

## September Funding Pages

**Allen Lane Foundation** makes grants to small voluntary not-for-profit organisations where the work benefits groups of people who are unpopular in UK society today. The Foundation wishes to fund work which

- will make a lasting difference to people's lives rather than simply alleviating the symptoms or current problems
- is aimed at reducing isolation, stigma and discrimination, and
- encourages or enables unpopular groups to share in the life of the whole community.

Priority groups are asylum-seekers and refugees, gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgender people, gypsies and travellers, offenders and ex-offenders, older people, people from black and minority ethnic communities and migrant workers, people experiencing mental health problems, people experiencing violence or abuse. The Foundation will make grants for start-up, core or project costs. Single, one-off grants range from £500 up to £15,000. Grants repeated for more than one year vary from about £500 per annum up to £5,000 per annum, for a maximum of three years. To make sure that grants of this size have an impact the Foundation will not fund larger organisations. If an organisation works in a relatively local area to be eligible it will have an income of less than about £100,000. Trustees meet three times a year to make grant decisions. **The closing date for the February meeting in 2007 will be 15 December 2006**

**Faith Communities Capacity Building Fund** is part of the Government's Improving Opportunity and Strengthening Society strategy. It will support faith and inter faith organisations to strengthen their capacity (capacity building) in order to play a fuller part in civil society/community cohesion. It will also support inter faith activities which bring together people from different faith groups to talk, network and learn from one another. Organisations are invited to apply for small grants (up to £5,000) or large grants (over £5,000 and up to £30,000)

which are available between April 2007 and March 2008.

### **Who can apply?**

- Faith based organisations
- Inter faith organisations
- Voluntary and Community organisations carrying out inter faith activities or working with faith communities
- Partnerships between several faith or inter faith organisations in an area

Previous grants have included those awarded to groups in Portsmouth, Chichester, Southampton and Petersfield amongst many others. The website lists helpful descriptions of all grants awarded.

There is a series of information events to help groups who are interested in applying. See the website for the full list, the remaining date for the nearest venue to Portsmouth is in Brighton on Sun 27 Aug 2006 but there are others further a field early in Sept.

### **Closing date for applications is 1st November 2006.**

For more information visit [www.cdf.org.uk](http://www.cdf.org.uk) or phone the helpline 01223 400 341

**BT Community Connections** offers organisations the opportunity to apply for a multi-media internet-ready PC and a contribution towards a year's broadband internet access through BT Total Broadband. Over 1300 awards are available for community groups who can demonstrate how a PC and internet connection would benefit their work and local community. The scheme particularly targets groups who have little or no IT equipment. **Closing dates are 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct for postal and 26<sup>th</sup> Oct for online applications.**

<http://www.btcommunityconnections.com>.

**Youth Music**, the national organisation for promoting and supporting all aspects of music making, has announced the launch of a new programme aimed at increasing singing in the

community.

For more details see

[www.youthmusic.org.uk/news/general.jsp?ID=423](http://www.youthmusic.org.uk/news/general.jsp?ID=423)

**Charities Aid Foundation (CAF)** is offering grants totalling £1.2 million to help small and medium-sized charities build their capacity. Open to charitable organisations with an annual income of up to £3 million, the funding is available through two CAF funds - the Consultancy and Training Fund and the Collaborative Fund. The CAF grants programme runs from 1 May 2006 to 30 April 2007, and this year's first 16 awards to small to medium-sized charities have just been announced. CAF is inviting applications from qualifying charitable organisations for the remaining funding. **Applications must be received before 6 October 2006.** [www.cafonline.org/grants](http://www.cafonline.org/grants) (UK Fundraising News)

**Awards for All.** Now is a good time to apply to Awards for All. Grants are available between £300 and £10,000. [www.awardsforall.org.uk](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk) Advice Line 0845 600 2040. If you are thinking of applying and would like to see the slide presentation from a recent briefing session I'll be happy to send it on. Contact details are below.

**Telephony company O2** has launched a new community fund to enable people to make real improvements to where they live. Awards of up to £1,000 will be available to support local environmental, urban renewal and conservation projects. The funding is available for both groups and individuals and could, for instance, be used to hire tools and equipment, or to purchase plants, paint, signs and materials. Examples of projects that could receive funding include turning derelict land into a wildlife area or planting flowers in the High Street. Application forms can be found at [http://www.o2.com/cr/community\\_fund.asp](http://www.o2.com/cr/community_fund.asp)

**Local Network Fund** provide grants of up to £7000 to groups working with disadvantaged children and young people aged up

to 19 years old. You do not need to be a registered charity to apply but your group should have a Management Committee and a constitution (a set of rules about how it is managed). The fund is scheduled to end in March 2008 and is therefore no longer able to commit to 2 year funding arrangements. PCCS offers support to groups who wish to apply. To find out more visit [www.action.hants.org.uk](http://www.action.hants.org.uk) or phone Kevin Sawyers 01962 878986

**Here to Help Awards.** Save the Children and British Gas have launched a new round of their funding scheme, the 'here to HELP' Awards, to fund projects that help make where young people live a healthier, more engaging, safer place to be. The 'here to HELP' Awards are designed to get young people in Great Britain more involved in their communities through speaking out on issues which affect them and get them more involved with local decision making. Over three years Save the Children and British Gas want to fund 300 projects across Britain.

Groups of young people can apply for up to £1000 to start a project that they feel will address a need in their community.

**The next deadline for applications is the 20th October 2006.** Projects that receive a 'here to HELP' Award will also be showcased on the HELP Yourselves website. Through the 'here to HELP' Awards, Save the Children are looking to fund projects that: Give children and young people a voice in their communities; Promote sexual and mental health; Address drug and solvent abuse; Help young people develop skills through play and leisure opportunities; Combat bullying, racism and isolation; Promote safe places for children and young people. You need to make sure that your project is to take place in an area where they can provide funding. Check the 'eligible area search list' on the Help Yourselves website.

Other criteria to consider include: Projects funded in the next round need to take place between January and May 2007; Projects need to heavily involve of be led by children and young people, but be linked to an adult lead organisation or group;

They can fund groups and organisations that have a statutory duty to provide facilities/set up projects, but will only fund projects that aren't already covered by other sources of funding. Save the Children cannot fund: Any projects outside of Great Britain; Any political, sexist or racist organisations; Any projects wishing to fund overseas trips; Multiple applications - i.e. many applications from the same organisation.

Don't forget - you need to refer to the guidance notes available on the Help Yourself website to assist you complete your application form. To access more information about the 'here to HELP' Awards log onto Website: [www.helpyourselves.org.uk](http://www.helpyourselves.org.uk) Email: [helpyourselves@savethechildren.org.uk](mailto:helpyourselves@savethechildren.org.uk) Website: [www.helpyourselves.org.uk/helpyourself/funding/caniapply.html](http://www.helpyourselves.org.uk/helpyourself/funding/caniapply.html) (item supplied by fit4funding)

## **September Deadlines !!!**

**Microsoft Community Learning Awards** support community groups and charities across the UK who are tackling digital exclusion by providing opportunities for disadvantaged young people and adults to learn about information technology through community-based technology and learning centres. 30 grants are available and it is expected that there will be about 400 applications. The more innovative your project, the better likelihood you have of winning an award. Grants are £2,500 plus essential IT software to the 30 winning entrants. **Deadline 27<sup>th</sup> September 2006.**

<http://www.microsoft.com/uk/community/community/awards/>

**Clare Duffield Performing Arts Awards** are for amounts of up to £10,000, and are given only to selected projects in the field of performing arts education for children and young people (aged 0-18) across the UK.

The Clare Duffield Foundation has launched these awards with the chief aim of providing children and young people with opportunities to experience performing arts education at its best. The awards will fund education programmes that cover

every aspect of the performing arts including opera, dance, music, musical theatre, the spoken word and theatre. Both professional and amateur arts organisations are eligible to apply, but they must be either a registered charity or a limited company. The closing date for the next round of awards is **Wednesday 13 September 2006.**

[www.cloreduffield.org.uk](http://www.cloreduffield.org.uk) or phone 0207 351 6061

**AbilityNet** are currently looking for partners in who will work to help disabled people access IT provision in the voluntary sector. For the three year programme they have a package of funding and support worth £40K which they will make available to partners. They will be supporting partners to develop their expertise in adaptive technology and asking them to work with community and voluntary sector organisations in their region. They would like to speak to voluntary sector organisations who are interested in the project by **September 2006.** For more information visit [www.abilitynet.org.uk](http://www.abilitynet.org.uk) and click SwitchedOn Communities

**Bursaries for fundraisers.** Voluntary sector fundraisers (paid or volunteer) can apply for one of ten OU Business School scholarships worth £500 each towards the cost of studying the 6 month 'Winning Resources and Support' course, which can lead to the Certificate in Fundraising Management. **Apply by 8th September.**

<http://www3.open.ac.uk/media/fullstory.aspx?id=9292>.

**First Light** fund and inspire the making of short films by young people in the UK, reflecting the diversity of their lives.

[www.firstlightmovies.com](http://www.firstlightmovies.com) Phone 0870 7703245 **The deadline is 26<sup>th</sup> September 2006**

### **Camelot Foundation Transforming Lives**

Following a strategic funding review in 2005 the Camelot Foundation Trustees resolved to develop a thematic approach to their grant-giving.

This autumn's programme Transforming Lives has the theme - Broadening Minds: tackling negative attitudes and promoting social cohesion among young people

Guidelines are available on their website. **Deadline for applicants: 8th September 2006**

For further information Tel: 020 7828 6085

[www.camelotfoundation.org.uk](http://www.camelotfoundation.org.uk)

(item supplied by fit4funding)

**The Alcohol Education and Research Council (AERC)** aims to increase the capacity of individuals and organisations to deal with alcohol issues and also to develop the evidence base - Developing People and Organisations grants are available between £5,000 and £50,000 for specific projects rather than for general support of the established administration of voluntary organisations.

**The closing date for people development grants is 5 September 2006.** Small Grants ( to a maximum of £5,000) could fund small research projects, pilot research studies or demonstration projects with a strong evaluation component. They could also fund projects that increase the capacity of individuals and organisations to deal with alcohol issues. **Small grants will be rapidly processed throughout the year with no deadline.** Look at their website for full information.

<http://www.aerc.org.uk/grants.htm> (edited from info supplied by fit4funding)

**The following article is from the News website 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 2006.**

**WE'VE got a cash pot of £5,000 up for grabs** – and we need your help to spend it. Today The News launches The Great We Can Do It! Charity Giveaway to give worthy causes across our communities the chance of getting their hands on a cash boost. We want your help to find the five most deserving charities, and they will each get £1,000 thanks to the Charities Aid Foundation (CAF).

You can nominate any charity you like – it doesn't matter what they do as long as it's a worthy cause. But we'd like you to think about what the charity could spend the £1,000 on which would really do some good. Charities can even enter themselves or encourage their volunteers and supporters to nominate them. Once we've got the nominations in, our judges will select a shortlist from the nominations and readers will then have the chance to vote for their favourite through our weekly feature The Vote. The top five charities chosen by readers of The News and on [www.portsmouth.co.uk](http://www.portsmouth.co.uk) will receive £1,000 each. Nominating your charity is easy. Just tell us:

The name of the charity you are nominating  
The charity registration number, if you know it  
Its address

Its telephone number

Your name, address and contact number

We'd also like you to say a few words about why you think the charity deserves the money.

Send in the information:

BY POST: To Charity Giveaway, Features Desk, The News,  
London Road, Hilsea, Portsmouth PO2 9SX.

EMAIL: [charity@thenews.co.uk](mailto:charity@thenews.co.uk)

**The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, September 6.**

On Friday, September 8 we will put it to The Vote to find the winners.

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