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EXTERNAL FUNDING TEAM NEWS

Have you made a New Year's resolution yet?

Can we suggest one – make a fundraising strategy - now. It's surprising how many voluntary groups don't have any forward plans about where they are intending to get funding from. Do you remember Baldrick from Blackadder, saying "I have a cunning plan" just as disaster was about to strike – but it was too late to put into action, and too late to make any difference.

If you would like any advice on a fundraising strategy, please contact the External Funding team at externalfunding@angus.gov.uk or on 01307 473221.



HOW DID WE DO?

The annual External Funding Team's Customer Survey is now online. This is your opportunity to give feedback on our services and tell us what else we could usefully help you with. It's important to us to find out the impact that our work has, and whether it helps you get in more funding. Please help us to help you, by completing the survey, which will only take a few minutes.

It's available until 31 January 2012 at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H9SQGYQ>

WWW.ANGUS4COMMUNITY.COM

Does your group need funding? If so why not register on our website www.angus4community.com which allows you to produce your own funding searches, find out details of up and coming events and much more. We have 922 users already signed up and using the site. Last month there were a total of 103 users accessing the local support section on the site. If you would like to find out more about this site or would like a trial demonstration or help using it, please contact Eddie Findlay on 01307 473264.

NEWS FROM THE FUNDERS

Big Lottery Fund received applications to the value of £2.8bn in 2010/11 and had just £367m to give away. However, the Dulverton Trust reported the number of applications they had received was down compared with 2007/08 and the quality of grant applications had gone down.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITES

ARTS	COMMUNITY	ENVIRONMENT	EQUALITY	FINANCIAL EDUCATION	HERITAGE
LOANS	MISCELLANEOUS	SOCIAL ENTERPRISE	TOWN TWINNING	WAR MEMORIALS	YOUTH

ARTS

Performing Right Society for Music Foundation: Beyond Borders

The scheme - to stimulate collaboration between, and co-commissioning by, organisations programming and promoting new music

The aims of Beyond Borders are to:

- Support imaginative, high quality co-commissions of new musical works by UK-based music creators in a framework that guarantees more than one performance in different UK countries.
- Encourage partnerships and sharing of expertise between organisations in Scotland, Northern Ireland, Wales and England that are committed to the commissioning of new music and the development of local and regional audiences.
- Support projects that are genuinely collaborative and have been developed jointly by the partners involved.

Applications are invited from not for profit organisations that promote live music events and are committed to staging a performance (music festivals, ensembles/bands, promoters, venues, etc) working in partnership with other organisations to co-commission a music creator.

- The lead partner should have a successful track record of commissioning music and the application must prove that the project has been jointly devised. Organisations can only be the lead partner for one project, although they may be involved as a partner in other applications to the scheme.
- Though organisations that were funded previously through the programme can apply again, priority will be given to projects that involve new partners.

Overall the PRSF is looking for proposals for exciting and intriguing pieces of new music. Whilst music should be the focus of the commission, genuine cross-art form collaborations will be supported, and particular interest will be shown to projects involving contemporary dance.

Amount - Grants are likely to be between £5,000 and £15,000.

Contact - full application guidance notes and the application form are available at

www.prsformusicfoundation.com/Partnerships/Flagship-Programmes/Beyond-Borders

Deadline - First stage applications required by 30 January 2012

COMMUNITY

COASTAL COMMUNITIES FUND

NEW

The scheme - The UK Government have announced a new multi-million pound fund designed to foster the economic development of coastal communities and support a wide range of projects, including those that support charities, the environment, education and health. Examples could include support for developing renewable energy, improving skills or environmental safeguarding or improvement. The Fund will open for business in April, 2012 and further details will be published shortly.

Contact - http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/press_86_11.htm

TESCO CHARITY TRUST

The scheme - The funding provided goes towards providing practical benefits, such as equipment and resources for projects that directly benefit children, the elderly, and adults and children with disabilities, living in the local communities around Tesco stores.

Amount - £500 - £4,000

Contact: Tesco Charity Trust Awards Scheme, phone: 0845 612 3575 <http://www.tescopl.com/corporate-responsibility/our-community-promises/actively-supporting-local-communities/tesco-charity-trust/>

Deadlines - There are two rounds of funding every year for each category.

Grants for children's education and children's welfare. Applications can be made from 1 December 2011 to 31 January 2012 or 1 May and 30 June 2012.

Grants for elderly people and adults and children with disabilities. Applications should be made between 1 February and 31 March 2012 or 1 August and 30 September 2012.

ENVIRONMENT

CLIMATE CHALLENGE FUND

The scheme - The fund aims to support community projects that:

- Focus on significant carbon emission reduction
- Are community led
- Take a long term view - improving the quality of life for present and future generations

The CCF now includes a Junior Climate Challenge Fund element which funds activities which support under 18's become engaged and involved in a low carbon future. For information on the Junior CCF, phone 01786 468 779.

Amount – variable

Contact - If you wish to apply you can now submit an Expression of Interest for these future funding rounds via: <http://ccf.keepsotlandbeautiful.org/howToApply.aspx>

Deadline - 3 further funding rounds will take place in May, July and September 2012.

COMMUNITY SEEDCORN FUND

The scheme - The Scottish Government have committed a further £250,000 to this fund for small-scale woodland projects which benefit communities. Further funding will be available from **1st April 2012**. The fund aims to support community groups and organisations that are encouraging and facilitating greater use of woods by people to derive health, well-being and community benefits.

Contact - Further information is available from www.forestry.gov.uk.

EQUALITY

Scottish Government Equality Fund

The scheme - The Equality Unit is inviting applications to the Equality Fund for 2012-15. The Equality Fund incorporates the former Race Religion & Refugee Integration Fund as well as elements of Gender Funding and Disability/BSL Funding. The Equality Fund will be open for applications from any organisation for work across all equality characteristics. Themes relate to key priorities across the range of equality interests, and will be designed to ensure support is available for activity and provision across all the protected groups.

Particular focus will be given to:

- Supporting activities to reduce disadvantage and inequality in employment and economic activity
- Supporting measures to address hate crime and its underlying causes
- Shifting focus to early intervention and prevention
- Increasing the capacity of communities to engage with mainstream providers, including public and third sector, around the redesign of public services and the prevention agenda
- Supporting the effective implementation of the public sector equality duty.

Amount - Applications for funding of up to £100,000 will be considered.

Contact - More information can be found along with the application form and finance spreadsheet are available at <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/People/Equality>

Deadline – Completed applications should be returned to the Equality Unit, 3H South, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ by 6 February 2012.

FINANCIAL EDUCATION

COMIC RELIEF – MANAGING MONEY BETTER PROGRAMME

The scheme - to help older people cope with the challenges of this particularly harsh financial climate and the resultant exclusion and hardship it is causing. This programme will be aimed at supporting older people (65+) to build their knowledge and skills to manage their money more effectively, ensure access to good, independent financial advice, guard against financial scams and abuse and cope better with cold homes. We are especially interested in how older people can be supported to manage the extreme rising fuel and food prices. In addition, the programme aims to encourage partnerships with voluntary sector organisations and banks, building societies, credit unions, energy companies and others to recognise and respond better to the needs of older people. They are looking for projects with evidence of partnership working, older people's involvement (older people coming up with their own solutions to address their challenges), testing new ways of working and projects that are reaching those

most in need. Only joint applications where the lead partner is the voluntary sector (not public sector) will be considered.

Amount – projects over £10,000

Contact - <http://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/programmes/managing-money-better-comic-reliefs-new-older-peoples-programme> for more details

Deadline - 13 February 2012. The second cycle will open on 10 April 2012.

HERITAGE

LGBT History Month

The scheme - LGBT History Month takes place across the UK every February. It is an opportunity to celebrate the lives and culture of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people by exploring our own and others' histories in an LGBT context. Each year there is a range of public events to celebrate the diversity of our communities, challenge stereotypes and explore the often hidden histories of LGBT people in Scotland. Most of these events are arts/culture based in the past have included book and poetry readings; arts and library exhibitions; arts workshops; discussions and debates; public lectures and film screenings.

Amount - There are 10 awards of £50 to give away to community groups would like to run their own History Month event. The award can be used for venue hire, refreshments, materials, volunteer expenses etc.

Contact - <http://www.lgbtyouth.org.uk/> or call Amy Murphy at LGBT Youth, 0141 552 7425

Festival of Museums grants scheme

The scheme - The Festival of Museums will take place from 18 – 20 May 2012 and all museums and galleries in Scotland are invited to take part. Grants are available to stage an event as part of the Festival of Museums programme. Applications where non-member organisations are working in partnership with full members are also welcomed. The Festival of Museums is an annual weekend of exciting, entertaining and surprising events in the country's museums and galleries, with museums tailoring events to their own requirements, objectives and audience development criteria. It also takes place during Voluntary Arts Week, so local amateur groups may wish to partner up with a museum to run an event.

Amount - £150 - £1,500 per venue.

Contact - For more information on the Festival of Museums programme and grants scheme visit www.museumsgalleriesScotland.org.uk/the-programmes/festival-of-museums/

Deadline – 1 February 2012

LOANS

LOANS FOR PREMISES AVAILABLE

SCVO and Unity Trust Bank PLC are creating a £50m loan scheme available at £10m/year to create third sector business centres across Scotland. The scheme will be open to SCVO members for the sole or joint purchase of new build premises or the refurbishment of existing properties, helping organisations to build up an asset base and generate savings from shared back office services. Find out more at <http://www.ruralgateway.org.uk/en/node/4194>

MISCELLANEOUS

The Soutar Charitable Trust

The scheme - The Soutar Charitable Trust assists projects engaged in the relief of human suffering in the UK and overseas – particularly, but not exclusively, those promoting spiritual welfare. Over the last five years the trust has awarded over 2,700 grants worth more than £20 million. Grants are generally for revenue funding.

Contact - <http://www.soutercharitabletrust.org.uk/> for further information and guidelines.

Deadline - Apply in writing at any time. The trustees meet five or six times a year and all applications will be acknowledged in due course – whether successful or not. A stamped addressed envelope would be appreciated.

The Sym Charitable Trust

The scheme – The Trust can support a range of charitable activities including the relief of poverty; advancement of the arts, heritage and culture; advancement of education; and advancement of health. This Trust offers grants to help with living expenses and fees to overseas students who have already begun upon a course of study at a Scottish Educational Institution, who are facing financial problems beyond their control. Charities and community groups working in Scotland are eligible to apply.

The Trust is managed by Murray Beith Murray 3 Glenfinlas St, Edinburgh, EH3 6AQ

Deadline – 31 March annually.

THE VOLANT CHARITABLE TRUST

The scheme – funds charities and projects that alleviate **social deprivation**, with a particular emphasis on **women's** and **children's** issues.

Amount – up to £10,000 a year

Contact – projects based in Scotland are dealt with by the Scottish Community Foundation. See <http://www.scottishcf.org/resources/funds/view/66/volant-charitable-trust/?from=V/1> or further information and to make an application.

Deadline – 27 January 2012

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE

IMPACT INVESTMENT FUND

NEW

The scheme - Deutsche Bank has announced the launch of a new £10m social investment fund. The Bank's Impact Investment Fund will operate as a fund of funds, working with portfolio managers to channel investment into sustainable social businesses over the next three years, aiming to generate a return that more than covers its costs over the next 10 years. The aim of the fund is to develop businesses that have the potential to grow profitably while providing local communities with social benefits such as employment, education and training. Bankers will also work alongside the funds to give financial advice to social entrepreneurs. The fund will be managed to external market standards by investment managers in Deutsche Bank's Private Equity group.

Contact – for more details visit the bank's website at: <http://www.db.com/unitedkingdom/content/en/1842.html>

TOWN TWINNING

EUROPE FOR CITIZENS

The scheme - The European Commission has issued a Call for Proposals under the Europe for Citizens Programme. The Call covers the following actions:

Action 1 - Active Citizens for Europe

1. Town twinning citizens' meetings - indicative budget of €6.1 million.

2. Networks of twinned towns - indicative budget of €4.5 million

Deadlines - 15 February and 1 September 2012

3. Citizens' projects - indicative budget of €1.3 million

4. Support measures - indicative budget of €805,000.

Deadlines - 1 June 2012

Action 2 - Active Civil Society in Europe

Support for projects initiated by civil society organisations - indicative budget of €2.8 million.

Deadline - 15 February 2012

Action 4 - Active European Remembrance

Active European Remembrance - indicative budget of €2.4 million.

Deadline - 1 June 2012

Contact - Further information is available on the EACEA website at

http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/citizenship/funding/2012/index_en.php

WAR MEMORIALS

Following recent media reports of damage to war memorials, we are featuring two grants

SMALL GRANTS SCHEME IN SCOTLAND

The scheme - supports free standing war memorials in Scotland that have no other function than to act as memorials. The money can be spent on urgent and necessary repairs, including structural stabilisation, improving the legibility of eroded inscriptions, certain types of cleaning, and the reinstatement of lost and integral parts of the memorial. Fees for accredited professional conservation advice are also covered. Grants are not available for new memorials, work on graves, design alterations or the addition of names.

Amount - Grants can be for up to £7500 and can cover up to 75% of eligible project costs.

Contact - Full guidance notes are available at www.warmemorials.org/uploads/publications/194.pdf. Applications must begin with an Expression of Interest form available for download at www.warmemorials.org/small-grants-scheme-in-scotland/

Deadline - applications are accepted at any time

WAR MEMORIALS TRUST - SMALL GRANTS

The scheme - covers all war memorials in the UK over 15 years old. However, work to memorials less than 15 years old is eligible where the damage being repaired is due to vandalism. The money comes entirely from the War Memorials Trust. The money can be spent on like-for-like repairs, improving the legibility of eroded inscriptions, certain types of cleaning, and the reinstatement of lost and integral parts of the memorial. In contrast to the other funding schemes, grants can be used to add new names where they can be sympathetically added to the original structure. Grants are not available for new memorials or work on graves.

Amount - Grants can cover up to 50% of eligible costs to a maximum of £2500.

Contact - Full guidance notes are available at www.warmemorials.org/uploads/publications/193.pdf There is also detailed eligibility criteria at www.warmemorials.org/uploads/publications/282.pdf Applications must begin with an Expression of Interest form available for download at www.warmemorials.org/small-grants-scheme/

Deadline - applications are accepted at any time

YOUTH

BRITISH COUNCIL - YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME

The scheme - funding for young people to organise community projects, carry out exchanges with other European countries or to raise young people's awareness of the democratic process. The Youth in Action Programme (2007-2013) is funded by the European Union and provides young people with a variety of opportunities for non-formal and informal learning with a European dimension. They are particularly interested in receiving proposals for:

- Youth Exchanges - projects which bring together groups of young people from two or more countries
- Youth Initiatives - projects which young people initiate, set up and carry out themselves
- The outward part of European Voluntary Service - in which young people carry out voluntary services in Europe.

Contact - Further information on applying, including 2011 application forms and recent changes to the programme guidelines can be found at <http://www.britishcouncil.org/youthinaction>

Deadline - for applications is 1 February, 1 May and 1 October 2012.

CASHBACK FOR COMMUNITIES YOUTHWORX FUND

The scheme - funding for youth work events and activities for young people aged 10 to 19 years.

Amount - The maximum award is £30,000.

Contact - For information on the Fund criteria, guidance notes and an application form visit www.youthlinkscotland.org/Index.asp?MainID=11384

Deadline – 31 May 2012

CREATING SAFETY

A new child protection guide for the creative community in Scotland has been launched to reflect important developments in legislation and policy.

Creating Safety - http://www.childreninScotland.org.uk/html/pub_tshow.php?ref=PUB0380 produced as a joint venture by Children in Scotland and Creative Scotland, provides information on new national child protection

guidance, the introduction of the Protection of Vulnerable Groups (PVG) Scheme, and changing attitudes towards risk assessment.

Creating Safety is useful for anyone working with children and young people in creative activities, from large arts or heritage organisations developing policy and procedures for child protection to volunteers or freelance professional artists working with children and young people.

LANDAID – THE PROPERTY INDUSTRY CHARITY

The scheme – funding for charities to help disadvantaged young people through two schemes

Training, Education and Support Fund - Training, education or support programmes targeted at disadvantaged young people (16-25 year olds), this can include NEETS, homeless or those from a low income background. Projects should engage young people and lead to recognised qualifications or employment.

Capital Projects Fund - Refurbishment, conversion, extension or new build of facilities for young (16-25 year olds) and disadvantaged people - especially projects that have an education or learning element. This can include hostel/foyers, community or youth centres and accommodation.

Amount - Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 are available

Contact - For further information visit: www.landaid.org/grants. If you have any questions regarding these funds please email grants@landaid.org

Deadline - 31 January 2012

O2 – THINK BIG

The scheme - Think Big is for people aged 13 to 25 years old. It's to help make things better in your local community. Your project should be up and running within three months of being accepted

Amount – initially £300, then you may be invited to apply for a larger grant of £2,500

Contact - <http://www.o2thinkbig.co.uk/Start-a-project/>

Deadline – none given

PEARSON'S HOLIDAY FUND

The scheme - The Fund awards grants that financially assist disadvantaged children and young people to have holidays or take part in respite activities in the UK away from their normal environment which would otherwise not be possible without some external financial support. Applications must be submitted by an appropriate third party referring agency. The children must be in the care of a family on low level income. In addition, those whose families are on benefit-level income may have disabilities or health problems, experience abuse or violence in the home, be carers or be in other difficult situations

Amount - The maximum grant available per individual qualifying child/young person is £75. The maximum grant for the children/young people in any one family is £500.

Contact -the referring agency should apply in writing giving details of the child and their circumstances, how much is required and details of the proposed holiday. Contact the General Secretary, Pearson's Holiday Fund, PO Box 3017, South Croydon, Surrey, CR2 9PN.

Deadline - Applications may be submitted at any time.

FUNDING SUPPORT

POLICIES AND TEMPLATES

If you are looking for a policy or format of how to do something, it's often available online. One useful source which includes timesheets, volunteers' agreement, minutes, VAT, child protection and lots more is available from <http://www.birmingham-da.org/downloads>

LOOKING FOR SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING IDEAS?

SOFII is an easily accessible free archive of the best fundraising creativity and innovation from around the world – designed to make you more effective, productive, successful and happy. It can be found at <http://www.sofii.org/>

FREE ENERGY AUDIT

Community Energy Scotland are offering free energy audits for town-based community organisations with physical assets (or about to take on an asset) up until March, 2012. This scheme is available to not-for-profit organisations serving disadvantaged groups and communities in urban areas of Scotland. Support is available from a dedicated project officer to take your project from an idea to a fully complete project; with guidance on what to do, how to go

about it and finding funding to make it happen. So if you want to reduce the energy use in your building and find out what green technologies you can use, contact Ruth Evans, Urban Development Officer, ruth.evans@communityenergyscotland.org.uk 0131 468 8671. See <http://www.communityenergyscotland.org.uk/urbanprogramme.asp> for information.

JUST ENTERPRISE

The programme offers business support and development services to enterprising third sector organisations across Scotland. This can take the form of telephone advice, one to one development support, business consultancy and workshops, and learning programmes and leadership courses. The programme is delivered by different agencies in different parts of Scotland, but can be accessed from www.justenterprise.org.uk.

BRIEFING ON PROTECTION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS LEGISLATION

Voluntary Arts Scotland has produced a useful Briefing on Protection of Vulnerable Groups which may be a useful starting point with regards to the legislation. It is available to download from <http://www.vascotland.org.uk/cgi-bin/website.cgi?tier1=scotland&tier2=VAScotland%20publications&tier3=briefings&fp=true>.

PROMOTE YOURSELF ON THE BBC

On the BBC's new Things to Do website, <http://www.bbc.co.uk/thingstodo> you can discover activities for all ages across the UK, run by the BBC and trusted partners including museums, galleries and nature organisations. **Become a partner yourself and promote your activities online.** Things to Do aims to inspire public participation across ten different categories: Arts & Culture, Entertainment, History, Learning, Lifestyle, Music, Nature, Outdoors & Adventure, Science and Sport.

HELP FOR THIRD SECTOR ORGANISATIONS TO WIN PUBLIC SECTOR CONTRACTS

Ready for Business LLP will raise awareness of the third sector in Scotland's procurement community.

The contract to Develop Markets for Third Sector Providers will result in public service buyers becoming more informed about what the third sector can offer in terms of service delivery options. This will increase business opportunities for the third sector and improve sustainability in the process.

Ready for Business LLP will now begin work to:

- improve the profile of third sector suppliers with the public sector buying community and thereby open markets
- strengthen understanding and application of Community Benefits in Procurement
- encourage routine use of co-production in the design of public services and development of Public-Social Partnerships

Finance Secretary John Swinney said:

"The Scottish Government is determined to help third sector bodies become more competitive, win contracts across public sector markets and become more sustainable and successful. This new programme will allow the third sector to have greater involvement in service design and will increase the use of Community Benefit clauses and public-social partnerships.

Ready for Business LLP will in due course provide further details on activities and make contact with you in order to take things forward.

A link to the press release as follows:-

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2011/12/23120206>

If you are an enterprising third sector organisation you can:

Receive free business development support through the Scottish Government's **Just Enterprise** programme at <http://www.justenterprise.org/>

Register for free on the **Public Contracts Scotland** website at <http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/> and you will automatically be made aware of contract opportunities on the theme(s) in which you have expressed an interest Registering on the **Suppliers Development Programme** <http://www.sdpscotland.co.uk/home.aspx> will give you opportunities to receive support to help you develop as a supplier of services to the public sector

New VAT and tax helpline service for SCVO members

SCVO and Saffery Champness, an independent chartered accountants company have announced a new VAT and tax helpline service exclusively for SCVO members.

The Saffery Champness Charity VAT team have a track record in improving charities' VAT positions. UK charities pay hundreds of millions a year in VAT, much of which can be legitimately reclaimed. The new helpline will not only offer guidance in all VAT issues but also any tax and Gift Aid-related matters. More information on the new service is available on the SCVO website at <http://www.scvo.org.uk/membership/exclusive-benefits/vat-and-tax-helpline/>

EVENTS

The Gathering 2012

The Gathering is a free event that brings together all parts of the third sector. With 3000+ visitors it is the largest event of its kind in the UK. A wide range of exhibitors will be attending the event, and there are over 50 free events to attend. The Gathering takes place at the SECC in Glasgow on 29 February and 1 March 2012. Further details are available at <http://www.gatherscotland.org.uk/>

THE BIG LUNCH

The 'Big Lunch' aims to get as many people as possible to get together with their neighbours for a few hours of community, friendship and fun, once a year. A Big Lunch can be anything from a few neighbours getting together in the garden or on the street, to a full blown party with food, music and decoration that quite literally stops the traffic. For community groups this may be a useful opportunity to bring local people together, tell them what you're doing and make them feel welcome - over a bite to eat. A record number of people are expected organise a local Big Lunch in their community on Sunday 3rd June 2012.

Visit www.thebiglunch.com to order your free Starter Pack with a step-by-step guide to help you get your event off the ground.

FORTHCOMING DEADLINES

15 January

BBC Children in Need - http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml

31 January 2012

Strathmartine Trust (grants for historical publications) <http://strathmartinetrust.org/>

Ernest Cook Trust (environment) <http://www.ernestcooktrust.org.uk/grants/how-to-apply.html>

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