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## Opportunities

### Conservation Grants (Grant - UK)

**Up to £10,000 for small museums (average grant £5,000). First deadline 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.**

The Association of Independent Museums (AIM) has announced that it has developed a second conservation funding strand to its Conservation Grant Scheme. The scheme has been set up to help small museums develop a more sustainable approach to the conservation and management of collections through improvements to preventive conservation within their museum. Bids will typically be small interventions, more passive and simple methods of environmental control, low energy, low carbon, no air-conditioning and methods that can be easily maintained by non-technical staff and volunteers.

Under the scheme AIM will consider supporting the following:

- Environmental surveys
- Obtaining professional advice to compile conservation and implementation strategies
- Training for volunteers
- Environmental monitoring and control equipment
- Ultraviolet filters
- Integrated pest management
- Display cases and picture framing
- Storage containers and packing materials
- Development of emergency plans

Priority will be given to obtaining professional advice in compiling conservation and implementation strategies, and training for volunteers.

To be eligible museums should:

- be an AIM member
- be a registered or accredited museum, or be confident of achieving accreditation within two years
- have fewer than 60,000 visitors p.a. OR a turnover of less than £300,000 p.a.

[http://www.aim-museums.co.uk/content/aim\\_preventive\\_conservation\\_grant\\_scheme/](http://www.aim-museums.co.uk/content/aim_preventive_conservation_grant_scheme/)

Source: Funding Insight / FINE

## **Empty Homes Fund (Grant - England)**

**Capital. VCS. Respond by 25<sup>th</sup> March 2013.**

The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) has announced that round two of the Empty Homes Fund is now open for applications. As well as tackling empty homes this new funding round has an additional emphasis on the refurbishment of empty commercial and non-residential properties as affordable housing. To be considered for funding, properties must have been empty for at least six months and must be brought back into use as affordable housing.

The bidding is open to all organisations who are, or intend to become, qualified as HCA Investment Partners. This includes housing associations, local authorities, private sector developers and community groups, among others. For community-led organisations, HCA will seek to ensure that assessment processes are proportionate to the scale of funding sought to improve access to funding for community organisations where proposals meet an identified need and offer value for money.

HCA will only support bids which have clear local authority support, and where proposals meet local priorities or support local strategies to tackle empty homes. Bids that are awarded grant will still need to seek the appropriate permissions where a change of use is proposed.

Government modelling carried out for the business case for this Programme assumed that most properties will be leased (for 5 – 20 years) rather than acquired outright. That modelling assumed that, for a five-year lease, grant rates range from £6,000 to £13,000. For a 10-year lease, grant rates range from £9,000 to £22,000. The HCA will consider these assumptions in assessing the value for money of the bids received.

<http://www.homesandcommunities.co.uk/ourwork/empty-homes-round-two>

Source: Grants Online / FINE

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

**Deadline 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013. £500 - £5,000 (cash, in-kind or combination) for VCS groups in Gateshead.**

The Funders are particularly keen to attract applications from the Inner West area of Gateshead – Teams, Whickham, Dunston, Swalwell, Lobley Hill etc.

There are three broad fund themes:

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

Resources are 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

Applications should be made through the Community Foundation Tyne & Wear and Northumberland. It should be made clear in applications that it is an application to this fund. Usual Foundation grant making criteria apply along with the following:

- One third of a group should be GHC tenants – specify on the application form
- Salaries and core costs will be funded as part of core cost recovery
- Grants will not be awarded to replace any local authority funding, however grants can be awarded to improve a local authority owned venue over and above what the local authority will do
- Grants will not be awarded for on-going running costs or projects that are likely to require on-going support
- Applicants need to assure the funders of project ownership once complete
- Groups can receive no more than one grant per year but can apply each year
- Match funding – GHC would prefer

<http://www.communityfoundation.org.uk/apply> or contact the Community Foundation on 0191 222 0945 / [general@communityfoundation.org.uk](mailto:general@communityfoundation.org.uk)

Source: Direct / FINE

## **Northumberland Community Chest Scheme (Grant)**

**Up to £10,000. No deadline. For VCS / not for profit organisations based in or predominantly serving Northumberland)**

The Community Chest Scheme is a Northumberland County Council initiative to provide access to funding support to deliver priority activities appropriate to each of the three Areas (North, South East and West) as determined by the three Area Committees of the County Council. There is also a small allocation allocated for county-wide projects. The annual budget for 2012/13 was £362,000. Each area was allocated £90,000, with £30,000 made available for County wide projects and £62,000 for Social Welfare and Community Centres in the South East. The aims of the Scheme are to

- support voluntary and community groups/organisation to deliver services which will make an impact in the relevant Area
- support one-off initiatives that are seen as valuable to the Area, but are not able to secure mainstream funding from the Council or other service providers
- provide an easily accessible process of funding support

[www.northumberland.gov.uk/communitychest](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/communitychest) or contact the Local Development Team on [Locality.Development@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:Locality.Development@northumberland.gov.uk)

Source: Locality / FINE

## **Polden-Puckham Charitable Foundation (Grant - UK)**

**Open to VCS organisations. £5,000 - £15,000 for 1-3 years. Respond by 15<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

The main objectives of the Foundation are to

- develop ways of resolving violent conflicts peacefully, and of addressing their underlying causes
- address the pressures and conditions that risk global environmental breakdown

The Foundation funds organisations in UK working to influence policy, attitudes and values at a national or international level. These may be single issue groups working to achieve a particular change, or organisations with a broader remit. Priority will be given to small, pioneering organisations.

Grants are given to UK registered charities or those who are not but have one who will accept funds on their behalf. Grants would usually represent between 5% and 50% of an organisation's annual income (organisations with an annual income of between £10,000 and £300,000 approximately).

<http://www.polden->

[puckham.org.uk/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=2&Itemid=35](http://www.polden-puckham.org.uk/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=2&Itemid=35)

Source: Grants Online / FINE

## **Seafarers (Grant – UK)**

**For charitable organisations (registered/charitable aims) that help seafarers. No deadline, considered quarterly. Next deadline 1<sup>st</sup> March 2013**

This grants scheme is aimed at organisations seeking funding for projects, schemes or activities involving seafarers, ex-seafarers, their families or dependants, or maritime youth organisations. There are two types of grants that organisations can apply for:

- Main Grants – over £5,000. No maximum but in practice, rarely above £100,000. Average in 2012 was £34,000.
- Small Grants – up to and including £5,000

Organisations may apply to both the small and main grants programmes, provided the purpose of the application is different. Organisations can only have one grant in each category in any one calendar year.

The aim is to support organisations providing welfare and support services for

- older seafarers and their dependants – over the usual retirement age
- working age seafarers – including people who normally work at sea in the maritime industries, former seafarers under the usual retirement age, and merchant navy cadets and trainees

- families and dependants of working age seafarers – either working or former seafarers under the normal retirement age
- young people in maritime youth groups – for young people who may be considering a career at sea

To be considered for a grant, organisations need to show how they will meet at least one of the above aims.

[http://www.seafarers-uk.org/how-to-get-help/?utm\\_source=Linx+259+-+20+Dec+2012&utm\\_campaign=linx259&utm\\_medium=email](http://www.seafarers-uk.org/how-to-get-help/?utm_source=Linx+259+-+20+Dec+2012&utm_campaign=linx259&utm_medium=email)

Source: NCVO / FINE

## **Women Making Music (Grants - UK)**

**Up to £5,000 for women musicians (individuals / groups). Next deadline 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013.**

The aims of Women Make Music, from the Performing Rights Society (PRS), are to

- break down assumptions and stereotypes within the music industry by encouraging role models for future generations
- raise awareness of the gender gap and to ensure that women are aware that support for new music is available to them
- increase the profile of women who are creating new music in the UK
- stimulate new collaborations between organisations and female music creators

Applicants can be a

- solo performer
- solo songwriter or composer
- promoter or event producer
- band/ensemble/orchestra
- collective
- charity
- community interest company
- company limited by guarantee
- local authority
- school, college or university
- festival/promoter

Applicants can be working in any genre, with at least 18 months professional experience. Funding supports

- songwriters and composers who want to create new music for live performance
- solo performers who want to commission new music which they will perform live
- organisations/groups who would like to commission a female composer to create new work
- music creator residencies

Funding can be used to assist with the costs of the first performance and/or the fee for the music creator and our support is available for music written by UK-based creators working in any music genre.

<http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/Partnerships/Flagship-Programmes/Women-Make-Music/More-Information>

Source: FINE

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## **Adoption Support & Special Guardianship Service (Contract – Tees Valley)**

**Redcar & Cleveland / Hartlepool / Stockton on Tees. Respond by 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013.**

Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council (Lead Council), Hartlepool Borough Council and Stockton-On-Tees Borough Council require a provider to offer a quality Adoption Support & Special Guardianship Service to service users identified in the Adoption Support Regulations 2005 Part 2 sub section 4. The successful organisation will provide the following:

- A telephone advice/information line for adults, children and young people with access to a referral line and leaflets
- A quality Adoption Support Service accessed through referrals

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-937DHU>

## **Panel provider for Independent Sector Day Services and Transport Arrangements (Contract – Durham)**

**Durham County Council. Respond by 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013.**

The Council wishes to work in partnership with service users and providers in the provision of day services, including personalised and outcome based approaches to such services. The Council is seeking to re-model day services into Locality Demand Zones within County Durham and establish panels of providers in each zone. A number of individual contracts will be awarded under a call-off arrangement.

Objectives of the service are to

- enable, where possible, an individual to continue to live at home within their chosen community in order to maintain independence
- deliver high quality service user focused services based on continuous improvement and on known service user expectations
- prevent unnecessary admission to hospital, residential or nursing home care
- encourage and support Service Users to live independently in the community
- maintain/promote social inclusion and involvement in community activities

- provide a flexible service that responds to changing needs and requirements
- deliver a service that provides security and protection to service users
- provide a person-centred approach
- provide respite for carers
- give service users the confidence to enjoy a more independent lifestyle
- support to facilitate access to employment opportunities where appropriate

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-936R3M>

Source: NEPO / FINE

## **Extra Care Housing Schemes and Outreach Support (Parkside Court / Aspen Gardens) (Contract – Stockton on Tees)**

**Stockton Borough Council. Respond by 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

The tendered service is for the provision of Homecare and Domiciliary Support services for Older People (55+) delivered as an Extra Care model linked to Tenancy agreements within two established Extra Care Housing Schemes. The Service will also deliver Outreach Support within the Borough of Stockton.

Tenderers may bid for either one or both Lots, but if successful will be awarded no more than one Lot which will be at the Council's absolute discretion.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-93MHVX>

Source: NEPO / FINE

## **Service User Council Support (Contract - Northumbria)**

**Northumbria Probation Trust. Respond by 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

Northumbria Probation Trust is committed to the maintenance and development of its Service User Council to provide a structure for staff to meet with Probation Service Users on a range of issues and gain a better understanding of Service Users' experience. The Service User Council was established in 2010, being developed and maintained by an independent support organisation.

This tender seeks to appoint an organisation to support and further extend the work of the Council. A key requirement of the contract is that the worker delivering the support will have experience of being under the supervision of Probation or have experienced Custody and have successfully completed their order or licence.

The contract is initially for a period of one year commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2013 with a possibility of extension for a further two 12 month periods, subject to funding and approval.



The indicative budget for the provision is £25,000 and it is anticipated that the post holder will be offering at least 2.5 days per week to the contract.  
<http://www.northumbria-probation.co.uk/information/contractsandtenders.html>  
Source: Direct / FINE

## **Specialist Independent Supported Living and Floating Support Services (Contract – Newcastle)**

**Newcastle City Council. Respond by 8<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

This Framework is for adults aged 18 and over resident within the City of Newcastle who have learning disabilities, learning disabilities and autism or autistic spectrum conditions.

The Framework is made up with the following three lots:

- Lot 1 Non Complex Independent Supported Living and specialist care at home
- Lot 2 Complex Independent Supported Living
- Lot 3 Floating Support (previously known as Community Enabling)

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8U4PR2>

Source: NEPO / FINE

## **Information & Resources**

### **Northern Rock Foundation**

#### **Application process suspended.**

At their recent Board meeting the Foundation's trustees agreed their spending priorities for 2013 to 2015. These will be announced this month. In the meantime they have suspended the Foundation's application process.

<http://www.nr-foundation.org.uk/>

Source: Direct / FINE

## **Taken for Granted report**

### **IPPR North urges government to develop microfinance funds to help small charities in deprived areas.**

The Taken for Granted report - published by IPPR North, the northern arm of the Institute for Public Policy Research - says that initiatives such as Big Society Capital are not well targeted for these organisations.

The report says that austerity and a move from grants to contracts will have an especially adverse effect on small charities and social enterprises serving deprived communities, and that funding initiatives such as Big Society Capital are not well targeted for helping smaller organisations. Fewer organisations exist in deprived areas but they have a greater influence. They have less skilled volunteer support to draw on, and that they rely more on state funding. They are less able to win contracts because of a lack of scale and specialised bidding capacity, or because contracts are not a suitable source of funding for them.

The report calls for the establishment of microfinance funds "tailored to the needs of the very smallest organisations", and says that government should aim to deliver these services through community development finance institutions and credit unions. The report also calls for greater focus on grants, as well as changes to make grant giving more intelligent, including single-application portals, standard application forms and proportionate monitoring.

<http://www.thirdsector.co.uk/news/1165791/ippr-north-urges-government-develop-microfinance-funds-help-small-charities-deprived-areas/>

Source: Third Sector / FINE

## **Events & Training**

### **Specialist Adult Learning Provision**

**16<sup>th</sup> January 2013 1-3pm. City Learning Centre, Newcastle. Respond by 14<sup>th</sup> January 2013. Free to attend.**

Newcastle City Council, Adult and Culture Services, is holding a supplier engagement event regarding proposals to provide specialist learning opportunities for learners with learning difficulties and disabilities and higher level vocational, subject based learning. The purpose of this event is to engage with prospective providers who may be interested in applying to deliver this provision through a formal tender process.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-8Z4LUF>

## **Contractors event – ‘Personal and Housing Related Support for Adults with a Learning Disability’ and ‘Domiciliary Care and Domiciliary Continuing Health Care for Adults and Older People’**

**23<sup>rd</sup> January 2013. 1.30pm. The Studio, The Dolphin Centre, Darlington. Respond by 16<sup>th</sup> January 2013. Free to attend.**

The current Framework Agreements for the delivery of ‘Personal and Housing Related Support for Adults with a Learning Disability’ and ‘Domiciliary Care and Domiciliary Continuing Health Care for Adults and Older People’ end in September 2013. Darlington Borough Council will, therefore, carry out a tender exercise for domiciliary service prior to this date.

The Council would like to invite potential Contractors to this event. The Corporate Procurement Team will give details of the Council’s procurement processes as well as advice about the tendering process. Commissioners will give details about the services currently commissioned and the Council’s plans for the future.

<https://www.qtegov.com/procontract/supplier.nsf/link?OpenAgent&CONTRACT-QTLE-93AF4G>

## **From Councils to Co-ops and Mutuals Events**

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

An increased focus from media and from Politician’s on ‘employee ownership’, ‘mutual ownership’, ‘co-operatives’ and ‘social enterprise’ 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 how their organisation is run. Not only are mutuals and social enterprise being hailed as the future of public service delivery, public sector staff are being encouraged to ‘spin out’ from the state to sell their services back. SES (Sustainable Enterprises Strategies) are holding this event to discuss this topic.

[toni@ses.coop](mailto:toni@ses.coop)

## **Youth In Action Support Event**

**30<sup>th</sup> January 2013. 2.30pm. Langdale Centre, Howdon, Wallsend. Free to attend.**

There is a low uptake of EU funding opportunities which support youth work in the region. In partnership with Gateshead Council and the National Youth Agency, North Tyneside Council has arranged this briefing. The event will be an introduction to the Youth in Action programme for new organisations and potential applications wishing to know more about the opportunities and actions.

Youth Action will fund activities which

- promote young people's active citizenship in general and their European citizenship in particular
- develop solidarity and promote tolerance among young people, in particular in order to foster social cohesion in the European Union
- foster mutual understanding between young people in different countries
- contribute to developing the quality of support systems for youth activities and the capabilities of civil society
- organisations in the youth field
- promote European cooperation in the youth field

To book email [sharon.harries@northtyneside.org.uk](mailto:sharon.harries@northtyneside.org.uk) or call 0191 6436962 by 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

## **Institute of Fundraising (IoF) Yorkshire and North East Conference**

**7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> February 2013. The Royal York Hotel, York. £105 - £245**

This two day conference will provide opportunities to learn, network and be associated with innovative thinking and debate on professional fundraising.

Speakers include

- Di Flatt, Epilepsy Action (Chair of IoF Yorkshire)
- Alix Wooding, Alzheimers Society
- Bruce Tait, Bruce Tait Associates

Sessions include

- Major donor masterclass
- Legacies and legacy appeals
- Donor behavior
- Partnerships with Tesco

The conference will also hold the Yorkshire and North East Institute of Fundraising Annual Ball. Being in York the Ball will have the special theme of 'Vikings', and include a drinks reception, three course meal with wine and entertainment.

Cost options:

IoF Full £195. IoF Thursday £105. IoF Friday £105. Non IoF Full £245. Non IoF Thursday £145. Non IoF Friday £145.

[www.iofyorkshire.com](http://www.iofyorkshire.com)

## **CulturEuro seminars**

**Various dates locations (in the North East - 5<sup>th</sup> March in Newcastle). 2-5pm (registration from 1:30). £80 (£20 discount if booked before 31<sup>st</sup> January. £25 discount for Connexus members)**

The next round of CulturEuro seminars will focus on the new EU funding programmes from 2014 and will provide the latest information on these and guidance as to what organisations need to do to start preparing for the first calls which are expected in late 2013 or early 2014.

The seminars will cover the following:

- The new Creative Europe programme
- The new Erasmus for All programme
- Likely new programmes for environment, citizenship, tourism, and research
- Likely new programmes supporting projects involving countries outside Europe
- Likely "European Years of..."
- European Capitals of Culture 2014-2019
- The new Structural Funds
- The new Interreg programme

The seminars will also give the latest information on the final deadline for the current EU Culture programme – the May 2013 deadline for strand 1.3.5 which supports projects with three European partners plus one in either Australia or Canada.

[www.euclid.info](http://www.euclid.info)

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