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Funding Information North East

Opportunities

Barclays school for start-ups (Other – England)

Free training and support for 5 social enterprises. Deadline 13th May 2013.

Barclays is offering five inspiring social enterprises access to a free package of business training and support, including a bespoke package of business tools, soft skills coaching and one-to-one mentoring from a senior executive from Barclays.

Barclays are looking for young people under the age of 30 who either have an idea for a social enterprise or who have been running one for under two years and think they would benefit from the support package. Barclays want aspiring game changers with innovative ideas and the potential to make a big impact.

To be in with a chance, shortlisted applicants will need to attend an intensive one-day social enterprise course and selection day on the 20th May. Alongside targeted training and advice, each attendee will have seven minutes to pitch their idea/business and eight minutes to take questions from the panel, who will then go on to choose the ultimate winners. 60 applicants will be selected to attend.

http://www.schoolforstartups.co.uk/barclays/?utm_source=Linx+277+-+2+May&utm_campaign=linx277&utm_medium=email

Source: NCVO / FINE

BBC Children in Need (Grant - UK)

Up to £10,000 (small) / over £10,000 (main) for not for profit. Deadlines 1st June 2013 (small) / 15th May 2013 (main)

The Small and Main Grants Programmes offer grants for projects that combat disadvantage and to make a real difference to children and young people's lives. In particular, grants are available for projects that help children and young people of 18 years and under experiencing

- illness, distress, abuse or neglect
- any kind of disability
- behavioural or psychological difficulties
- life in poverty or situations of deprivation

CiN has devised a new strategy for its grants programmes. The charity wants to respond to applications more quickly.

- Under the new strategy, at least 100 more small grants will be made this year. The programme will have five grant rounds a year, instead of the previous four, and the response time is being reduced from 14 weeks to between eight and 10
- For main grants, a two-stage application process has been introduced, with four deadlines a year. Charities will find out within four weeks whether they have progressed to the full application stage

For further details of the changes made, as reported to FINE, see FINE Online Issue #15 (19th March 2013)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b008dk4b/features/grants>

Source: Direct / FINE

MG Northumbria Classics in Corbridge (Grant – Northumberland and Tyne & Wear)

Previous grants £100 - £2,500. For VCSE. Deadline 7th July 2013

This classic vehicles show will return to Corbridge to raise more money for charities in the Northumberland and Tyne & Wear area. In the last three years the show has raised almost £20,000 which has been given to local causes to benefit people in the area. The profits from the event will be given to local charities and voluntary organisations. Preference is given to applications for specific projects and equipment rather than contributions to general running costs.

The show takes place on 7th July at Tynedale Park; decisions will not be made until after this date. Email secretary@mgnorthumbria.org for an application form.

Source: Direct / FINE

Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge (Grant - England & Wales)

Up to £25,000 for not-for-profit. Deadline 17th June 2013

The SITA Trust has announced that it is making an additional £750,000 available in order to give outdoor recreational spaces the opportunity to apply for funding through the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Fund. The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Fund has been developed in partnership with Fields in Trust (FiT). The fund provides the opportunity for sports and recreation fields that have gained a Deed of Dedication through FiT's Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge to apply for funding for projects that will make physical improvements to facilities provided at sports/recreation fields.

Projects should provide facilities or improvements to a site that is open and accessible to the public and ideally have the involvement of volunteers in its planning and delivery. The project site must be within 10 miles of a landfill site owned by any company; when organisations submit an application SITA will find the landfill site that is within 10 miles of the project site.

SITA prefer it if there is part-funding or resources in-kind from within the community or from other sources, demonstrating wider support for the project. Projects should be self-sustaining once the initial funding has been invested.

<http://www.sitatrust.org.uk/apply-for-funding>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Support Adoption for Pets (Grant - England)

For VCSE. Generally £200 - £5,000 (larger sometimes considered). No deadline specified

Pets at Home's Support Adoption For Pets (SAFP) scheme offers support to animal welfare charities and re-homing organisations. SAFP was established to promote the welfare of animals and to provide financial assistance for the benefit of the public in order to promote and encourage the re-homing of adoptable pets, to support local animal charities and build community relationships and to encourage responsible pet ownership.

SAFP aims to ensure that monies are distributed to those organisations which have the potential to make the most difference

- The items or projects that organisations seek funds for should clearly bring benefits to animal welfare and in particular benefit and encourage the re-homing of more pets
- If an organisation is applying for new animal housing or repairs, the land on which the buildings stand or the existing property must be owned by the organisation and not by an individual connected with them
- Trustees prefer to offer part funding to complement an organisation's own fundraising activities.

SAFP are **unable** to offer support for the following (full list on website):

- Overseas charities and re-homing centres
- Purchase of land to establish a re-homing centre
- Medical research, training or study fees
- Salaries for existing or additional members of staff to include uniforms
- Marketing or fundraising materials
- Food for animals awaiting re-homing
- Organisations established for less than 3–6 months (usually)

There are other in-kind support and promotional opportunities through Pets at Home Damaged Stock and Partnership schemes; further details are on the website.

<http://www.supportadoptionforpets.co.uk/how-we-can-help>

Source: FINE

Tesco Bag Packing (Other – Gateshead)

For VCSE / schools.

The new Tesco in Trinity Square, Gateshead town centre, will open on 23rd May and would like to offer local clubs or schools the opportunity to do bag packing in store so they can raise funds for their organisations. Dates currently available are Saturday 1st June, Saturday 6th July, Saturday 3rd August, Saturday 7th September.

Tesco would require up to 16 children to take part for each date. There must be a minimum of 2 adults present at all times with a ratio of one adult to six children under 10 years of age, or one adult to 8 children aged 10 and above. Group must be in uniform to be clearly identifiable. Groups must bring their own sealed collection boxes, labelled with the details of the good cause being collecting for.

Contact Lucy Dougherty on lucy.dougherty@uk.tesco.com.

Source: FINE

Three Guineas Trust: summer activities small grants (UK)

Up to £10,000 for VCSE. No final deadline (considered from 23rd May 2013 – early application is encouraged)

The Three Guineas Trust funds projects in the field of autism and Asperger syndrome. The Trust is inviting applications from local charities that run play schemes and activity programmes over the summer school holiday for

- Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)-specific play and activity schemes
- play and activity schemes which include children with ASD; the application must be for the specific costs of enabling children with ASD to take part

Grants are available as follows:

- Up to £5,000 for general running costs
- Up to £10,000 specifically towards the costs of including children with complex needs

To obtain an application form or for further information email tgt.playschemes@sfct.org.uk or call Matt Williams on 020 7410 0330

Source: FINE

Youth Challenge Fund (Grant - UK)

Up to £2,500 for VCSE. Deadline 31st May 2013

The Fund is open exclusively to youth groups (and their leaders) in the UK and Germany and is aimed at children and young people up to the age of 25. The Fund aims to give young people the opportunity to enhance their international experience and intercultural awareness in a creative, practical and enjoyable way.

The type of themes supported can include (but are not limited to)

- culture and society
- music, dance and drama
- global issues
- environment
- multimedia and ICT
- sport and outdoor activities

Grants will support project resources, joint activities and costs for the visit to Germany, as a contribution to the overall costs.

<http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/youth-challenge-fund>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

Archaeologist - Northumberland Park Community Archaeological Project (Contract – North Tyneside)

North Tyneside Council. Respond by 22nd May 2013

The Council is seeking expressions of interest from suitable experienced organisations that are interested in tendering for the provision of archaeological work relating to Northumberland Park Community Archaeological Project being carried out in North Shields.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-978JA6>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Provision of Short Break Services for Disabled Children and Young People (Contract – Sunderland)

Sunderland City Council. Respond by 23rd May 2013.

Sunderland City Council is inviting tenders from providers to participate in a framework for the provision of Short Breaks services for disabled children and young people. The framework is for three years commencing on 2nd September 2013, with possible extensions up to 24 months. Call-offs for specific services in the form of mini competitions will be made from time to time and will be issued to all providers on the framework. A **provider information session** is being held on 9th May 2013 10am–12pm at Sandhill Centre in the Clough Room. Providers can register for the event at www.amiando.com/LCDZRNB - the event is limited to two people per organisation.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-96FL5M>

Source: NEPO / FINE

Information & Resources

Complex Needs update

Next steps for Newcastle and Gateshead

Big Lottery Fund has announced the first ten areas to be awarded developmental grants ahead of the full funding programme. The Cyrenians, together with Aquila Way and Mental Health Concern as core partners, were one of the ten successful areas announced. The Cyrenians and partners have been awarded a development grant to develop a full project plan which requires submission in September. A key element of this work will be understanding how they can best meet service users needs in navigating systems and they will be calling upon colleagues from the voluntary sector and public sector to help make this a reality. Another aspect of the work will be in ensuring that there are robust processes in place to be able to procure services in an open and objective way throughout the project.

Those interested in getting involved can submit their contact details to complexneeds@tcuk.org. The Cyrenians will be conducting a number of stakeholder meetings and planning meetings between now and September to ensure that the bid meets the needs of commissioners, the voluntary sector and most importantly the service users with one of the four complex needs categories of mental health, offending, homelessness and addictions.

Source: VONNE / FINE

Dispelling Local Authority Procurement Myths

A 'mythbuster' document which attempts to dispel some of the common myths associated with the public sector procurement process

This document hopes to address a growing number of issues and concerns relating to Local Authority procurement, and demonstrate that a large number of these are myths. The document has been co-authored on behalf of the Stakeholder Board by NEPO (with input from Durham County Council) and Paul Tute of Boomerang Consultancy. It can be downloaded

here: <http://www.nesep.co.uk/var/internaldocs/64e17e705f8bf98adefb6bab94a4e2fb.pdf>

Source: NESEP / FINE

Social Incubator Fund update

The North of England will receive over £1m from the Government fund

Social Incubator North will be led by Sheffield-based Key Fund in collaboration with Social Enterprise Yorkshire and the Humber, North East Social Enterprise Partnership, Social Enterprise East Midlands, Social Enterprise North West and Locality. The funding will be matched with another £1m from the delivery partners. The Social Incubator Fund, launched last year, is delivered by the Big Lottery Fund on behalf of the Office for Civil Society.

The funding will enable Social Incubator North to provide investment into local social start-ups or expanding businesses and offer a period of intensive support. This will help turn early stage ideas into successful businesses that change lives, by giving entrepreneurs access to the resources they need to get their ventures off the ground.

It is intended that the programme will launch very quickly, in the next month or so. More information will follow.

<http://www.nesep.co.uk/currentevents/news/2m-incubator-fund-to-unlock-northern-business-soul/>

Source: Direct / FINE

Talent Match fund update

In July Big Lottery launched Talent Match. The fund - aimed at supporting young people aged 18-24 who have been unemployed for 12 months or more - will be used to motivate young people to lead fulfilling lives through employment, education, training or enterprise.

There are two target areas in the North East - the North Eastern LEP area (covering County Durham, Tyne and Wear and Northumberland) co-ordinated by VONNE, and the Tees Valley LEP area, co-ordinated by Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency.

Talent Match North Eastern LEP area

The Talent Match Prospectus for the North East LEP area was presented to Big on 5th November. The Wise Group have been selected to lead the Talent Match Programme in the North Eastern LEP area. VONNE established a steering group which includes, the Local Enterprise Partnership, Local Authorities, The Skills Funding Agency, Department of Work and Pensions, FE Colleges, TUC, Federation of Small Businesses, North East Chamber of Commerce, Avanta, Ingius, National Careers Service, Contracts Matter, Pentagon Partnership, Key Fund and The Regional Youth Work Unit. A Stakeholder workshop was held on 14th September. To receive future information about this fund contact jo.curry@vonne.org.uk

Talent Match Tees Valley

The development of this partnership is being led by Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency. Over the last few months, a multi-sector partnership has been working to develop proposals. The Prince's Trust has been selected as the lead organisation through a competitive process. A key element of the model will be through Young People's Advocates, posts hosted by voluntary and community sector organisations (VCOs). £500,000 will be allocated to purchase services through VCOs to meet identified needs. To find out more contact Lisa at MVDA (01642 249 300 / general@mvdauk.org.uk) or Anne-Marie Wadsworth at The Prince's Trust (01642 201 000 / anne-marie.wadsworth@princes-trust.org.uk) http://www.vonne.org.uk/funding/talent_match.php

Source: VONNE / FINE

Events & Training

Northern Rock Foundation Third Sector Trends Conference 2013

21st June 2013, Newcastle

This event will explore findings from the latest round of research on the sector. Further information will be available nearer the time on the website.

In March, the Foundation added a new report to the growing library of Third Sector Trends Study reports available on our website: 'Walking a Tightrope' is the new report from Teesside and Durham Universities. The report aims to identify and examine the key organisational practices of third sector organisations that seem to contribute to their success.

<http://www.nr-foundation.org.uk/resources/third-sector-trends-study/>

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