

Scottish Government Launches £1 Million Energy Efficiency Design Awards (Scotland)

A new £1 million pound annual prize fund to inspire innovative ways of improving the energy efficiency of Scotland's housing sector has been launched. The Scottish Government has announced that the Scottish Energy Efficiency Design Awards will be open to applications from April this year. The Scottish Energy Efficiency Design Awards are based on a manifesto commitment for a £1 million award to bring together designers, the construction and manufacturing industries to create the best energy efficiency solutions for Scotland. The Energy Saving Trust will manage the Design Awards. The awards will focus on innovation and design solutions to encourage the development of low carbon buildings, with a particular emphasis on housing. The aim is to drive innovation, research and development of new low carbon products and services for the retrofit market, as well as developing skills and capabilities of business and supporting local supply chains. Applicants to the Scottish Energy Efficiency Design Awards should contact Jennie Devlin at the Energy Saving Trust on 0131 555 7900.

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/News/Releases/2009/02/03100504>

B&Q's One Planet Living Awards 2009 (UK)

B&Q as announced that the One Planet Living Awards for 2009 are now open for applications. Through the scheme, awards of up to £10,000 of B&Q products are available to environmental groups, community organisations, schools, charities or sports clubs, etc across the UK and Ireland which are working on projects that aim to enhance the local community or help return to the One Planet Living. One Planet Living aims to support activities to reduce the impact we are having on the world's natural resources. One Planet Living is based on the premise that if we continue to live as we do in the UK, we will need three planets to maintain our way of life. To be eligible, community-based projects must fall within one of the following categories:

- Save energy
- Conserve nature
- Support local culture & heritage
- Grow your own.

B&Q are looking to support 40 projects:

- 1 of £10,000
- 4 of £5,000
- 35 of £2,000.

The deadline for applications is 27 March 2009.

http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/bq/templates/content_lookup.jsp?content=/aboutbandq/2004/social_responsibility/YCDI_Awards/main.jsp&menu=aboutbandq

Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards (UK)

The Tesco Charity Trust has announced that it is now accepting applications for projects that support the Elderly and Adults and Children with disabilities. The funding is available to community and voluntary groups who can apply for grants of between £1,000 and £5,000. The Tesco Charity Trust has been in existence since 1987 and aims to provide approximately £600,000 in grants each year. In addition the Trust also provides grants for projects that support children's education and welfare. The next application round to support children's education and welfare projects will re-open on the 1st May 2009. The closing date for applications for projects that support the Elderly and Adults and Children with disabilities is the 31st March 2009.

http://www.tescopl.com/plc/corporate_responsibility/local_communities/community_investment/charitable_giving/tesco_charity_trust/

Hilton in The Community Foundation (UK)

Organisations that work with young people have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £50,000 per year through the Hilton Foundation. During 2006, the Foundation made grants totalling over £1.3m to numerous organisations including registered charities and schools for activities and projects that meet one of the Foundation's three chosen areas of focus:

- Young People – Education
- Young People – Health
- Disaster Relief and International Fund.

Previously supported projects by the Foundation have included:

- The Palmer Junior School, which received a grant of £2,740 to help send 11 young people on a school field trip, who could otherwise not afford it.
- The Red Gates School, which received a grant of £750 for specialist equipment at the school.

Examples of previously funded projects include; the Rett Syndrome Association UK, which received a grant of £3,000 towards an activities programme including family weekends, paediatric clinics with various therapies and transition; and the Rainbows Children's Hospice, which received a grant of £7,507 towards the refurbishment of facilities and purchase of AV equipment to create a cinema for the children. For more information on projects funded through the Hilton foundation please go to

<http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/who%20we%20support.htm>

The next closing date for applications is the 5th May 2009.

<http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm>

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (UK)

Within the UK, the Trust makes grants to both organisations and individuals for activities that:

- Relate to peace and conflict resolution
- Promote racial justice, including empowering black and minority ethnic people to engage in decision making and policy development
- Develop an appropriate relationship between people and the institutions that affect them, including the promotion of accountability, openness, responsiveness and a respect for human rights across the public and private sectors
- Quaker concerns which helps to deepen the spiritual life of the Society of Friends or that develops Quaker responses to problems of our time.

The Trust tends to fund work that is on a national level and there are no maximum grant limits although the Trust does stress that costings need to be realistic. The next deadline for applications is 6th April for the Ireland programme and the 27th April 2009 for all other programmes.

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

Sparks: The Clore Jewish Development Fund Opens for Applications (UK)

The Clore Duffield Foundation has announced that it is seeking applications through the Sparks: The Clore Jewish Development Fund. The Fund was launched in January 2007 and supports innovative cultural, educational and development projects in Jewish communities (excluding London). Applications are being accepted from not-for-profit organisations, limited companies and schools. The total fund available is £100,000 per year and Sparks are offering grants of between £1,000 and £20,000 to:

- Support cultural, educational and communal projects and events
- Outreach and access initiatives
- Interfaith projects
- Student activity if it benefits the wider community
- Capacity building and training.

Previous projects supported include the Exeter Hebrew Congregation to support a Community of Learners Course; and Salaam Shalom an Interfaith Radio Station Volunteer Training Project in Bristol. The deadline for applications is the 30 April 2009.

http://www.cloreduffield.org.uk/page_sub.php?id=72&parent=35

Trusthouse Charitable Foundation (UK)

The Trusthouse Charitable Foundation has announced that funding is available to local and national charities or not-for-profit organisations that address rural and urban deprivation. Under Rural Issues grants are available for projects that could include for example providing transport for the elderly, disabled or disadvantaged; contact networks for young disabled people; projects which encourage a sense of community such as community centres and village halls; employment training schemes especially those promoting local, traditional crafts; projects addressing issues such as drug/alcohol misuse or homelessness. Under the Urban Deprivation grants are available for projects that could include for example youth clubs; training schemes to help people out of unemployment; drop in centres for the homeless. In addition, from July 2009, the Foundation will start a three year themed grant which will fund projects addressing mental health issues for prisoners and ex-offenders. The Grants Committee meets quarterly to consider applications at the beginning of February, May, July and November. The deadlines for submitting applications are generally 2 months before the date of a meeting.

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

Time Running Out to get Green Grants (UK)

The Government has announced that charities and organisations like schools and hospitals have until June 2009 to apply for grants through the Low Carbon Buildings Programme to install green energy generating equipment like solar panels, wind turbines or biomass boilers. Through the scheme charities and public sector bodies can apply for 50% of the costs of installing small scale energy generating equipment such as solar panels, wind turbines or biomass boilers. To date 367 schools have benefitted from Low Carbon Buildings Programme funds. Not only do schools have the opportunity to cut their fuel bills by generating their own energy, but pupils can learn about climate change. For example, Sandwich Technology School in Kent, was given a grant of £9,000 from the Low Carbon Buildings Programme to install a wind turbine. Homeowners can also apply for grants of up to £2,500 to help towards the cost of installing small scale energy generating equipment. Homeowners have until June 2010 to apply.

<http://nds.coi.gov.uk/Content/Detail.asp?ReleaseID=389255&NewsAreaID=2>

Nationwide Foundation Seeks Applications Under its Small Grants Programme (UK)

The Nationwide Foundation which works towards a just and caring society by enabling people to take part in building better futures in their communities is currently accepting applications for funding under its Small Grants Programme. Under the programme grants of up to £5,000 are available to registered charities with a yearly income of less than £500,000. The Small Grants Programme is part of Nationwide Foundation's Supporting Families programme and has the following aims; to promote the well-being of young men, women and children whose lives have been affected by domestic violence and to reduce the prevalence of domestic violence through increased service provision, education and

awareness raising; to improve the quality of life of families with a member or members in prison, through the provision of services responsive to their needs; and to provide young people who are or have been involved with the criminal justice system with a rehabilitation programme designed to obtain the skills, confidence and personal support networks to enable them to lead fulfilled and successful lives . Previous projects funded include a grant of £5,000 towards the salary costs of a counsellor involved in the specialist support and advocacy service for women suffering domestic violence and a grant of £4,000 towards setting up workshops for women from Black and Minority Ethnic groups living in the London Borough of Newham, who are experiencing domestic abuse and difficulties in their relationships. There is no application closing date for the Small Grants Programme.

<http://www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/default.asp>

The Drug Prevention and Information Programme (UK)

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals under the Drug Prevention and Information Programme. The aim of the programme is to support projects that significantly reduce the social harm and health damage caused by the use of, and trade in, illicit drugs. Under this call for proposals the programme will seek to support transnational actions that:

- Set up multidisciplinary networks that can make a clear and specific contribution to achieving the objectives of this programme
- Ensure the expansion of the knowledge base, the exchange of information and the identification and dissemination of good practice, e.g. through training, study visits and staff exchanges
- Raise awareness of the social and health problems caused by drugs use and to encourage an open dialogue with a view to promoting a better understanding of the drug phenomenon

- Support measures aimed at preventing drug use, including the reduction of drug-related harm and treatment methods, taking into account the latest state of scientific knowledge.

The total budget for this call is € 2,221,700. Applicants can apply for grants of between €75.000 and € 500.000.

The deadline for applications is the 8 April 2009.

http://ec.europa.eu/justice_home/funding/drugs/funding_drugs_en.htm#

Rosa – The Fund for Women and Girls (UK)

Rosa is the first UK-wide fund for projects working with women and girls has announced that it will be launching its first call for proposals at the end of February 2009. Rosa will award grants to projects working with women and girls in 4 key areas. These are Economic Justice, for example, a social enterprise that helps young women get on the career ladder; Health & Wellbeing, for example, a group of women organising in their local community for better family health services; Leadership – for example, a project that encourages young BME women to engage with local MPs about issues important to them; and Safety – for example, a national charity providing shelter and support for survivors of domestic violence. This call for proposals will focus on Womens Body Image. A total of £25,000 will be available to projects that; work with at least two partners, who are engaged with the media and who address the question 'How can you support women and girls to develop a positive body image?.

<http://www.rosauk.org/default.aspx>

UnLtd Announces Next Funding Round to Support Social Entrepreneurs (UK)

UnLtd, the national charity that supports social entrepreneurs, has announced that the spring 2009 UnLtd Millennium Awards (Level 2) competition is open for applications. UnLtd's Millennium Awards provide practical and financial support to social entrepreneurs in the UK to

develop their ideas and projects. Level 2 Awards provides grants of between £10,000 and £20,000 to support people whose ideas are already developed or pay for the living expenses of Award Winners to help them devote more time to their projects. In addition, UnLtd also provides grants of between £500 and £5,000 through its Level 1 Awards. The aim of Level 1 awards provide grants of between £500 and £5,000 to develop new ideas into real projects. UnLtd gives out 1,000 Level 1 Awards each year across the UK. Level 1 Awards are aimed at individuals or informal groups of people who have an idea and want help getting it off the ground. The money is to help with the running costs of the project. Applications for Level 1 Awards can be submitted at any time. The deadline for submitting an initial Expression of Interest form for level 2 Awards is 12 noon on the 6th March 2009. Scotland and Wales Level 2 Awards are on a different timetable, so please contact your regional office for more details.

<http://www.unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=1&PageName=whatareunltdawards>

Architectural Heritage Fund (UK)

The Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF), which is a registered charity that promotes the conservation and regeneration of historic buildings in the UK. Funding is available to voluntary organisations building preservation trusts to regenerate historic buildings to create community and education facilities, workspace and homes. To be eligible to apply for funding through the AHF, organisations need to be a registered charity and the building(s) must be listed, scheduled as an ancient monument or in a Conservation Area (if in a Conservation Area, it must be of acknowledged historic or architectural importance). The project must also involve a change of ownership and/or a change of use. Previously funded projects include turning run down historic buildings into community theatres, resource centres, community learning centres, workspaces, places to live and community meeting places, etc. The next closing date for applications is the 7th May 2009.

<http://www.ahfund.org.uk/index.html>

Erasmus Mundus 2009-2013 (UK)

The European Commission has announced a call for proposals under its Erasmus Mundus programme. Erasmus Mundus is a co-operation and mobility scheme in the area of higher education. The aim of this call for proposals is to facilitate the setting up of postgraduate programmes of outstanding academic quality, jointly developed by consortia of European and, where relevant, Third-Country Universities and that could contribute to the increased visibility and attractiveness of the European Higher Education sector. For each of the selected proposals, a five year Framework Partnership Agreements (FPA) will be issued in the summer of 2009. These FPA's will give rise to the award of annual Specific Grant Agreements starting from the academic year 2010/2011 which will include on the one hand a financial support to the consortia implementing the joint programmes and on the other a yearly defined number of individual scholarships for European and Third-Country students, doctoral candidates and scholars. The application deadline is the 30th April 2009.

http://ec.europa.eu/education/external-relation-programmes/doc72_en.htm

LIFE+ Programme to Launch Next Call for Proposals (UK)

The European Commission has announced that it will be launching a new call for proposals under the LIFE+ programme on the 15th May 2009. The LIFE + programme is the EU's main fund for supporting environmental projects. With a budget of €2.143 billion, Life + (2007 -13) it will address all four priority areas of the Sixth Environment Action Programme. These are:

- Climate change
- Nature and biodiversity
- Health and quality of life

- Natural resources and waste.

Life + is divided into a number of funding strands that will support; best practice or demonstration projects that contribute to the implementation of the EU's Birds and Habitats Directives; innovative and demonstration projects that halt the loss of biodiversity; projects that contribute to the implementation of Community environmental policy; and projects that implement communication and awareness raising campaigns on environmental, nature protection or biodiversity conservation issues, as well as projects related to forest fire prevention. LIFE+ funding is available to both public and private bodies registered in the EU. The maximum co-financing rate will be 50%. Since the LIFE unit anticipates that there are unlikely to be significant changes with respect to the 2008 call, it recommends that potential applicants begin preparing their applications using the 2008 applications package. The total budget that will be made available to support the call will be of EUR 250 million. An example of a project funded through LIFE was submitted by Royal Society for the Protection of Birds to bring about a significant and sustained improvement in the condition two Special Areas of Conservation in Wales.

<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

Interreg IVB North Sea Region Programme (UK)

The Interreg IVB North Sea Region Programme (2007 – 13) has announced that it will be launching a new call for proposals on the 2nd March 2009. The aim of the Programme is to financially support transnational projects and partnerships that enhance the overall quality of life for residents of the North Sea Region by ensuring that there is access to more and better jobs, by sustaining and enhancing the acknowledged environmental qualities of the region, by improving accessibility to places and ensuring that our communities are viable, vibrant and attractive places to live and work. Within eligible areas of the UK local, regional and national authorities, NGOs, research institutions, universities and private partners can apply for funding that:

- Increase innovation, enhances the quality of the environment

- Improves accessibility of places and delivers sustainable and competitive communities.

The closing date for applications will be Monday the 30th March 2009.

<http://www.northsearegion.eu/ivb/news/show/&tid=277>

The LankellyChase Foundation (UK)

The Lankelly Chase Foundation has announced that it will publish new grant making guidelines in March 2009. Under the previous guidelines the Foundation provided grants of up to £15,000 per year (for up to three years) for projects in the areas of the arts, heritage, breaking the cycle of abusive relationships, developing inclusive communities, mental health, reducing offending and supporting work with asylum seekers. In addition capital grants of up to £10,000 were available. The Foundation tends to focus its support on smaller charities.

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

The Britannia Building Society Foundation (UK)

Registered Charities and Schools, working within education and who are seeking funding specifically for numeracy and/or - financial literacy projects can apply to the Britannia Building Society Foundation for grants of between £1,000 and £25,000. Over the last six years the Foundation has made grants totalling £3 million. Applications can be submitted at any time and there is a simple application form which is available on request by e-mailing charitable.foundation@britannia.co.uk or telephoning on 01538 391734. In addition voluntary groups, charities and schools can apply for grants of up to £1,000 through the Britannia Community Fund. The Fund also supports individual members wishing to achieve personal development goals that support the fund's our key priorities with a donation of up to £100. The Community Fund will support any voluntary organisation, school or charity working within Foundations key priorities of numeracy and/or - financial literacy, that operate within a local community where the Building Society has a high density of members.

Whilst the Britannia Community Fund focuses on buying specific items or equipment, e.g. educational toys, books, it will also support small projects in support of our key priorities. Applications to the Community Fund can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.britannia.co.uk/home/membership/community/index.html>

Allan Lane Foundation Grants Programme (UK)

The Allan Lane Foundation provides grants of between £500 and £15,000 to small voluntary not-for-profit organisations, where the work benefits groups of people who face hostility in UK society today. The Foundation wishes to fund work which:

- Will make a lasting difference to people's lives
- Is aimed at reducing isolation, stigma and discrimination
- Encourages or enables unpopular groups to share in the life of the whole community.

Priority groups that the Foundation seeks to support includes asylum-seekers and refugees; gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgender people, gypsies and travellers, offenders and ex-offenders, older people, people from black and minority ethnic communities and migrant workers, people experiencing mental health problems, people experiencing violence or abuse. The Foundation makes grants for work all over the United Kingdom but not where the beneficiaries of the work all live in London. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.allenlane.org.uk/priorities.htm>

Third Sector Research Programme (UK)

Under this programme, community and voluntary groups are able to apply for grants of between £10,000 and £ 500,000 (and for exception

projects up to £1 million) for up to five years to undertake research in the areas of health and social wellbeing. Applicant organisations are encouraged to link up with universities and the wider research community, however universities themselves are ineligible to apply for funding. It is expected that the findings from funded research will ultimately lead to the development of better services for people in the UK. To apply for funding, organisations must first register with the programme. If your registration is accepted you will be sent a password to open the on-line application form. Applications can be submitted at any time up to the 29th May 2009

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

Customer Donation Fund (UK)

Organisations that bank with the Co-operative Bank using their Community Directplus Bank Account, have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Bank's Customer Donation Fund. The Customer Donation Fund grows directly in relation to customers' deposits. For every £100 increase in collective balance held in Community Directplus accounts, the Co-operative Bank will add 20p to the fund. Then, twice a year, in April and October, the Bank will judge customers' applications for project funding and distribute a minimum of £5,000 amongst those customers that are successful. Every Community Directplus customer is entitled to make an application for funding. Previously successful projects include Whiston Parish Council, which received a grant of £1,000 to purchase specialist equipment to make the village recreation ground more accessible to children with disabilities. Bradford's Buttershaw Millennium Green Trust, which is a not-for-profit organisation made up of people from the local community received a grant of £500 to launch a new community website, with the aim of promoting local events and encouraging a deeper sense of community. Applications are judged twice a year, in April and October.

<http://www.co-operativebank.co.uk/servlet/Satellite/1196151412586,CFSweb/Page/Business-CommunityBanking>

The Joanies Trust (UK)

Registered charities working with young people aged 11 to 25 are eligible to apply for grants through the Joanies Trust. Each year, the Trust makes approximately 30 grants with an average value of £1,000 to support projects that offer intensive support to young people as well as those that promote preventative work, and especially those that are designed to lead to individual development through integration, work opportunities or accreditation. In particular the Trust is looking to support projects that show innovation and imagination as well as evidence of close consultation with young people in developing their project.

Previous projects supported include:

Derby Playhouse for a project (Hot Tickets), which distributes tickets to members of the community who may never have a chance to see a live performance due to financial circumstances or to social exclusion. Beneficiaries include young disabled people between the ages of 11 and 18 who are proactively targeted by a Community Liaison Officer and engaged in the theatre. Workshops encourage them to take up education and training opportunities and help build new skills and work experience, contributing to their employability; and

The Trinity Sailing Trust which received funding for a project that delivers an innovative programme designed to use offshore sail training on traditional vessels as a way of engaging disadvantaged and disaffected young people, achieving a change in attitudes and expectations, and using it to empower them to change the course of their lives for the better.

The next deadline for applications is the 30th April 2009.

<http://www.joaniestrust.org.uk/index.htm>

Google Grants (UK)

The Google Grants UK beta programme supports organisations sharing Google's philosophy of community service to help the world in areas such as:

- science and technology
- education
- global public health
- the environment
- youth advocacy
- the arts.

Designed for registered charities, Google Grants provides free advertising on Google AdWords, to charities seeking to inform and engage their constituents online. Google Grants has given free AdWords advertising to hundreds of charitable groups whose missions range from animal welfare to literacy, from supporting homeless children to promoting HIV education. As a result of this free advertising many charities have experienced an increase in the recruitment of volunteers and sponsorship. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.google.com/grants/>

Impetus Trust Grants Scheme (UK)

Charities that work with and want to improve the lives of disadvantaged people have the opportunity to apply for funding through the Impetus Trust. The Trust provides funding, capacity building and hands-on management support to small to medium-sized charities that are at a critical stage in their development. The support which is usually available between three and five years aims to ensure that charities are in a

position to increase their impact upon the lives of disadvantage people. To be eligible for support they must:

- Work with a substantial number of disadvantaged people
- Have a desire to maximise their impact; have an income between £250,000- £10million pa
- Be operational for at least three years
- Have their HQ and a significant portion of their management in England and Wales.

The investment package which Impetus offers is flexible but is most likely to be between £150,000- £300,000. Applications can be made at any time.

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