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## Opportunities

### **BBC Performing Arts Fund - Community Theatre (Grant – UK)**

**Up to £5,000. VCSE. 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

The scheme aims to support the development of not for profit community theatre groups. Grants will allow groups to carry out training, attract new audiences, encourage new members and raise their profile in their communities. The Fund wants to encourage groups to take on more challenging projects through commissions and encouraging collaboration with professional theatre makers and other local organisations.

The funders hope to hear the voice of the members of the groups in the application, and that they will be fully behind the project.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund/grants/community-theatre>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

### **Community Sport Activation Fund (Grant - England)**

**£50,000 - £250,000 (partnership funding required). Not for profit.  
Deadline 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (opens 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013)**

Designed in response to local demand, the Community Sport Activation Fund is a £40m Lottery funding programme providing grassroots activity at a very local level. The fund will invest in what works best in an area, based on local need and evidence.

The kind of projects that might be funded:

- Activities reflecting a broad range of sports
- Informal opportunities which could lead to regular participation
- Multi-sport activities which provide people with a range of choices and opportunities to suit them
- Family orientated activities with a focus on the 14 plus age group
- Local activator roles that focus on directly organising and delivering new opportunities for participation

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Projects can be for up to three years. The best projects will demonstrate the following key characteristics:

- A focus on a clearly defined geographical area and community
- Demonstrable understanding of sporting needs
- Evidence of what potential participants want or need in order to take part in sport once a week
- Local partners working together to deliver and help fund the project
- A clear and robust delivery plan
- Realistic but ambitious numbers for increasing and sustaining once a week participation

<http://www.sportengland.org/funding/our-different-funds/community-sport-activation-fund/>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

## **Daphne III (Grant – Europe)**

**Up to €120,000 (approx. £104,000). Not for profit / public / private.  
Deadline 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals under its Daphne III programme. The overall aim of the programme is to contribute to the protection of children, young people and women against all forms of violence. This call for proposals is for specific action grants aimed at establishing new child abduction alert mechanisms.

The funding under this call is provided based on the co-financing principle; the grant cannot constitute more than 80% of overall eligible project costs.

[http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/just\\_2013\\_dap\\_sag\\_caam\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/newsroom/grants/just_2013_dap_sag_caam_en.htm)

Source: Grants Online / FINE

## **Gateshead Capacity Building Fund (Grant)**

**Previous awards ranged from £1,000 - £20,000. VCSE. Next deadline 6<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

The aim of the fund is to support, develop and build capacity and sustainability in the voluntary and community sector in Gateshead and to help strengthen local communities.

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During 2013/14 Gateshead Council would particularly like to support the following:

- Communities and organisations to mitigate the impact of the Council's budget decisions and deliver Council Plan priorities
- Organisations to become commission ready and able to compete for and deliver contracts
- Youth organisations, community centres and community libraries
- Small, medium sized organisations and BME communities
- Small grassroots organisations
- Projects which help achieve the aims of the Gateshead Council Volunteer Plan to increase the number of volunteers in Gateshead, in particular around sport, the Olympic legacy, digital inclusion, students and businesses
- Projects within neighbourhoods and communities which add value to and enhance local service provision

Examples include the following:

- Business planning
- Fundraising strategy development
- Policies and procedures development
- Staff, management committee and volunteer training
- Volunteer management development
- Projects which will help the organisation to consider new ways of working and increase their income (a contribution to essential equipment costs, such as office furniture for a new worker, will be considered)
- Contribution to core running costs – this will be proportionate to the size of the organisation

(This list is not exhaustive).

<http://www.ourgateshead.org/Gateshead-fund>

Source: Direct / FINE

## **Green Deal Communities (Grant - England)**

**£1-3m. Partnerships. Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013 (or until £20m pot runs out)**

The Department for the Environment and Climate Change (DECC) has announced the launch of this new fund. Local authorities with their local partners can bid for capital funding to come forward with street/area based proposals for funding to deliver Green Deal plans to as many households as possible. The Green Deal makes energy-saving improvements available to homes and businesses. Proposals will be judged on:

- the number and total value of Green Deal plans that will be delivered
- their credibility (e.g. authorities will need to demonstrate that they have secured Energy Companies Obligation [ECO] funding to compliment Green Deal financed plans and to have specifically identified the streets/areas targeted)

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- their creativity in offering local incentives to drive demand
  - their sustainability in the long term (i.e. beyond the DECC funding)
  - being consistent with state aid and procurement rules

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/green-deal-communities>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

## **Happy Days Children's Charity (Grant – UK)**

### **VCSE. No funding or deadlines specified**

Happy Days is a national children's charity dedicated to providing holidays, residential trips, days out and theatre trips for disadvantaged young people with special needs.

The young people the charity helps range in age from 3 to 17 who come from many different backgrounds and cultures and suffer many different conditions. The charity offers help to those with learning difficulties, physical or mental disabilities and with acute, chronic or life limiting illnesses. They also help young people who have been abused or neglected, witnessed domestic violence, been bereaved or act as carers for a parent or a sibling.

The charity will fund the following:

- Holidays for young people and their families
- Residential trips for groups of children and young people
- Days out for groups to hundreds of venues throughout the UK, including the seaside, zoos, theme parks, safari parks and fun fairs
- Trips to the theatre or shows and theatre workshops

<http://www.happydayscharity.org/>

Source: FINE

## **Hilton in the Community Foundation (Grant- UK)**

**Generally up to £30,000 per year up to 2 years. Charities/not for profit.  
Next deadline 15<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

Applications working in the areas of education or health with one of our four chosen focus groups are selected or considered:

- Children and young people with disabilities
- Children and young people who are sick in hospital
- Young people who are homeless
- Young people and children who are life limited (requiring palliative care)

<https://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/apply.html>

Source: FINE

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## **Innovation Vouchers - Round 5 (Grant - UK)**

**Up to £5,000. Start-up, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises.  
Deadline 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2013**

The Technology Strategy Board has announced that its Innovation Voucher scheme is open to applications. The scheme provides grants to start-up, micro, small and medium-sized enterprises to work with an external expert external experts to gain the knowledge to innovate and grow.

The Innovation Voucher can enable businesses to access knowledge for all types of innovation, for example

- ideas for new or improved products
- processes and services
- using design to improve their ideas
- managing their Intellectual Property

[https://www.innovateuk.org/competition-display-page/-/asset\\_publisher/RqEt2AKmEBhi/content/innovation-vouchers-round-5?p\\_p\\_auth=ASodn26I](https://www.innovateuk.org/competition-display-page/-/asset_publisher/RqEt2AKmEBhi/content/innovation-vouchers-round-5?p_p_auth=ASodn26I)

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

## **Making a Difference (Grant - Stockton on Tees / Redcar & Cleveland / Middlesbrough)**

**Up to £1,000. VCSE. Decisions made monthly**

The Making a Difference Fund is run by the Tees Valley Community Foundation in partnership with The Evening Gazette.

The aim of the fund is to empower local people to address challenges in their own community. The grant must be for something tangible that without this grant may not be able to take place.

<http://www.teesvalleyfoundation.org/apply-for-support/available-grants>

Source: FINE

## **Miller Homes (Grant – England)**

**£500. VCSE. 1<sup>st</sup> September 2013**

Miller Homes is giving local sports clubs across the country a chance to win £500. Entrants can collect an application form from their local branch (locator here <http://www.millerhomes.co.uk/Locations.aspx>); applying involves saying in no

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more than 200 words why their sports club deserves to win the money, how it will benefit the club and what it will be spent on.

Judges will be looking for examples of how the sporting clubs will make the most out of the donation, how it will directly support the learning and fitness for its members and examples of what new equipment they will be able to buy.

<http://www.millerhomes.co.uk/press-centre/press-releases/miller-homes-offering-a-welcome-boost-to-local-sports-clubs.aspx/?social=summerofsportDT>

Source: FINE

## **Sita Trust: Enriching Nature Programme (Grant - England)**

**Up to £75,000. Not for profit. Deadline 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013 (expression of interest, full application deadline February)**

The Enriching Nature Programme provides funding for year long biodiversity conservation projects that focus on a single species or habitat present on the list of priority species and habitats in England and Wales, with awards of up to £75,000.

Eligibility:

- Organisation is operated on a not-for-profit basis
- Project focuses on a single priority species or habitat
- Project is located in England within 10 miles of a landfill site

Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their application by June 2014.

Applications of a value up to £25,000 are considered as small grant applications.

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

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

## **Wallace & Gromit's Children's Charity (Grant – UK)**

**£1,000 - £10,000. Hospitals/hospices. Opens in October 2013**

Wallace & Gromit's Children's Charity is a national charity raising funds to improve the quality of life for sick children in children's hospitals and hospices throughout the UK.

The Charity funds projects ensuring that whilst in hospital and hospice care, children can still play, socialise and recuperate from treatment in a child friendly environment. They also support parents and siblings.

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The range of funding projects includes:

- arts
- music
- play therapy programmes
- sensory equipment and facilities
- respite care
- state of the art equipment
- parent accommodation

<http://www.wallaceandgromitfoundation.org/about/apply-for-grant/>

Source: FINE

## **Winifred Tumim Memorial Prize (Grant – England)**

**1<sup>st</sup> prize £1,000. Registered charities. 27<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

The Winifred Tumim Memorial Prize for Best Practice in Charity Governance has been established by NCVO in honour of the work done by Lady Winifred Tumim to improve the quality of charity governance.

1<sup>st</sup> prize is £1,000. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize is a free place at Evolve 2014 or on one of NCVO's Governance training days and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize is a copy of the Good Trustee Guide, a copy of Good Governance: A practical guide for trustees, chairs and CEOs and a copy of How to Run a Charity. All shortlisted entrants will receive a free place at the NCVO Trustee Conference and drinks reception on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2013.

Charities will need to demonstrate, through the application process, how they have used Good Governance: a Code for the Voluntary and Community Sector (the Code) to improve their effectiveness and deliver greater public benefit.

Entries must cover work carried out during the period April 2012 – March 2013.

<http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/winifred-tumim-prize>

Source: FINE

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## **Supplementary Framework for Alternative Education Provision (Contract – Newcastle)**

### **Newcastle City Council. Respond by 12<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

The Alternative Provision Framework is a readily accessible source of information on provision that can be offered to young people in Key Stage 4 for whom the mainstream curriculum is not entirely suitable. This information is used by secondary schools/academies, the pupil referral unit and Council specialist staff.

This procurement exercise is aimed at attracting and including provision that is not included in the original Alternative Provision Framework. Organisations are invited to submit proposals to deliver provision that will offer the following:

- Additional vocational programmes that are linked to predicted employment opportunities in the local labour market
- Creative and specialised means of engaging with and supporting young people on a one to one basis
- Programmes aimed at helping young people to develop the skills to operate effectively as part of a team
- Opportunities for young people to develop enterprise skills that will explore their creativity and encourage them to be more inspiring in their future plans

[https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm\\_opportunity?OpenForm&contract\\_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-986M43](https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm_opportunity?OpenForm&contract_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-986M43)

Source: NEPO / FINE

## **Waste Awareness Campaign (Contract – North Tyneside)**

### **North Tyneside Council. Respond by 5<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

The Council are looking for a suitable organisation to provide a campaign to help and improve incentives to recycle waste. This will include the provision of advice and information on how residents can minimise the waste they produce.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-99XJ4W>

Source: NEPO / FINE

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## Information & Resources

### **Comic Relief**

#### **Opens in September**

Comic Relief has announced that they are currently finalising their new grants strategy and that their grants programme will re-open for applications in September 2013.

<http://www.comicrelief.com/apply-for-a-grant/apply-for-a-uk-grant>

Source: Direct / FINE

### **Finance for contracts readiness checker**

#### **Developed by Clinks in partnership with Locality**

The Clinks 'Finance for contracts readiness checker' will help organisations understand the financial competencies and management systems required to be contract ready. The checker highlights the standards of financial management necessary to demonstrate contract readiness and helps organisations identify areas of development by ranking their current performance against standards required and by noting areas for development.

<http://www.clinks.org/resources-guides-toolkits/finance-contracts-readiness-checker>

Source: Direct / FINE

### **NCVO view on infrastructure bodies**

#### **Infrastructure bodies will increasingly struggle to generate funding, according to NCVO's volunteering executive director Justin Davis Smith**

Infrastructure bodies will increasingly struggle to generate funding from private and public sectors if they do not improve their ability to sell themselves, NCVO's volunteering executive director Justin Davis Smith told Big Assist conference attendees recently.

Davis Smith said that "infrastructure has become a much maligned concept in recent times and is fighting for recognition and acceptance." Having passed through what he called a "golden age for voluntary sector funding" into a time

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where strategic funding is being obliterated, Davis Smith said that infrastructure organisations - whose roles involve representation and advocacy as well as advice and services - have failed to demonstrate their value.

He said he thought infrastructure organisations were facing six key challenges:

- Coming up with more compelling language which emphasises the symbiotic relationship between front-line activity and activity provided by what is currently referred to as infrastructure
- Conducting up-to-date and robust research on the value of infrastructure
- Being open to new ways of doing work and resolute in defending values
- Remembering and promoting the advocacy and leadership roles of infrastructure
- Finding new avenues of support
- Looking for ways of working more closely together, both to drive efficiencies and cuts costs but more importantly to expand reach and pool expertise

[http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/governance/news/content/15671/infrastructure\\_bodies\\_are\\_not\\_selling\\_themselves\\_effectively\\_says\\_justin\\_davis-smith?utm\\_source=4+July+2013+Fundraising&utm\\_campaign=4+July+Fundraising&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.civilsociety.co.uk/governance/news/content/15671/infrastructure_bodies_are_not_selling_themselves_effectively_says_justin_davis-smith?utm_source=4+July+2013+Fundraising&utm_campaign=4+July+Fundraising&utm_medium=email)

[http://blogs.ncvo.org.uk/2013/07/03/six-challenges-for-infrastructure-organisations/?utm\\_source=NCVO+NonMemberBulletin+July2013&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=NCVO+NonMemberBulletin+July2013](http://blogs.ncvo.org.uk/2013/07/03/six-challenges-for-infrastructure-organisations/?utm_source=NCVO+NonMemberBulletin+July2013&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=NCVO+NonMemberBulletin+July2013)

Source: Direct / Civil Society / FINE

## **Northern Rock Foundation**

### **Virgin Money donates £500,000 to Foundation**

Virgin Money has made a £500,000 donation to the Northern Rock Foundation. The boost to the charity comes as Virgin Money begins to see a continued performance improvement.

For the first time since acquiring Northern Rock last year, the business has returned to a position of profitable trading on a monthly basis. As a result, Virgin Money decided to make the donation to show its continued support to the foundation. When it bought the bank last year, Virgin Money said it would honour the existing agreement between Northern Rock and the Foundation until the end of 2013 of giving a donation of 1% of pre-tax profits relating to the previous year. Due to the loss-making state of the business there was no guarantee of any money, but bosses at Virgin Money decided to go ahead with a donation to show the Foundation its support.

<http://www.thejournal.co.uk/news/north-east-news/virgin-money-donates-500000-northern-5377686>

Source: Journal / FINE

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## Social Enterprise Directplus

### Free banking for CICs

The Co-operative Bank has announced a bank account that offers free banking to social enterprises that are registered as Community Interest Companies (CICs).

The Social Enterprise Directplus account is available specifically for CICs with a turnover of up to £1m and who deposit up to £100,000 in cash and up to 5,000 cheques per annum. It includes a business debit card, and interest on credit balances of £2,000 or more.

Provided organisations "operate within the agreed limits", there are no fees, unless they exceed the limits or wish to use other services (such as CHAPS payments, stopping a cheque, or requesting duplicate statements).

<http://www.fundraising.co.uk/news/2013/07/30/cooperative-bank-offers-free-banking-social-enterprises-registered-cics>

Source: UKF / FINE

## Events & Training

### Develop a Fundraising Strategy: an online course

**Next cohort 2<sup>nd</sup> September – 30<sup>th</sup> November 2013. £75 per person, refunded upon completion.**

Northern Rock Foundation (NRF) have asked Project North East (PNE) to develop and deliver a leadership and management Northern Rock Foundation Online Training Programme. This is one of the courses in that programme. Course objectives:

- Explain the stages of a fundraising cycle
- Use a fundraising cycle as a tool to structure fundraising activity
- Understand concepts and vocabulary used in the fundraising process
- Build a case for funding that identifies the need, provides a clear description of aims, objectives, outputs, outcomes and unique selling points
- Understand and identify an organisation's full overheads and project costs
- Understand a range of funding and finance options
- Develop and implement a fundraising plan
- Carry out monitoring and evaluation of fundraising activities
- Understand the principles behind a sustainable funding approach
- Develop a fundraising strategy for your organisation
- Know what to do when things go wrong

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PNE estimate each module will take two to three hours to complete and there are eight modules. To get a place (max. 2 per organisation), email Rachel Kyle-Barclay [rachel.kyle-barclay@nr-foundation.org.uk](mailto:rachel.kyle-barclay@nr-foundation.org.uk) by **19<sup>th</sup> August 2013** with name, job title, organisation and email address.

## **Funding for Community Groups: online**

**Starts 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013. £120 VCSE / £200 statutory and private**

An accredited introductory course from fit4funding for anyone new to voluntary and community sector funding (including those wishing to apply for funds and development workers who support them). Accreditation is at either Level 2 or Level 3. The course covers the following:

- The importance of taking a planned approach to fundraising
- Different kinds of funding available and the advantages and disadvantages of each
- Key elements of successful funding bids
- Sources of support and further information

It requires approximately 10 hours commitment over a four week period. Delegates will need basic computer skills and broadband access.

To book a place email [info@fit4funding.org.uk](mailto:info@fit4funding.org.uk) or call 01924 239 063.

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