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

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Funding Information North East

## Opportunities

### **Community First (Grants - North Tyneside: Collingwood)**

**£250 - £2,500 for VCSE. Deadline 28<sup>th</sup> January 2013.**

Community First is a government-funded programme that will help deprived communities come together through new and existing community groups, to identify local priorities, plan for their future and become more resilient.

In North Tyneside, three wards have been allocated £33,000 of Neighbourhood Match Funding from the Community First project - Chirton, Wallsend and Collingwood. Panels of local volunteers have now been recruited in each ward and have created a list of priorities which form the area's Community Plan. Funding is available to groups and organisations that are based or carrying out work within the specified wards.

Projects that meet at least one of the wards' priorities (see below) will be able to apply for grants of £250-£2,500. Organisations must find match funding for 50% of the project cost (volunteer time / gifts in kind / cash donations).

Applications to the next round of Community First grants for **Collingwood Ward** are now being accepted. Priorities are as follows:

- Improve the health and wellbeing of residents
- Improve the facilities, provide a better environment and ensure residents feel safe in the local community
- To improve the employability and skills of local residents
- To provide activities which make older people feel less isolated
- To create issue based activities for young people, community and family learning

<http://www.voda.org.uk/cms/projects/community-first>

Source: VODA / FINE

### **Skills for the Future (Grants – England)**

**Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) grants of £100,000 - £1m to fund work-based training. Not for profit. Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013**

The programme funds work-based training in a wide range of skills that are needed to look after buildings, landscapes, habitats, species, and museum and archive collections, as well as equipping people to lead education and outreach programmes, manage volunteers and use new technology.

HLF will give grants to organisations that can demonstrate a skills shortage and are able to plan and develop a new training programme and to recruit, train and pay trainees new to the sector.

Projects need to contribute towards these outcomes:

- Outcomes for people - developed skills
- Outcomes for people - learnt about heritage
- Outcomes for communities - more people and a wider range of people will have engaged with heritage

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/SkillsfortheFuture.aspx#.UNBt7WdVxH5>

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

## **Tesco Charity Community Awards - Children (Grants - UK)**

**£500 - £4,000 for local projects supporting children's welfare and/or educations (including special needs schools). Deadline 31<sup>st</sup> January 2013**

The Awards scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 to registered charities and not for profit organisations. The funding goes towards providing practical benefits, such as equipment and resources for projects in the local communities around Tesco stores in the UK. Projects previously supported include the following:

- Playground equipment in schools and local communities
- Sensory garden or room projects
- Outdoor classrooms
- Luncheon clubs / youth clubs
- Specialist equipment for disabled people
- Day trips / social trips – for elderly / disabled people

Exclusions:

- Salaries
- Fundraising events or challenges
- Conferences or seminars
- Grants to individuals, including students
- Activities which collect funds for redistribution
- Purchase of land or buildings
- Refurbishment to fabric of buildings, including lift installations
- Overseas appeals
- Expeditions or overseas travel
- Promotion of religion
- Sponsorship and marketing promotions
- Research projects
- Endowment funds
- Political donations

[http://www.tescopl.com/index.asp?pageid=121#ref\\_tescocharitytrust](http://www.tescopl.com/index.asp?pageid=121#ref_tescocharitytrust)

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

## **Big Venture Challenge (Grants – England)**

**Deadline 8<sup>th</sup> February (opens 8<sup>th</sup> January) 2013. For charities, social enterprises and businesses working in health and social care**

UnLtd and Big Lottery Fund have launched a programme to find investment for social enterprises working in health and social care. The Big Venture Challenge will recruit 30 social enterprises which UnLtd will support in their attempts to raise money from investors, and will also match fund if they are successful in taking on investment. It will help organisations raise between £50,000 and £250,000 of funding, and will provide match funding of up to £100,000 to organisations that are successful in raising capital.

<http://unltd.org.uk/bvc/>

Source: FINE

## **Protecting Playing Fields (Grants - England)**

**£20,000 - £50,000 from Sport England to create, improve and protect playing fields. Deadline 18<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

Through the fund, Sport England is making investments to create, improve and protect playing fields by:

- bringing disused playing fields back into use
- improving the condition of pitches (e.g. levelling, drainage, reseeding)
- buying new playing field land (not less than 0.2 hectares)
- buying existing playing field land where there is a known threat, such as the expiry of a lease or a development proposal

Sport England has also entered into partnership with Fields in Trust (FIT) to support the protection of playing fields as part of the Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge. Successful applicants to Protecting Playing Fields who accept a Deed of Dedication of their playing field in "perpetuity" will have their details passed to FIT. This will give them the opportunity to become a Queen Elizabeth II Field.

[http://www.sportengland.org/funding/protecting\\_playing\\_fields.aspx](http://www.sportengland.org/funding/protecting_playing_fields.aspx)

Source: FINE

## **Localgiving.com prize from County Durham Community Foundation**

**County Durham Community Foundation giving away £100 to the 100<sup>th</sup> VCS group in County Durham or Darlington who sets up their Localgiving.com webpage**

Having a Localgiving.com webpage enables small, local charities and community groups to raise money, awareness and support online. It is also a way for groups to advertise their volunteer needs.

[www.localgiving.com/charitysignup](http://www.localgiving.com/charitysignup)

## **Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland (Grants)**

### **Various calls for applications**

#### **Port of Tyne Community Action Fund**

- Up to £5,000 for groups in North and South Tyneside, Newcastle, Gateshead and the River Tyne corridor
- To help in particular young people gain skills and confidence towards work, helping communities thrive and improve the environment
- Deadline **11<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

#### **Bellingham Fund:**

- Up to £500 for groups in/around Bellingham, including Greenhaugh, Lane Head and Greystead
- Deadline **23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013**

#### **Sir Tom Cowie Fund:**

- £1,000 - £10,000 for Sunderland based organisations only
- Aims to give disadvantaged and disabled children and young people (8-25) opportunities to fulfil their potential
- Funder prefers to support a project or activity in full (or major contribution)
- Deadline **22<sup>nd</sup> February 2013**

#### **David Dockray West End Young People's Fund:**

- Up to £2,000 for young people's projects in Newcastle, particularly West End
- Funders will support out of school activities that encourage young people's social and personal development

#### **ESF Community Grants in the North East**

- £82,000 remains to be allocated for projects that can take place between April-December 2013. Open to groups with income of less than £200,000 pa

<http://www.communityfoundation.org.uk/apply> or call 0191 222 0945

Source: Direct / FINE

## **Skills and Opportunities Fund (County Durham / Darlington)**

**For individuals (see text) to get into paid employment. Up to £5,000. No deadline yet specified**

This new fund from the County Durham Community Foundation has around £350,000 to support individuals in the area looking to achieve paid employment.

The maximum grant award will be £5,000 (unless mitigating circumstances require CDCF to award more). There will be no age, geographic or deprivation restriction on the funding. CDCF will work with mentors / advisors to identify people.

The person must have a job in place to apply; CDCF won't be looking to 'move people closer to the labour market', rather 'get them into paid employment'. The £5,000 will be spent on an overall package to support the individual, which could include training costs, specialist equipment, transport, living costs, a grant to the employer (basically, to cover the cost of whatever financial barrier there is against the person securing a job). CDCF's assessor, the individual and the employer must work together to agree a short business plan that will outline the barriers as well as taking into account current funding available.

The grant award will be to the employee, but will be subject to a tripartite agreement having been signed between CDCF, the individual and the employer

Applications can be made on the Foundation's standard application form:

<http://www.cdcf.org.uk/apply-for-a-grant/grants-for-groups>

Source: Direct / FINE

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## **Social Prescribing Hub (Contract – North Tyneside)**

**Respond by 4<sup>th</sup> January 2013.**

Social Prescribing refers to the process of accessing non-medical interventions; it is a mechanism for linking patients, largely in Primary Care, with non-medical resources of support in the community. Social Prescribing is largely applicable for people with mild to moderate mental health conditions.

The Provider will deliver the Service which will work to improve health and wellbeing in the North Tyneside area by operating a single point of access for Clients to a range of different services on a "prescription programme", and a wide range of community participation programmes across the whole of North Tyneside at a range of accessible health and community venues.

The Service will:

- build on existing programmes of development of arts on prescription to create pathways in and around the area
- develop the Activity on Prescription hub to enable effective referrals and participation in the network by health professionals, adult social care workers and local participatory activity organisations/facilitators help people access a range of local workshops
- engage with health professionals, adult social care workers, third sector referrers and local providers to build sustainable pathways through direct referral to a range of local services
- create a forum/network of provider organisations to help shape local delivery and provide peer support

The Service will be available to be accessed by the following groups of Clients:

- Working age adults with mental health problems
- People with a Learning disability
- Autistic spectrum disorder
- Older people
- Dementia
- People in transition

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-92XPQS>

Source: NEPO / FINE

## **Independent Mental Health Advocacy Contract (Gateshead)**

**Respond by 11<sup>th</sup> January 2013. Not available to register at time of writing**

Contract to fulfill the statutory obligations placed upon Gateshead Council by the provisions introduced by the Mental Health Act 2007, ensuring that service users have access to help from an Independent Mental Health Advocate in order to support them to understand and exercise their legal rights.

[https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm\\_opportunity?openForm&contract\\_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-8X2BQP&opp\\_id=OPP-HIS-QTLE-934JYW&search\\_id=&org\\_id=ORG-QTLE-75EJUA&from=supplier\\_home#](https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm_opportunity?openForm&contract_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-8X2BQP&opp_id=OPP-HIS-QTLE-934JYW&search_id=&org_id=ORG-QTLE-75EJUA&from=supplier_home#)

Source: NEPO / FINE

## **Local Healthwatch Darlington (Contract)**

**Darlington's contract for Healthwatch. Respond by 25<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

[https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm\\_opportunity?openForm&contract\\_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-92XFLZ&opp\\_id=OPP-HIS-QTLE-934FKJ&search\\_id=&org\\_id=ORG-QTLE-75FCMG&from=supplier\\_home](https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/frm_opportunity?openForm&contract_id=CONTRACT-QTLE-92XFLZ&opp_id=OPP-HIS-QTLE-934FKJ&search_id=&org_id=ORG-QTLE-75FCMG&from=supplier_home)

Source: NEPO / FINE

## **Management and Operation of Layfield Children's Centre and delivery of Childcare (Contract – Stockton)**

### **Respond by 27<sup>th</sup> January 2013**

The Services to be offered from the Centre must address the three key aims of Early Years Foundation Stage Framework:

- Child development & school
- Parenting aspirations and parenting skills
- Child and family health and life chances

The successful bidder will also be required to

- develop and maintain a parent advisory board at the centre
- develop and maintain a partnership group which will include (but not be limited to) health providers, other agencies providing services from the Centre, other occupants in the building & the management committee
- maintain regular and active communication with the local community

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-92VG2R>

Source: NEPO / FINE

## **Information & Resources**

### **Charity Commission portal to find infrastructure support**

#### **New online service to help charities find specialist advice**

The Charity Commission has launched a new online service designed to help charities find umbrella and infrastructure bodies offering specialist advice.

The service is a portal on the commission's website which allows charities to find organisations according to different search criteria, including 'capacity-building and support bodies' and 'umbrella bodies'.

The regulator developed the web pages to help charities find the "best fit" umbrella body for their needs as well as to encourage more charities to access the help available to them.

[http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Other\\_support\\_for\\_charities/default.aspx](http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Other_support_for_charities/default.aspx)

Source: Third Sector / FINE



## **The year in fundraising: 2012**

### **Third Sector reviews the main developments of the past twelve months**

Some of the article's key points include the following:

- Lord Hodgson's recommendations in his review of the Charities Act 2006 about the need to address the "confused self-regulatory landscape" of fundraising have been one of the year's biggest fundraising stories. The Institute of Fundraising, the Fundraising Standards Board and the Public Fundraising Regulatory Association responded quickly by agreeing a clearer division of their responsibilities less than two months later
- Hodgson's proposal to abolish national exemption orders was greeted with alarm by charities. But in his interim response the Minister for Civil Society rejected the proposal. Hurd also said the fundraising regulatory bodies had made a good start clarifying their roles
- There has been much sector debate about face-to-face street fundraising, which has continued to attract criticism
- November saw the launch of the IoF's single Code of Fundraising Practice, condensing the 28 old codes into one
- Camelot lost its High Court battle for a judicial review into the Health Lottery. The National Lottery operator also withdrew its application for leave to appeal and instead called on the Government to close a "loophole" in the Gambling Act that could see similar society lotteries eat away at Camelot's ticket sales
- Research by the Charities Aid Foundation and the National Council for Voluntary Organisations found charitable donations were down 20 per cent, or £2.3bn, in real terms compared to 2011. The findings were widely questioned with academics and sector bodies saying their evidence from charities pointed to giving remaining flat or, more optimistically, being slight up on last year

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/1164485/the-year-fundraising-2012/>

## **Events & Training**

### **The North East Social Enterprise Conference**

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2013, 10am - 3pm at The Customs House, South Shields.  
Free to attend**

This one day event hosted by the North East Social Enterprise Partnership will comprise of key note speakers from various regional organisations, social enterprise themed workshops, a social enterprise 'showcase' market street, food and entertainment. Tickets are free but places are limited.

<http://nasep-conference.eventbrite.co.uk/>

## **X Funder Gateshead – youth and community funders drop-in**

**22<sup>nd</sup> January 2013, 1-3:30pm. Gateshead Youth Council, 12 Gladstone Terrace, Gateshead. Free to attend**

“Helping put the X factor into your funding applications”.

Funders include Ballinger Trust, Big Lottery Fund, Charity Trust Bank, Children In Need, Greggs Foundation, Hadrian Trust, Key Fund, Yapp Trust & more...

Contact GVOC reception on 0191 478 4103 or email [enquiries@gvoc.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@gvoc.org.uk)

## **From Councils to Co-Ops and Mutuals**

**29<sup>th</sup> January 2013, 2-4pm, The Town Mission, North Shields.**

An increased focus from media and from politicians has lead to questions around how employee ownership can be used to give public sector staff greater ownership and control over their work, how services are delivered and their organisation run.

This event, hosted by SES (Sustainable Enterprises Strategies), will cover

- the rationale behind change
- learn about the enterprise development journey
- use a working social enterprise case to learn how one organisation implemented change and the valuable lessons learned
- explain the experiences of applying mutual and social enterprise models
- gain a wider understanding of co-operative support that is available

Speakers:

- Mark Saddington, Director of SES -Public Sector Reform
- Margaret Elliott, OBE & CEO of Sunderland Home Care Associates - an employee based company delivering care support packages throughout UK
- Judith Brown, North East Co-Op - The Co-operative Enterprise Hub

To book email contact details to [toni@ses.coop](mailto:toni@ses.coop)

<http://www.voda.org.uk/cms/component/content/article/1-latest-news/620-from-councils-to-co-ops-and-mutuals-events>

## **Charities Evaluation Services Bursary Scheme**

Charities Evaluation Services (CES) have recently been awarded a grant from The Lankelly Chase Foundation to offer a bursary scheme for non-London organisations to attend CES training. The bursary can be used to attend either a one-day or two-day course. CES runs courses around governance and quality assurance.

<http://www.ces-vol.org.uk/NR/exeres/320631BF-0711-418F-B552-5D9CFAC61619>

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