

Community Chest - Voluntary Action Fund's New Grants Programme (Scotland)

The Voluntary Action Fund has announced that in September 2008, it will launch its "Community Chest" Grants Programme. This is a new grants programme aimed at small community groups across Scotland. Through this new grants programme, the Voluntary Action Fund is particularly keen to fund community groups from Glackmannanshire, Iverclyde and South Ayrshire. The Community Chest will provide grants of up to £1,000 to help small community groups with an income of under £25,000 fund their activities. The aim of the Community Chest is to help build the capacity of groups in Scotland to deliver their activities. Groups in receipt of a grant will also have the opportunity to attend a number of free workshops covering topics such as charity law, making successful funding applications and managing money. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/grant-schemes/Comm>

Funding for Small Scale Regeneration Projects (UK)

Local community groups, community enterprises and registered charities that address social and economic deprivation within specific geographic areas such as a housing estate, neighbourhood or village may be eligible to apply for grants of up to £5,000 through Comic Relief's Disadvantaged Communities programme. The focus of the programme is on small scale local projects which were started by local residents who came together to try to make their community better. This programme does not support work over a larger area, for example, city-wide initiatives or across a whole town. To be eligible applicants need to have a turnover of less than £150,000. Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/uk/application/dc-preview.php>

Entries Invited for the Schools Etc Awards (UK)

The national learning charity ContinYou, is inviting schools and children's centres, youth groups and community groups, as well as clusters of schools and/or children's centres to enter the Schools ETC Awards. This year schools, etc, can enter the awards and win a first prize of £2,000 and a runner's up prize of £1,000. Each year the award has a different theme. This year the theme is "Enjoy and Achieve": putting the smile back into learning. Schools and other eligible organisations, are invited to submit entries that show:

- How their activities and programmes have inspired children and young people to learn;
- How their activity has encouraged families and communities to get involved, to learn together.

Previous examples of activities that have caught the imagination of the Schools ETC team include: The dads and lads group at Kelleholm Primary, Dumfries, who, after a visit to a local castle constructed their own model trebuchets. They held a competition to see which of their mini siege

engines could launch a brussels sprout the furthest. This activity was one element of an ongoing programme aimed at getting fathers involved in their children's education, and linked in with support for the fathers through training, volunteering and employability opportunities. Entries to the Award may be for a one-off event (for example: a family literacy day), a programme that takes place over a limited period of time (for example: a summer play scheme) or an ongoing activity (for example: an after-school club). The closing date for entries is the 21st October 2008.

http://www.continyou.org.uk/subscribe/schools_etc_and_etc_online/awards_2008

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;
- 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>

Help the Hospices - Professional Development Grants (UK)

Help the Hospices, the national charity for the hospice movement, has announced that it is seeking applications through its Professional Development Grants scheme to help support the cost of individuals' continuing professional development. The Professional Development Grants help to support the cost of individuals' continuing professional development in independent voluntary hospices and are available towards attending accredited courses (at certificate, diploma and degree level), conferences, and study days across a wide range of disciplines. Funding for staff in NHS units, other hospices or in nursing homes is also available but exclusively for training in palliative care. A maximum of 50% of the fees (up to £750 pa) may be awarded to individuals whose applications must

be endorsed by their employer. Applications can be submitted at any time but must arrive at Help the Hospices at least one month before the start of the course.

http://www.helpthehospices.org.uk/grants/dsp_pdg.asp

The Skillset Scotland Freelance Training Fund (Scotland)

Grants of up to £1,000 are available to individuals working in the Scottish Screen Industries on a freelance basis. The funding is being made available through the Skillset Scotland Freelance Training Fund to support the professional development of freelancers working in the Scottish screen industries (film, TV, animation, computer games and interactive media). Individuals that are eligible to apply are those that; are resident in Scotland; can demonstrate professional experience in the film, TV, animation, computer games or interactive media industries; have checked with the recognised training provider that the course is not receiving another form of public subsidy; can demonstrate how the training will benefit their career; and have applied for a structured training course and have been accepted by the training provider. Applications need to be received at least 5 days before the training course is due to start. Applications are accepted at any time until the end of March 2009.

http://www.skillset.org/uk/scotland/trainingfund/article_6703_1.asp

European Youth Foundation Grants (UK)

The European Youth Foundation is an independent, international, non-governmental organisation dedicated to the positive development of children and young people throughout the world. To support its objectives the Foundation makes grants to international not for profit youth organisations and networks. The types of activities supported include; international youth meeting, the development of projects that benefits young people and help towards the administrative costs of eligible organisations and networks. In addition the Foundation also funds a range of pilot projects. The next application deadline is the 1st October 2008.

www.eyfb.coe.int/EYCBwwwroot/index.asp?language=eng&url=/EYCBwwwroot/ENG/EYF.asp