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Funding Information North East

Opportunities

Durham University Charities Kommittee (Grant – Durham / North East)

Typically £200 - £300 for charities. Total fund this year around £25,000. Deadline 29th March 2013.

Durham University Charities Kommittee (DUCK) is the fundraising arm of Durham Students' Union.

DUCK primarily supports small local charities within both the Durham area and the wider North East, or charities with links to a Durham student – but do welcome applications from any charity.

<http://duck-do.es/fund2013>

Source: Direct / FINE

Esmée Fairbairn North East Fund (Grant – North East)

Now open. VCSE (income £50,000 - £250,000) – not open to recipients of Esmée Fairbairn Foundation grant. Typically £10,000 - £30,000. First deadline 25th April 2013.

The £0.5m Esmée Fairbairn North East Fund (EFNEF) will run 2013-2015 and will be managed by the Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland. The fund is open to groups working in areas of deprivation in the North East from Tyne & Wear, Northumberland, County Durham and Tees Valley.

Grants are unlikely to be less than £10,000 and will usually cover a 12 month period. The maximum grant will be for £30,000 covering up to three years.

The general criteria are that organisations and projects should

- address a significant gap in provision
- develop or strengthen good practice
- challenge convention, take risks to address difficult issues and test out new idea or practices

Applications can be for core or project costs, and this includes staff salaries and overheads.

The fund will have a particular focus on work that is taking place in the most deprived parts of the North East. The fund will reflect the tone and breadth of the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation's funding priorities and fit within its four strands:

- **Arts** - applications are invited from organisations which are testing out new approaches of working and pioneering new ways of engaging with audiences and supporting their local community. Organisations and projects should be working with harder to reach groups and/or be addressing difficult issues.
- **Education and Learning** - projects should offer practical solutions to help disadvantaged people. They should enhance the skills, attitude and experiences of people on a pathway to achieving their goals. Applicant groups should be engaged with innovative ways of learning, and be looking at unorthodox approaches to find ways of helping people who are not accessing formal learning. Projects will need to demonstrate that they will have a positive impact on their local community
- **Environment** - the fund will consider projects where communities take practical actions on the environment issues that directly affect them, and where quick and decisive action can make a difference at a local level. Projects may be looking at how local people can protect and conserve their environment for the future.
- **Social Change** - the fund will consider projects that tackle barriers to participation in society and redress unfairness, injustice and inequality. Organisations should have ideas for projects that are practical and could be deceptively simple, but successfully deal with problems in their community

Applications for the first round can be submitted from 4th March until noon on Thursday 25th April 2013. Funded projects would be able to begin from the start of July 2013. A further grant round in 2013 will be open for applications after mid-August for projects that could get underway at the start of 2014. There will be two further rounds in 2014 and one in 2015.

www.communityfoundation.org.uk

Source: Direct / FINE

Millfield House Foundation (Grant - North East)

Usually £5,000 - £20,000 (usually make 5-10 grants a year). Deadline 30th March 2013.

The Millfield House Foundation's aim is to tackle inequality, particularly social and economic inequality by funding work the ultimate goal of which is to change policy for the better. Currently there are three strands to MHF's funding:

- investing in longer-term partnerships with policy-focused organisations invited to apply from time to time
- developing capacity and skills in the policy field through projects initiated by the Foundation or worked on with others

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- awarding grants to support work on policy change related to inequality, in response to applications from the field

MHF recognizes that genuine, effective policy change requires a mix of approaches and outcomes, which can be described as coming together in an overall mosaic of change. They include the following, but this is not an exhaustive list.

- Determining that something is wrong
- Researching the problem and analysing solutions
- Sharing important information in different ways with different audiences
- Making connections to those in power at different levels
- Giving a voice in policy change to those affected
- Describing and drafting alternative policies to those in use
- Testing alternative approaches
- Debating and challenging opposing views
- Building alliances around a common cause
- Brokering consensus or compromise
- Campaigning, developing popular movements and influencing opinion
- Sustaining agendas over the long term
- Responding to opportunities when they arise
- Defending effective policy against moves to put in place worse alternatives.

www.mhfdn.org.uk

Source: Direct / FINE

P&G Charitable Fund at the Community Foundation (Grant – Tyne & Wear / Northumberland)

Up to £2,000 for VCSE groups. Deadline 22nd March 2013

The fund makes grants to support community groups in Tyne & Wear and Northumberland to provide children aged 0–13 with opportunities under their funding themes of live, learn and thrive.

Groups can apply for up to £2,000 to support their work with children including the following:

- Equipment for activities, for example, play resources, camping equipment and sports equipment
- Learning resources, for example, books and IT software
- Learning experiences such as workshops, local educational trips and outings
- Children’s club resources, such as nursery and baby equipment

Applicants should provide a breakdown of costs (including hourly rates and costs per unit) and quotes/catalogue prices for equipment.

www.communityfoundation.org.uk/apply

Source: Direct / FINE

Social Investment Business (SIB) Loan Fund (Loan - UK)

Expressions of interest to be received by 20th March / application deadline 29th March 2013

SIB, who manage large fund contracts aimed at social ventures at different stages of the investment journey, are now accepting Expression of Interests for the first of their new funds, due to start investing in September 2013.

SIB are looking for established organisations that would be interested in accessing loan funding later this year, with interest rates expected to be between 5 and 8% and terms of 5-10 years.

Initially, potential investees will need to provide organisational information, including their future investment needs and a brief business plan. They must also tell SIB how they measure social outcomes.

<http://www.sibgroup.org.uk/loans/guidance/>

Source: FINE

Time to Change Grants (Grant - England)

Up to £100,000 for constituted not for profits. Opens 6th March. Deadline 30th April 2013.

Mental Health charity, Time to Change has announced that its grants programme will re-open soon. Grants are available for projects that bring people with and without mental health problems together to challenge discrimination in their communities.

Time to Change plan to fund approximately 75 projects between 2012 and 2015. 25% of the fund is for projects run by and for people from Black and Minority Ethnic communities and 20% is for projects that work with an audience of children and young people, in specific regions.

<http://time-to-change.org.uk/grants>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

Young Roots (Grant - UK)

£10,000 - £50,000 for partnerships of heritage and youth organisations. Rolling programme (assessed within 8 weeks).

The Young Roots programme from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) is for projects that engage young people with heritage in the UK.

HLF funds partnerships of heritage and youth organisations to help young people shape and deliver their own projects in safe environments.

Young Roots projects should achieve all of the outcomes for people and communities listed below, and one outcome for heritage:

- **Outcomes for people** - people will have developed skills, learnt about heritage, changed their attitudes and / or behaviour and had an enjoyable experience
- **Outcomes for communities** - more people and a wider range of people will have engaged with heritage
- **Outcomes for heritage** - heritage will be in better condition, better interpreted and explained, identified and recorded

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/youngroots.aspx#.USzQ7K4qbL>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Leadership Development Programme (Contract – North East)

(Stop Pressed 19.2.13) Association of Directors of Adult Social Services. Respond by 1st March 2013.

A Leadership Development programme is being implemented to help up-skill senior managers to increase reduction in spending. An organisation is being sought to develop and deliver the programme to tier 2 and 3 staff.

https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm_opportunity?OpenForm&contract_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-952GMW

Source: NEPO / FINE

Sustainable Enterprise (Contract – North East)

(Stop Pressed 19.2.13) North East Social Enterprise Partnership. Respond by 5th March 2013.

The Sustainable Enterprise programme has been secured by the North East Social Enterprise Partnership through ERDF funding. They are currently seeking a supplier to deliver an organisational structure development service to new and existing social enterprises in the North East of England. Tenders should not exceed £40,000 including VAT.

<http://nesep.co.uk/currentevents/opportunities/tender-opportunity/>

Source: NESEP / FINE

Independent Living Schemes Framework 2013-17 for people with Learning Disabilities (Contract – North East)

From Stockton Borough Council. Respond by 19th March 2013.

The service will be a support and care service, provided to people with a learning disability - assessed as needing support and social care to live develop and maintain their independence in their own home - who are eligible through Fair Access to Care criteria. The support and care needs of service users may change over the life of the contract and funding will be adjusted accordingly.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-953L87>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Information & Resources

Millfield House Foundation

Appointment of Trust Manager

The Trustees of the Foundation have announced that Fiona Ellis has accepted the appointment of Trust Manager to succeed Terence Finley, Administrator since 1999, who is retiring end of June 2013. Fiona will work alongside Terence from 1st May. Fiona was the first Director of the Northern Rock Foundation, and was previously an Assistant Director of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation and had worked freelance for Baring Foundation and Esmée Fairbairn Charitable Trust.

www.mhfdn.org.uk

Source: Direct / FINE

Sector Connector

North Tyneside project connecting business/private and community sectors

The VODA Sector Connector project, funded by North Tyneside Council, aims to broker support from the local business sector into community organisations with an annual turnover of less than £100,000. This can be in the form of one-to-one 'matches', where businesses work to support local organisations on a voluntary basis, or in the form of one-to-many workshops, where a number of voluntary organisations can benefit from the expertise of a local business, in one go.

Through the skills and time donated by the private sector partners, VODA can currently offer support in the following areas:

- Health and Safety
- Marketing
- Commercialisation of services
- Human Resource issues
- Web Design

VODA are keen to get ideas for the VCSE sector as to the types of things they might need private sector support with. Please email jon.goodwin@voda.org.uk <http://www.voda.org.uk/cms/projects/sector-connector>

Source: Direct / FINE

Events & Training

European Funding Post 2013: The impact on the North East of England and the Voluntary and Community Sector

(Rescheduled) 26th March 1:30-4pm. Beacon Centre, Newcastle

At this VONNE / NCVO event delegates will hear from a range of regional, national and international experts and join them to discuss the following:

- The current ESF and ERDF settlement 2007-2013 secured an investment of more than £450 million into the economy of the North East. How much will we secure for the North East of England post 2013?
- Will all parts of the North East be eligible for funding?
- Who will decide who gets the money? Will decisions be taken nationally or locally?
- Where will match funding come from?
- How will any of this impact on VCS organisations?

<http://europeanfunding2013.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Market Development and Discussion Events to be held by Durham County Council Commissioning Section, Children and Adults

For residential and nursing care providers. 15th March 9-11:30am / 18th March 1:30-4:30pm. Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham, DH1 5UG

Last year the Council undertook research into the current residential and nursing care placements for adults with learning disabilities, mental health needs, physical disabilities or sensory loss. The Council would now like to invite providers to a market development and discussion event, to provide feedback on the research and to discuss future commissioning arrangements and market shaping.

Two dates have been scheduled as above. Both events will be the same. Register by close of business on **Friday 8th March 2013.**

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-94WKCV>

VONNE - Introduction to Healthwatch

14th March, 9:30am-1pm, Centre for Life, Newcastle

From April a new consumer champion, Healthwatch, with the powers to hold local services to account, will be set up in every Local Authority area across the country. Aimed at staff and volunteers yet to engage with Healthwatch, this event provides information on the national changes to Health & Social Care that come into effect in April and explores in detail what the introduction of Healthwatch will mean for individuals and members of community & voluntary groups.

<http://healthwatch14032013.eventbrite.co.uk>

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