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**Funding and finance opportunities for North East voluntary and community organisations and social enterprises**

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## Opportunities

### **Creative Employment Programme (Grant - England)**

**Maximum grant £200,000. For all sectors. Next deadlines 29<sup>th</sup> March 2013 / 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2013.**

The Creative Employment Programme is a £15m Arts Lottery fund that aims to support the creation of 1,600 traineeships, 2,900 formal apprenticeships and 2,000 paid internship opportunities for 16–24 year old unemployed people wishing to pursue a career in the arts and cultural sector.

The apprenticeships and internships must take place within the creative sector. This means that the primary activity of the applicant must be within one of the Arts Council England sub-sectors (Music, Theatre, Dance, Combined Arts, Visual Arts, Literature, Carnival, Circus, Galleries, Museums, Libraries and Contemporary Craft). Although the apprenticeships and internships must take place within the creative sector, they may be for any opportunity within the sector, including support roles such as finance, administration, HR, catering etc.

On offer:

- Up to £1,500 of the total wage costs for every new apprenticeship for a minimum of 12 months and 30 hours per week, paid at least Apprentice Minimum Wage rates
- Up to £2,000 of the total wage costs for every new apprenticeship for a minimum of 12 months and 30 hours per week, paid at least the National Minimum Wage
- Up to £2,500 of the total wage costs for every new internship for a minimum of 26 weeks and 30 hours per week, if the intern is aged 18–24 and paid at least the National Minimum Wage

The applicant may be in the private or public sector and may be a commercial or not-for-profit organisation. An organisation can submit its own application, or it can work in collaboration to submit joint (consortium) applications. All members of the consortium should qualify as prospective applicants, but one member can be non-qualifying to help manage the grant on behalf of the consortium members.

<http://creative-employment.co.uk/the-creative-employment-programme>

Source: Direct / FINE

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## **Esmée Fairbairn Foundation: Food Funding Strand (Grant - UK)**

**For VCSE. Total fund budget £5m over three years (from January 2013 although it may be extended for a further two years pending a review during 2015).**

The Food Strand supports work that demonstrates the important role food plays in wellbeing and that connects people to the food that they eat. As part of this primary aim the Strand seeks to bring about more sustainable food production and consumption policies and practices. The Strand is open to both large-scale strategic interventions and innovative local work.

The Foundation will support work that

- delivers high quality, innovative local food projects, particularly those that can become financially sustainable and are replicable
- establishes closer links between non-government organisations, community groups, producers, retailers and industry in order to create a more coherent food sector
- improves people's understanding of the place that food plays in our lives and shows the role that access to good quality food can have on wellbeing
- leads to the prioritisation of sustainable food production and consumption in local and national policy, practice and decision-making
- increases demand for better quality food from sustainable sources, for example, through changes to public procurement

Applications may respond to more than one of the above. Projects that demonstrate innovation are particularly welcome. Example of previous North East grants include the following:

- Preston Hall Museum / Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council 2011 - towards 'Food, Flavour, Feast' which will deliver a programme of activities focusing on the tradition, variety and fun in food. £15,000 over 24 months
- St Chad's Community Project 2011 - towards the cost of cookery courses and an evaluation study in Gateshead. £7,500 over 12 months
- Gateshead Food Co-op CiC 2010 - towards the costs of a mobile fresh food service and to support the organisation towards financial sustainability. £69,000 over 24 months

<http://esmeefairbairn.org.uk/what-we-fund/sectors/food>

Source: FINE

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## **Frederick Milburn Fund (Grant – River Tyne area)**

**Up to £2,000 for VCSE. Deadline 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013.**

Frederick Milburn Fund at the Community Foundation supports voluntary and community projects that have a connection to the River Tyne. Projects supported can include those related to activities on the river, those involving communities situated on the river or projects with a link to the heritage of the river.

The fund prefers to support grassroots projects where the grant will cover a significant proportion of the overall total cost and leaves a legacy for the local community. Consideration will be given to organisations that require support for a project over a three year period as well as for one-off grants.

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

Source: Direct / FINE

## **Inspired Facilities (Grant - England)**

**£20,000 - £50,000 for VCSE / sports clubs / parish & town councils (70% of fund committed to this). Up to £150,000 for councils / schools.  
Deadline 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013.**

The Inspired Facilities Fund is part of the Places People Play programme which aims to deliver a mass participation sporting legacy from the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. Through Inspired Facilities, Sport England will award capital grants to refurbish and improve up to 1,000 community sports clubs.

If one of the groups benefitting from a planned project is disadvantaged young people aged under 18, applicants can apply for additional capital (to cover building costs) or revenue (day-to-day operating costs) funding from the Thomas Cook Children's Charity.

<http://inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org/>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

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## **People's Millions (Grant – England)**

**76 grants of up to £50,000 for VCSE / schools / local authorities / health bodies. Deadline 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013.**

ITV and the Big Lottery Fund are offering grants to local community projects in this year's The People's Millions. The public will get to vote on which projects win funding. Grants will be divided among four projects in each of the 19 ITV regional news areas.

People's Millions is inviting applications from new projects that will improve local places and the lives of people in those communities. Applicants will need to demonstrate that there is active local interest and support for the project. The winners will be determined by a public vote via ITV coverage. Winning projects must have started work on the project by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

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

Source: Grants Online / FINE

## **Seafarers UK Small Grants Programme**

**Up to £5,000 for VCSE. Next 31<sup>st</sup> May 2013.**

This grants programme is aimed at organisations seeking funding for projects, schemes or activities involving seafarers, ex-seafarers, their families or dependents, or maritime youth organisations. The scheme can fund a wide range of projects, schemes or activities, for example

- a crèche for a maritime community
- a training and activities programme to involve young people in maritime activities which may lead to a career at sea
- sheltered accommodation for older seafarers and / or their dependents
- support and / or accommodation for working age seafarers and their families or dependents
- a maritime charity that makes a small number of regular or casual grants to individually identified beneficiaries

Examples of what a grant could be spent on:

- Computers or sports equipment
- Materials / equipment for use in the project
- Refurbishment of accommodation or facilities
- Staff costs involved in delivering services
- Transport costs
- Updating equipment for health and safety reasons
- Venue hire

[http://www.seafarers-uk.org/how-to-get-help/small\\_grants\\_scheme/](http://www.seafarers-uk.org/how-to-get-help/small_grants_scheme/)

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

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## **Social Investment Business to open new loan fund (UK)**

**No minimum/maximum. For VCSE. Interest rates 5-8%, terms of 5-10 years. Deadline 29<sup>th</sup> March 2013.**

Social Investment Business (SIB) are in the final stages of developing plans for the future and intend to launch several new funds in the coming years. They are now accepting Expression of Interests for the first of these new funds, due to start investing in September 2013.

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

Source: FINE

## **sported. Small Grants (North East / UK)**

**£500-£2,000 for constituted VCSE with turnover less than £50,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013.**

UK Olympic legacy charity sported. is seeking to support more North East organisations using sport or physical activity to improve the lives of disadvantaged 11-25 year olds. sported. is free to join as a membership organisation. Small grants are available for eligible organisations.

The charity is encouraging membership applications from clubs, community groups, charities, social enterprises and other not-for-profit organisations who use sport to their achieve development outcomes:

- Building strong communities
- Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour
- Reducing barriers to regular participation for marginalised groups
- Developing young people by providing them with skills for the workplace and life
- Education in health and well being

<http://www.sported.org.uk/> or contact the North East Regional Manager Sandra Hillyard [s.hillyard@sported.org.uk](mailto:s.hillyard@sported.org.uk)

Source: Direct / FINE

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## **Tees Valley Sport Community Games Fund (Grant)**

**Up to £300. Funders anticipate events taking place from May through to September 2013**

Tees Valley Sport (TVS) has created a Community Games Fund to help support community and voluntary groups with organising their own Games. Events can be organised anywhere in the Tees Valley (Darlington, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar & Cleveland and Stockton).

Community Games is an opportunity to bring the community together to take part in sporting and cultural activities inspired by, and in celebration of, the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The programme aims to capture the core values of the Olympic and Paralympic movements, and these should be reflected in events:

- Excellence
- Friendship
- Respect
  
- Determination
- Courage
- Inspiration
- Equality

<http://www.teesvalleysport.co.uk/page.aspx?id=2590>

Source: eVOLution / FINE

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## **Evaluation of 'Enterprise Coaching Project' programme (Contract – Redcar & Cleveland)**

**Respond by 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013.**

Organisations are invited to tender for external evaluation of Redcar and Cleveland's 'Enterprise Coaching Project' programme including evaluation of all elements of project activity identified under the project outcomes.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-95QNPS>

Source: NEPO / FINE

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## Provision of Extra Care Services (Contract – Redcar & Cleveland)

**Respond by 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013.**

Opportunity in three separate services in three locations delivering Extra Care Services:

- Barnaby House (Tees Valley Scheme), Eston
- Jubilee Court (Anchor Scheme), Eston
- St Germain's Grange (Anchor Scheme), Marske

Each support service is for service users who live within one of the three schemes in self-contained apartments. The resident by reasons of age, infirmity or any other circumstances are in need of 24 hour care support and attention, which is not otherwise available to them.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-95PFPH>

Source: NEPO / FINE

## Information & Resources

### BBC Children in Need

**BBC Children in Need (CiN) have re-opened their grant programmes following a three month review. FINE has been in contact with CiN and has gathered information on the changes, plus tips from the Regional Manager.**

Changes to the programmes mainly relate to the application process:

Small Grants - up to £10,000:

- Assessments will now be made in-house in London by assessors without local knowledge
- Now for one year only (previously three)
- Normally take nine weeks for a decision
- The success rate is greater than for Main Grants – about 48% compared to around 26% for Main Grants
- Applicants can hold both a Main Grant and Small Grant at the same time if the applications were made in different years
- If referees are unavailable to discuss the application in the month following the deadline it may be rejected (pay special attention if the referee is a teacher and the application is made prior to school holidays)



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Main Grants - over £10,000, no maximum (but rarely over £100,000)

- New two stage application process introduced
- Two week decision on initial application
- Continuation funding can be applied for in the final year of a 3 year project – likely to go directly to second stage if it has been run successfully (this is still being worked out – will apply after the coming May round)
- Applications over £100,000 will encounter much greater scrutiny than others
- Building grants must be £20,000 or under and must cover the entire project or the final amount required to complete the project
- Unsuccessful applicants will be given a date when they can re-apply

CiN plan to put a pdf of the application form on their website so that applicants can see the whole document before applying.

Finally, some tips from the Regional Manger at CiN:

- New groups may be better off applying for a Small Grant first as it may be difficult to demonstrate capacity to manage a large project
- Be careful with partnership applications – lead partners need to be responsible for all of the money; talk to CiN before applying
- CiN rarely fund manager or admin posts – posts need to be fully focused on beneficiaries
- Successful applications show meticulous planning, matching staffing and costings that are appropriate to the size of the project and are realistic

[www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants](http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants)

Source: FINE

## **Northumberland Social Fund / Northumberland Emergency Transition support (NETs)**

### **Changes to the fund**

From 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2013 the Local Councils will be responsible for local provision to replace the Department for Work and Pensions discretionary elements of the Social Fund. Those elements are:

- Community Care Grants (primarily intended to support people moving out of residential care to settle back in the community)
- Crisis Loans - living expenses/ items (following an emergency /disaster)

Northumberland County Council recognised the added value that would be achieved if the VCS were engaged to deliver this process. As a result there was a competitive grants process that resulted in NCC commissioning Dawn (Advice) Ltd, working in partnership with Five Lamps and VoiCeS Northumberland to administer the new scheme, under the brand NETs (Northumberland Emergency Transition support). NETs will commence on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013.

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NETs provides access to discretionary support for individuals and households who meet specific criteria, who are experiencing an emergency or significant transition and where, as a result of being unable to afford the necessary goods/services, there will be an immediate deterioration of health.

NETs will be accessed through DAWN via the freephone number 0300 303 1931. Potential applicants will be able to make a telephone enquiry and/or application and will be able to access information and an application form on-line and submit it electronically. Family members, friends and practitioners working with individuals/households will be able to support the submission of applications.

Two briefing events will be held on:

- 26<sup>th</sup> March 12-1pm at County Hall
- 8<sup>th</sup> April 4:30-5:30pm at County Hall

To book email Lynne on [contact@voices-northumberland.org.uk](mailto:contact@voices-northumberland.org.uk)

Email [contact@voices-northumberland.org.uk](mailto:contact@voices-northumberland.org.uk) to receive further information in the future about NETs.

<http://www.voices-northumberland.org.uk/news/changes-to-social-fund-in-northumberland/626>

Source: VoiCeS / FINE

## **Social Stock Exchange**

**New organisation that will publish details of social ventures seeking investment will open later this year.**

The Exchange will not act as a trading platform where investments can be bought and sold, but as a 'shop window' through which a social investor can view a number of companies and charities in one place. It is expected to open with about 20 organisations listed, each of which will have completed a 'social impact report' – these cost about £8,000 and carry information about their social benefit.

To become a member of the exchange, an organisation must already be offering a social investment that is listed elsewhere. The exchange will carry information about both for-profit businesses with social purposes and charities that offer investment products such as bonds. It will not feature specialist charity investment products such as 'quasi-equity' and social impact bonds.

The Big Lottery Fund has announced today that it will support the first organisations that complete a social impact report through a new £300,000 Kick-Starter fund. Applications can be made from May.

Source: Third Sector / FINE

[http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/bulletin/third\\_sector\\_daily\\_bulletin/article/1174376/social-stock-exchange-will-open-later-year/?DCMP=EMC-CONThirdSectorDaily](http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/bulletin/third_sector_daily_bulletin/article/1174376/social-stock-exchange-will-open-later-year/?DCMP=EMC-CONThirdSectorDaily)

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**sported.**

**New levels of membership now available to include partners and developing groups**

sported. is increasing access to their online resources and developing services for larger organisations with a strategic interest in the sport for development and for developing organisations who did not previously qualify. All levels are free.

sported. originally offered only one level of membership, aimed at groups already directly providing sport for development with 11-25 year olds. This level continues to be developed and has been re-branded as Premium membership.

sported. has developed a Network membership option to extend membership to partners, and organisations with an interest and contribution to the sport for development sector. Network members are able to access the sported. online resources and services, experts team, insurance offer, plus exclusive benefits.

A Standard level of membership has also been introduced for organisations working to provide sport for development or developing their governance, but who were previously ineligible for sported. membership. The Standard membership will enable these organisations to access the sported. online resources to develop to the level of sported. Premium membership.

[www.sported.org.uk](http://www.sported.org.uk) or contact North East Regional Manager Sandra Hillyard on [s.hillyard@sported.org.uk](mailto:s.hillyard@sported.org.uk)

Source: Direct / FINE

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## Events & Training

### Charity Commission Public Meeting

**26<sup>th</sup> March 2013, 10am-1pm. The Castlegate, Melbourne St, Newcastle.  
Free to attend**

The Commission's next public meeting will be held in Newcastle; this is an opportunity for trustees, charities and charity advisers in the area to hear from representatives from the Charity Commission.

To sign up email [PublicMeetings@charitycommission.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:PublicMeetings@charitycommission.gsi.gov.uk) including full name and details of the organisation. Also include any requirements around sight, hearing or mobility and any dietary requirements.

[http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/About us/About the Commission/boarddet.aspx](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/About_us/About_the_Commission/boarddet.aspx)

### NCVO Certificate in Sustainable Funding

**First Certificate takes place April to June 2013 at NCVO's Conference Suite in Kings Cross, London. Cost: £812 NCVO member / £1,160 non-NCVO member. Deadline to apply 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013**

This is a new learning programme to help senior managers and trustees to put sustainable funding into practice in their organisation. The course involves support from NCVO over several months, which will help participants gain the necessary knowledge and skills and how to apply them to their organisation as part of a workable strategy. The four modules cover:

- Headlines: Sustainable Funding strategy in context
- Practicalities: Managing fundraising and income generation
- Reaching out: Relationships and marketing
- Action: leading Sustainable Funding

The Certificate is designed to help create change for the whole organisation, not just the individual who takes part in the training. NCVO is offering a year's membership of NCVO as part of the Certificate price for those organisations with an income of under £1 million.

[www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/training-events/certificate-sustainable-funding](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/training-events/certificate-sustainable-funding)

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## Public Services (Social Value) Act

**26<sup>th</sup> April 2013. More information to come**

The North East Social Enterprise Partnership, in conjunction with The Federation of Small Businesses (North East), is holding this event to explore and debate issues surrounding The Public Services (Social Value) Act. The conference will host a range of speakers and organisations interested in discussing the act and sharing their experiences/understanding of it.

The Public Services (Social Value) Act was passed at the end of February 2012, and implemented on 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013. It means that public bodies in England and Wales are required to consider how the services they commission and procure might improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of the area.

[socialvalue.conference@gmail.com](mailto:socialvalue.conference@gmail.com)

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