

## **WREN's Biodiversity Action Fund (UK)**

Organisations such as environmental bodies, voluntary groups, charities, not-for-profit organisations, community groups, Local Authorities and Governmental bodies can now apply for funding through WREN's new £10m Biodiversity Action Fund. The aim of this scheme is to conserve ancient woodlands, grasslands, heathlands and wetlands for future generations. The Biodiversity Action Fund seeks projects that relate to specific improvements to a site to aid the conservation of a priority habitat to help achieve national, regional or local biodiversity targets. Applications can involve more than one site where there are clear and defined ecological links between sites and the habitat(s) being supported is the same for each site. In addition, projects which involve research, survey and monitoring work and educational elements may be funded but only where there is a clear intent that this work will lead to actual conservation improvements. Projects must be sited at a clearly identified site(s) within 10 miles of any licensed landfill site in WREN operating areas. Grants of between £75,000 and £250,000 are available and projects can last for up to 5 years. The deadline for applications is the 30th January 2009.

<http://www.wren.org.uk/how-to-apply/biodiversity-action-fund>

## **Funding for Field Equipment (UK)**

Under the programme, the BES offering funding specifically to enable primary and secondary schools as well as tertiary colleges to buy ecology field work equipment. The aim of the grants are to equip science departments with resources that will then enable students' to access high quality educational experiences outside the classroom. The BES would like to promote the use of ecological areas within the wider communities and would hope that schools do not restrict their projects to specific year groups or keystages. Applications which can show greater commitment to the wider community are more likely to succeed. In addition, the BES is willing to part fund larger projects which have already received funding from other sources. Applicants should consider a discrete aspect of the project to which the BES can contribute, however compliance with all previous guidance notes is still required. In many cases the BES is more likely to fund field equipment to make use of such projects. The deadlines for applications are January 31st and April 30th each year

[http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/articles/grants/education/EEG/#Professional\\_Development\\_Courses\\_in\\_Fieldwork](http://www.britishecologicalsociety.org/articles/grants/education/EEG/#Professional_Development_Courses_in_Fieldwork)

## **Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme (UK)**

The Tesco Charity Trust has announced that its Community Awards scheme to support children's welfare and children's education (including special needs schools) is now open for applications. There are two funding rounds every year and the current funding round is open from the 1st December 2008 to the 31st January 2009. Through the current funding round, the Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £1,000 and £4,000 towards

projects that directly benefit children and children with disabilities, living in the local communities around our stores in the UK. Projects that the Trust have previously supported include;

- Playground equipment in schools and local communities
- Sensory garden or room projects
- Outdoor classrooms
- Breakfast and after school clubs
- Holiday play-schemes
- Part funding to purchase minibuses; etc.

The Trust also runs a awards scheme for prokects that help elderly people and/or people with disabilities. This scheme is due to open for applications on the 1st February 2009.

[http://www.tescopl.com/plc/corporate\\_responsibility/local\\_communities/community\\_investment/charitable\\_giving/tesco\\_charity\\_trust/](http://www.tescopl.com/plc/corporate_responsibility/local_communities/community_investment/charitable_giving/tesco_charity_trust/)

## **Bridging the Gap (UK)**

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT), which is an independent grant-making organisation that was established in 1999 to improve the quality of life in Britain's coalfield communities has announced that it is seeking applications under its Bridging the Gap programme. Under this programme grants of between £500 and £10,000 are available to community and voluntary groups within the coalfield communities to improve the quality of people lives. The CRT will support projects that fit into one or more of the following funding themes:

- Access to employment
- Education and skills
- Health and wellbeing
- Access to opportunities.

CRT offers quick access to funds and and aims to make a decision within 12 weeks of receiving an application. The funding programme is due to run for three years from April 2008 to March 2011. Since being founded, the CRT has awarded £150 million through its grant-making programmes. In addition to the Bridging the Gap programme, the CRT can award grants of up to £300,000 through its main grants programme to bigger voluntary, community and statutory organisations. Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/>

## **Leonardo Da Vinci Small Scale Partnership Projects (UK)**

Organisations who are new to European funding or who are looking to work with European partners on a small scale may be eligible to apply for funding through the Leonardo Da Vinci's Partnerships Projects fund. Leonardo Partnership projects are designed to allow organisations from across Europe to work together in a small scale co-operation activity. Partners work on a specific topic or theme and are able to visit each other to share their experiences and practices. The funding provided allows partners to meet, find out about each other's organisations and working practices, and share expertise on the theme. You also have the opportunity to involve your trainees and teachers or trainers in the project. Projects last for two years and must involve at least 3 partners in 3 different participating countries. The level of funding available is based upon the number of visits made to partner organisations – these are referred to as 'mobilities' and range from €10,000 for a minimum of 4 mobilities to €23,000 for a minimum of 24 mobilities. In addition potential applicants can use Preparatory Visits funding to meet new partners or discuss your Partnerships application with existing partners. The closing date for applications is the 20th February 2009.

<http://www.leonardo.org.uk/page.asp?section=00010001001900020001&sectionTitle=Partnerships>

## **Darwin Scoping Awards (UK)**

The Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has announced that it is seeking applications through the Darwin Scoping Awards. Through the awards organisations can apply for funding towards travel costs to a host country to enable UK institutions to develop a full Darwin project application in collaboration with host country partners. The aim of the Darwin Initiative is to assist those countries which are rich in biodiversity but poor in financial resources to implement the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) through the funding of collaborative projects which draw on UK biodiversity expertise. The purpose of the Scoping Awards is to ensure that more UK organisations with biodiversity expertise have the chance to apply for Darwin project funding, by enabling less well-resourced organisations to develop project applications. Funding of up to a total maximum of £3,000 will be provided for the actual travel and subsistence costs for one or two people. Applications deadline is 20 February 2009.

<http://darwin.defra.gov.uk/apply/scoping/>

## **Cemex Community Fund (UK)**

The CEMEX Community Fund is a grant-giving fund established by CEMEX under the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme. Its aim is to support sustainable local community and environmental projects within 3 miles of a CEMEX operations. Each year Cemex makes available grants of between £1,000 and

£15,000 to support a small number of projects in England, Scotland and Wales. Support is available for projects:

- Which provide and maintain public parks and amenities when the work protects the social built and/or natural environment
- Repair, or restore buildings or structures which are of religious, historical or architectural interest.

Organisations wishing to apply need to be enrolled as an Environmental Body with Entrust, the Regulator of the Landfill Community Fund. The deadline for applications is the 30th April 2009 for Stage 1 Expression of Interest forms.

<http://www.rmccf.org.uk/index.php>

## **The Ibrahim Foundation (UK)**

The Ibrahim Foundation was established in 2007 by Azeem Ibrahim in memory of his father Muhammad Ibrahim. The Foundation is a private grant making body and is not a registered charity or a limited liability company. The Foundation offers grants to organisations which aim to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK. The Ibrahim Foundation like to consider work which others may find hard to fund. They offer grants of between £500 and £10,000 and in some cases up to £50,000. They do not have areas of focus in grant making, but they are particularly interested in the following areas:

- Community building
- The environment (Scotland only)
- Strengthening not for profit organisations
- Supporting families.

Applications can be made at any time and grants are awarded twice a year.

<http://www.ibrahimfoundation.com/home.html>

## **Funding for Christian Charities Promoting Social Inclusion (UK)**

The Anchor Foundation provides grants of between £500 and £10,000 per year to Christian Charities that encourage social inclusion through ministries of healing and the arts. Funding can be awarded for up to three years. The Foundation will consider applications for either capital or revenue funding. Only in exceptional circumstances will grants be given for building work. Previously funded projects include:

- The Karis Neighbour Scheme which received a grant of £700 for revenue costs at a drop in centre for women refugees in Birmingham

- Discovery Camps which received a grant of £1500 to subsidise holidays for children arranged by churches in and around Dundee
- Scargill House which received a grant of £5,000 to facilitate cross cultural engagement and understanding amongst children using arts based residential courses in Yorkshire.

Applications are considered at twice yearly trustees meetings in April and November and need to be received by 31st January and 31st July each year.

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

## **Bus Service Operators Grant (UK)**

Not - for - profit organisations that operate community transport scheme may be able to claim fuel duty rebates through the Bus Service Operators grant scheme. To be eligible organisations need to operate services wholly or mainly used by:

- People aged over 60
- Disabled people
- People receiving income support
- People receiving jobseekers allowance
- People suffering a degree of social exclusion
- People who believe it is unsafe for them to travel on public transport
- Carers or people under 16 accompanying any of the above.

An organisation wishing to receive Bus Service Operators Grant (BSOG) first has to apply for acceptance on to the BSOG scheme. To enable the body's eligibility to be checked it should submit to the Department for Transport a copy of its Section 19 Permit (or Permits if relevant) and such other documentation as is necessary to show that it provides transport services in the eligible categories.

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/regional/buses/busgrants/bsog/busserviceoperatorsgrantbsog3542>

## **GreenPrints (UK)**

A partnership of five of the country's leading not-for-profit organisations have come together to provide support and funding to help young people improve green spaces in our communities. SITA Trust, v the youth volunteering charity, BTCV, The Wildlife Trusts and the BBC's Breathing Places campaign, have joined forces to develop a two-year programme called GreenPrints which will offer

funding of up to £10,000, as well as support and practical expertise from the partners, to enable 16–25 year olds to make a real difference to the communities in which they live. The funding is open to not for profit organisations for projects designed and delivered by groups of volunteers aged 16 to 25. SITA Trust and v have each pledged £1 million to fund the programme, making it one of the largest single investments made by either organisation to any funding programme. The overall programme will be managed using the expertise and experience of SITA Trust and BTCV. One of the most unusual elements of this programme is the individual, dedicated mentor-support that will be provided by the BTCV and The Wildlife Trusts to assist with the practical delivery of every single project that is supported. If you are aged between 16 and 25 and want to put something back into your community visit the GreenPrints pages at [www.sitatrust.org.uk](http://www.sitatrust.org.uk) to find out more. The deadline for applications is the 25th January 2008.

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply/greenprints>

## **Arts Awards (UK)**

The Wellcome Trust is inviting organisations and individuals to apply for funding through its Arts Awards. The Arts Awards support projects that engage the public with biomedical science through the arts including dance, drama, performance arts, visual arts, music, film, craft, photography, creative writing or digital media. Applications are invited for projects up to £30,000. The aim of the awards is to support arts projects that reach new audiences which may not traditionally be interested in science and provide new ways of thinking about the social, cultural and ethical issues around contemporary science. The scheme is open to a wide range of people including, among others, artists, scientists, curators, filmmakers, writers, producers, directors, academics, science communicators, teachers, arts workers and education officers. For small to medium-sized projects (up to and including £30 000) upcoming deadlines are: 9 January 2009, 3 April 2009, and 31 July 2009. Decisions will be made approximately three months after the relevant deadline. For large projects (over £30, 000) the next deadline is 23 January 2009.

<http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/Arts-Awards/index.htm>