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

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## Opportunities

### **BRIT Trust (Grant – UK)**

#### **Registered charities. Deadline “end of August”**

The British Record Industry (BRIT) Trust considers applications which meet the criteria within its mission statement ‘to encourage young people in the exploration and pursuit of educational, cultural or therapeutic benefits emanating from music’.

The Trust is only able to consider applications from fellow organisations with a charitable status –it is unable to consider individual grants, scholarships or capital grants or grant donations outside of the UK. Applications are only considered annually at a Trust meeting in September. As an indicator of funding, the Trust’s charitable spending in the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011 was £841,500.

<http://www.brittrust.co.uk/>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

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

#### **Next deadline 16<sup>th</sup> August 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). They may be for any opportunity within the sector, including support roles such as finance, administration, HR, catering etc.

Apprenticeship funding available:

- Up to £1,500 of the total wage costs for every new apprenticeship if the apprentice paid at least Apprentice Minimum Wage rates
- Up to £2,000 of the total wage costs for every new apprenticeship if the apprentice is paid at least the National Minimum Wage

Internship funding available:

- Up to £2,500 of the total wage costs for every new internship

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The maximum grant for any one application will be £200,000 (including any consortium administration element).

Eligible organisations:

- Limited company
- Community Interest Company
- Trust registered with the Charity Commission
- Unincorporated Association registered with the Charity Commission
- Charitable Incorporated Organisation
- Limited Liability Partnership
- Industrial and Provident Society or Community Benefit Society registered with the Financial Services Authority
- Royal Charter Company
- Statutory Body (including local authorities)
- Sole trader

Consortium applications will only be accepted from a lead partner of five or more organisations.

Additional match funding for Apprenticeship AGE Grants and Youth Contract Wage Incentives is also available.

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

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

## **Esmée Fairbairn Merger Fund (Grant - UK)**

**Up to £15,000. VCSE. Rolling basis**

The Merger Fund supports organisations in the early phases of thinking about a merger. Applicants to the fund need to be at, or close to, the preliminary stage of discussions with an identified potential merger partner (or partners).

Applications requesting funding for the following types of pre-merger feasibility work will be considered:

- Consultation with staff/beneficiaries/members/other stakeholders
- Facilitation of discussions with the potential merger partner/s
- Governance, planning, financial, legal, HR or communications advice

This is not an exhaustive list. The fund is not intended to meet any costs associated with a merger once a firm decision is made to proceed. It is for organisations uncertain about what the decision might involve or those who need reassurance that a proposed merger makes sense.

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The focus of the merging organisations must come under the Foundation's Main Fund areas of interest; the arts, education and learning, the environment and social change.

Organisations applying to the Merger Fund must also demonstrate that they have unrestricted reserves equivalent to at least three months' running costs. This applies to all parties involved with the merger feasibility investigations.

Applicants must include in their application information that addresses these three criteria:

- Will the potential merger be likely to improve policy and practice more widely or lead to wider benefits for the local, regional or national sector?
- Will the potential merger have an impact on the efficiency and effectiveness of merged services, whether that be in increased numbers of beneficiaries, improved methodologies, expanded networks, longer term sustainability or increased quality?
- Will the potential merger have an impact on the wider sector beyond the immediate interests of the two (or more) organisations?

<http://esmefairbairn.org.uk/what-we-fund/sectors/merger-fund>

Source: FINE

## **Gateshead Housing Company Community Fund (Grant)**

**£500-£5,000 (cash/in-kind/both). VCSE. Deadline 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

Funding is available for groups based in areas with a high proportion of Gateshead Housing Company tenants. The fund is keen to support tenant and residents groups and other community groups who run activities in their local area. The Foundation is especially looking for applications from the Inner West area.

Fund partners Gateshead Housing Company, Local Environmental Services and Mears will offer either a cash grant for a specified project or activity, or offer services in kind for practical work up to the value of £5,000, such as fitting a new kitchen in a community centre.

There are three broad fund themes:

- Supporting people to overcome disadvantage
- Creating stronger communities
- Making the area a good place to live

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Funding can be used for the following activities:

- Providing services and activities that work
- To help groups provide new services or expand or maintain existing services, but with an emphasis on the quality and effectiveness of what is provided
- Creating stronger organisations to help organisations grow by supporting the organisational development costs as distinct from the cost of services and to strengthen the operation of the voluntary and community sector

One third of any group should be GHC tenants. Salaries and core costs will be funded as part of core cost recovery. Grants will not be awarded for on-going running costs or projects that are likely to require on-going support. GHC would prefer groups to raise some of the funding themselves.

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

Applicants should make it clear that they are applying to the Gateshead Housing Company Community Fund.

## **Mars Milk Fund (Grant - UK)**

**£300. Clubs / groups / individuals. 4 grants every week until 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

The aim of the Mars Milk Fund is to encourage people to be more active, to try something new or simply keep alive some of the nation's favourite sports and hobbies. In addition, every week there is a People's Choice Award (for the entry with most votes each week). The fund is open to residents of, and clubs and organisations based in the UK and Republic of Ireland and applicants must be 13 years or over.

<http://www.marsmilk.com/fund/register>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

## **Nominet Trust: Social Tech, Social Change Fund (Grant - UK)**

**£1m total fund, approx. 20 awards. VCSE / educational / local authority. Deadline 4<sup>th</sup> September 2013.**

The Nominet Trust has teamed up with the Founders Forum for Good (FFFG) community of entrepreneurs to offer approximately 20 technology and digital startups the opportunity at getting a share of £1m of funding. The funding is being made available to startups in the hope that they can be turned into profitable – and, critically, scalable – businesses that use technology to tackle social challenges. This can be anything from tackling child poverty to climate change.

<http://socialtech.nominettrust.org.uk/>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

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## **Post Office Community Enterprise Fund (Grant – England)**

**Up to £10,000. Post offices. Deadline 18<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

The Government has launched a joint competition with Post Office Ltd to encourage sub postmasters to work with local people to come up with innovative ways that post offices can support the local community. Post Office branches (excluding Crown branches) can apply for funding to support a new scheme or service for their local community.

These could include:

- classes in key skills such as reading, languages or the internet
- mentoring and advice service for local small businesses, or display space for local producers
- partnership with a local charity to provide a meeting space, notice board and other forms of support
- hub or meeting space for community groups involved in local issues, such as neighbourhood planning

Those with an idea they'd like their Post Office to support can download and print the PDF from the website, write down their idea, take it into their Post Office and have a conversation with the sub-postmaster or branch manager about what they could do together to benefit the local community.

Sub-postmasters can find out more including how to apply here

[www.subspaceonline.co.uk](http://www.subspaceonline.co.uk)

<http://www.postoffice.co.uk/community-enterprise-fund>

Source: Community Shares/FINE

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## **Specialist Family and Carer Support Service for those affected by someone else's drug and/or alcohol misuse (Contract)**

**Stockton Borough Council. Respond by 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2013**

The provision of a Specialist Family and Carer Support Service for those affected by someone else's Drug and/or Alcohol Misuse in the Borough of Stockton-on-Tees.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-99UJ7X>

Source: NEPO / FINE

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## **Voluntary/independent foster care provision for children and young people within the Tees Valley local authorities (Contract)**

### **Hartlepool Borough Council. Respond by 6<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

This service relates to the provision of independent fostering services within these Tees Valley local authorities:

- Hartlepool Borough Council
- Darlington Borough Council
- Hartlepool Borough Council
- Middlesbrough Borough Council
- Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
- Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council

Hartlepool Borough Council, on behalf of all the above councils, wishes to commission Independent Fostering Agencies that are willing to work in partnership to ensure that public money is utilised to the best of ability in order to ensure there is a high quality service provision and sufficient capacity within the Tees Valley.

The Council is seeking to appoint up to 18 Independent Foster Providers on to a framework that operates through two tiers.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-99XHG9>

Source: NEPO / FINE

## **Information & Resources**

### **Arts Council England**

#### **Arts Council England warns that it will cut some grants**

Arts Council England (ACE) has warned that some of the organisations it provides grants to will lose funding as a result of cuts to its budget.

The government announced in last month's spending review that the organisation's grant-in-aid funding would be £342m in 2014/15 and cut by 5 per cent in real terms the following year. ACE said at the time that the outcome was the "best-case scenario" under the circumstances.

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Announcing yesterday that applications would open in January for a three-month period for funding between 2015 and 2018, ACE warned that some organisations would lose funding because it did not want to "salami-slice" and spread the funds too thinly. But ACE say that some organisations could receive more funding and new organisations will be funded. More details on the funding application process would be made available in the autumn.

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/1192860/Arts-Council-England-warns-will-cut-grants/>

Source: Third Sector / FINE

## **Entrust**

### **New address and registered office**

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The Media Exchange  
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Ouseburn Valley  
Newcastle upon Tyne  
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Source: Direct / FINE

## **EU Structural Funds 2014-2020**

### **VONNE briefing paper**

In this paper VONNE answers the key questions that VCSE organisations have about the future of European funding:

- How much will be coming to the North East?
- What is the role of the Local Enterprise Partnerships (LEPs) and who will decide how the money is spent?
- What are the time scales?
- What role might Civil Society Organisations play? Is it likely that any of this money will come to VCSE organisations?
- Where will the match come from?

<http://www.vonne.org.uk/resources/briefings/#EU>

Source: Direct / FINE



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## Events & Training

### Locality '13 Convention programme

**12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> November 2013. Leicester. £110 - £300 & VAT. Discounts available until end of August**

The theme of this year's event is 'building possibility'. Locality want to see communities where people can feel a sense of pride and ownership. Whether driven by spending cuts, changing demography, increasing demand, advancing technology, or by aspiration for better public services, there is widespread recognition that things simply can't continue as they are. So what does the future hold? Is there a better way? Practical workshops include the following:

- Community Rights
- Neighbourhood planning
- Community enterprise
- Local food
- Volunteering
- Community arts

Masterclasses include the following:

- Raising your profile through social media and press
- Measuring impact – proving your effectiveness to funders

Delegates can also visit one of Leicester's outstanding community organisations and see innovation and excellence in action.

<http://locality.org.uk/events/locality-annual-convention/>

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