctor, Social Worker etc.) who are personally aware of the beneficiary's situation.

Once all the pertinent information has been gathered and verified, a decision is made as quickly as possible. The fund can also be contacted at Tel: 0870 803 1950.

Eligibility - applications from individuals, or their family and neighbours - most often they are contacted by members of the caring professions and voluntary organisations. They do have a strict but simple criteria which should not put anyone off applying, it exists to safeguard against incorrect claims and to ensure our precious donations are distributed wisely. To be able to make any grant they need to have as much information as possible and you will need written support from your Social Worker, Doctor or similar professional of the official care services.

The beneficiary of the grant *MUST* be:

- of state pensionable age (60 years old for women and 65 for men)
- a UK citizen, residing in the UK
- on a lower income and have minimal savings

Please note they do not make grants for ongoing or retrospective payments, nor can we consider repayment of debts.

Deadline - none

TOWN TWINNING

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS PROGRAMME

The scheme - - under Action 1 for *Town Twinning Citizens' Meetings* (1.1) Action 1 supports citizens' meetings in the context of town twinning between at least three countries.

Action 2 of the Europe for Citizens programme seeks to help and encourage civil society organisations to work together at European level in such a way as to foster action, debate and reflection related to European citizenship and democracy, shared values, common history and culture.

and *Networks of Twinned Towns* (1.2)

Contact - www.citizensfund.eu

Deadline - 1 February 2010

YOUTH

CATTANACH CHARITABLE TRUST

The scheme - The Cattanach Charitable Trust funds organisations and projects which “offer hope of a better life to children, especially those under 10 years of age, and their families and communities”.

Amount - Grants are normally between £2,000 and £15,000 but may be more, and the Trust prefers to make grants which contribute substantially to smaller-scale projects.

Contact - For more information go to www.cattanach.org.uk

Deadlines – these are 6 weeks before trustees meetings, and for 2010 have been set for 29 January, 30 April, 30 July.

CHILDREN TODAY CHARITABLE TRUST

The scheme – the trust helps young people under 25 with disabilities to maximise their independence. The Trust provides grants for special equipment for children and young people with sickness and disability across the UK, for example:

Electric wheelchairs;

Walking Aids;

Educational toys;

Lifting and posturepaedic sleep equipment.

Grants are offered for individuals only, and not for ownership by a charity or group.

Contact - <http://www.children-today.org.uk/> If you would like to apply for a grant, call 01244 335622 to discuss your application

Deadline - none

CHILDREN IN NEED – SMALL GRANTS

NEW

The scheme – Children in Need is offering small grants for third sector organisations working with children and young people. The scheme is designed to reach groups that have not previously considered applying for Children in Need funding.

Amount - Funding of up to £10,000 a year for three years will be available

Contact – to apply, go to <http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/smallgrants.shtml>

Deadlines - Grants will be allocated in four tranches, with application deadlines on 15 January, 15 April, 15 July and 15 October 2010

Decisions are expected to be made within 14 weeks of the closing date of each round.

HILTON IN THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The scheme - Focusing on children and young people, HCF supports activities in education and health to relieve suffering and equip individuals. HCF wants to make a difference to disadvantaged children's lives. They are supporting efforts in four key areas of need:

- Disabled children
- Children in hospital
- Homelessness
- Life-limited children in hospices

Contact - For more information go to www.hilton-foundation.org.uk or tel: 0207 605 7733

Deadlines - 16 February, 5 May, 3 August & 9 November 2010

THE KIDS' FUND

The scheme - The Field Studies Council is an independent educational charity committed to raising awareness about the natural world. The Council works through a network of 17 residential and day Centres in the UK providing courses for schools and colleges at all levels in addition to adult Individuals & Families courses, outreach education, training and consultancy. The Kids Fund aims to bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by attending a course at a Field Studies Council centre. It helps disadvantaged young people to attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial.

Eligibility – the following are eligible to apply:

- Disadvantaged young people aged 8-18 years.
- Voluntary youth groups (either run by voluntary leaders, managed by a voluntary organisation, a registered charity).

- A school group may apply if they are aiming to provide benefits which are additional to the statutory school curriculum or clearly show added value, depth and breadth to the taught curriculum.

Amount - Funding will normally be up to 80% of the cost of your group's course to an FSC Field Centre to a maximum of £3000.

Contact - <http://www.field-studies-council.org/supporters/kidsfund.aspx>

Deadline - You may apply at any time. Decisions will be made in February, June and October.

FUNDING SUPPORT

VisitScotland, Scotland's national tourism agency, has developed a series of **free** events to encourage tourism business growth through sustainable business practices. These innovative and interactive events will take place across Scotland throughout 2010 and will introduce different routes to sustainability

- Do you want to learn more about energy efficiency, waste reduction or local sourcing for your business?
- Are you an accommodation or transport provider, a visitor attraction or a tour operator?
- Do you want to become part of the future of the tourism industry in Scotland?
- For more information or to register your interest for these events contact Kate Mair, Sustainable Industry, Engagement Executive at VisitScotland; kate.mair@visitscotland.com

Good news story – the power of communication

A local Tayside charity was recently in severe financial difficulty. They highlighted their plight in the local press, not directly asking for money, but explaining their situation. The result was £300 in donations, an offer to do a fundraising event and an offer from an experienced fundraiser to give advice. This was shortly followed by confirmation of support from a major local funder which the group felt was prompted by the article.

DSC Survey

In December the Directory for Social Change asked the following question in their Quick survey:

Many expect 2010 to be a challenging year for fundraising. In order to be successful, do you think charities should:

75% - Invest internally in fundraising staff and skills

13% - Outsource fundraising to a consultant or agency

12% - Other

(There were 362 responses)

Remember, the External Funding Team is here to assist you and provide free funding advice and training.

TAX AND VAT FOR CHARITIES

A useful article was published by The Guardian in December on these issues, and can be seen at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/2009/dec/15/charities-tax-vat>

This is part of a series on charities and the law, which has also covered trustees, volunteers, fundraising, social enterprises, disputes and trading. The full list is available at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/society/series/charities-and-the-law>

FUNDRAISING WEBSITE REMOVES COMMISSION CHARGES

Nearly twice as much money was donated to charity through fundraising website Bmycharity <http://www.bmycharity.com/> in November as in the same month last year.

More than £546,000 was donated through the site in November 2009, compared with £247,000 in the same month in 2008.

The average amount donated through the site has increased from £54.24 to £59.26 for the same periods.

The site announced in October that it had removed its commission charges and would be funded instead by a £150 sign-up fee from charities and an 'applications' system whereby charities could choose which firms' adverts to place on their pages.

SMART Procurement

Wednesday 20th January 2010 at 10am, Scottish Enterprise, Greenmarket, Dundee

The focus for the event is social benefit clauses (SBC's) which are growing in significance in public sector procurement policy. Speakers will explain what SBC's are and describe their organisation's experience of working with them.

Time is built into the programme for networking so there will be an opportunity to meet procurement staff from Dundee City Council, Angus Council and NHS Tayside. Also attending will be representatives from the Dundee and Angus Chamber of Commerce and other social enterprises.

The event costs £10 plus VAT to attend. You can book your place online at: www.dundeeandanguschamber.co.uk/site/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=116&Itemid=43visit:

WHAT HAS THE EU DONE FOR YOU OVER THE PAST YEAR?

The European Commission launched its annual multimedia yearbook presenting some of the European Union's most important achievements of the past year where EU action has led to tangible results for citizens, with topics ranging from research into finding new cures for dementia to mitigating the effects of the economic crisis.

http://ec.europa.eu/comm/press/pr/091112_01_en.htm

Successes highlighted include:

Staying in touch for less - Europeans can stay in touch via mobile phone more easily and more cheaply, thanks to the EU's efforts to ensure cheaper costs and connections.

Keeping online shopping hassle-free – the EU has cracked-down on websites that were not giving consumers the rights they are entitled to under EU laws.

EU information

Information about the EU, its institutions, forthcoming legislation and events for 2010 is available to view at <http://www.angus.gov.uk/externalfunding/eu/default.html> and is regularly updated.

FORTHCOMING DEADLINES

18 January	Unltd Sport Relief Awards
18 February	Comenius Regio
1 March	Girls on the Move
31 March	BLF Investing in Ideas (final deadline)

FUNDING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Brechin Cathedral who have received a grant of £82,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

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