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European Funding

LIFE+ 2009 CALL for PROPOSALS

The European Commission has announced a planned launch of the 2009 call for proposals for LIFE+ projects on 15th May 2009. (The 2009 application pack will be made available on that date.)

Since the LIFE Unit is not anticipating any significant changes to the programme, it recommends that potential applicants begin preparing their applications using the 2008 application pack. It is important to note, however, that *applicants MUST submit their proposals using the 2009 forms* (to be made available on 15th May.) A maximum of EUR 250 million will be available in the 2009 call for nature & biodiversity, environmental policy & governance and information & communication projects.

Full details are on the LIFE web pages at:
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/life/funding/lifeplus.htm>

ESF COMMUNITY GRANTS (Coventry and Warwickshire)

As part of the European Social Fund (ESF), charities and community & voluntary groups within Coventry and Warwickshire are invited to apply for grants of between £1,000 and £12,000. Examples of projects:

- **Non-Accredited Learning:** Activities might include taster work experience including voluntary work, initial help with basic skills (not literacy or numeracy) and sessional training.
- **Soft Skills:** These skills do not lead to qualifications but are vital for employment success, such as confidence-building, communication and presentation skills.

Eligible expenditure might include:

- revenue expenditure such as staff costs, room hire, volunteer expenses, course fees, printing and publicity
- small single items costing less than £500 net of VAT and with a life-time generally under one year (e.g. not computers)

Applications can be submitted at any time. The application form can be downloaded from the Heart of England Community Foundation's website: www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk (located under forms and reports) or alternatively telephone

024 7688 4386 and speak to the Gants Team.

TRANSVERSAL STUDY VISITS

The EU Lifelong Learning Programme's Transversal Study Visits programme supports education and training organisations in the UK with policy, languages, ICT and dissemination. UK education professionals can [benefit from Study Visits](#) to exchange expertise with European colleagues.

The interpretation of education professional is quite broad and there is a compendium of visits you can download or also search by key word at <http://www.transversal.org.uk>.

The deadline for Transversal activities is 9th April.

The 2009 call for the Intelligent Energy Europe programme is expected at the end of March. Information about this programme can be found at:
<http://ec.europa.eu/energy/intelligent/>

UK Funding

FUTURE VISION AWARDS

Applications are invited from students across the UK for the 2009 Future Vision Awards.

The Future Vision Awards are designed to promote sustainable communities. Entries are designed to make villages, towns and cities better places to live.

Applicants should be passionate about improving services in their local community, an advocate for environmental issues, a

supporter of cultural diversity, or simply want to kick-start a career within the sustainable communities sector.

Those who enter will get the chance to win:

- £1,000 cash;
- one of five four-week work placements;
- a nationally recognised award;
- two free tickets to attend an all-expenses-paid London awards ceremony; and
- the chance to present the idea to an audience of over 500 leading sustainability and regeneration specialists.

Applications are invited from any person in full-time higher education, anywhere in the UK, regardless of the course they are studying. This includes foreign students studying in the UK, mature students and those studying for Masters and PhD degrees.

The deadline for submission of applications is 30th April 2009.

For details about applying please visit the website: <http://www.futurevisionaward.com/> or email: enquire@futurevisionaward.com

JOANIE'S TRUST - for young people

The Trust awards grants to registered charities in the UK that support and involve young people aged 11 to 25 in community projects.

The Trust is particularly interested in projects that lead to employment, accreditation, further education and integration. Projects must be innovative and imaginative with strong evidence of how closely applicants have consulted with young people in developing the project.

The average size of grant is £1,000 and can be used for project, core and capital costs.

The deadline for applications is 30th April 2009.

Please visit the trust website for detailed information: <http://www.ioaniestrust.org.uk/>

LOW CARBON BUILDINGS PROGRAMME – phase 2

Phase 2 of the Low Carbon Buildings Programme will close to applications at the end of June 2009.

The Programme provides grants for the installation of microgeneration technologies to public sector buildings, including charitable bodies, schools, hospitals, housing associations and local authorities.

Grants of up to £1 million, for up to 50% of costs, are available per eligible site, for the purchase and installation of any combination of the following technologies:

- Solar photovoltaics.
- Solar thermal hot water.
- Wind turbines.
- Ground source heat pumps.

- Automated wood pellet stoves.
- Wood fuelled boiler systems.

The funding "pots" currently available for each technology are:

- Solar PV - £24.5 million.
- Solar thermal hot water - £7 million.
- Wind turbines - £5 million.
- Ground source heat pumps - £7.5 million.
- Biomass - £4 million.

Applications can be made at any time up to the end of June 2009.

For full details on how to apply please call 08704 23 23 13 or visit the website:

<http://www.lowcarbonbuildings.org.uk/home/>

Email info@lcbpphase2.org.uk

RSWT – BIFFAWARD – Small Grants

The Biffaward 2009 Small Grants Scheme is now accepting applications.

The scheme offers grants of between £250 and £5,000 to support improvements and/or access to local amenities such as a community building, nature reserve, cycle path, playground, cultural facility or outdoor space.

The main criteria are as follows:

- The project must not cost more than £10,000 in total.

- The project site must be within 10 miles of a Biffa operation, and within 10 miles of a landfill site (owned by any company).
- The project must be eligible to be registered with ENTRUST under category D (see website)
- There must be a minimum of 104 days full public access to the project per year.

Applications can be submitted at any time. (The Small Grants Panel meet approximately every eight weeks.)

Full details about criteria and applications are available on the trust website:

<http://www.biffaward.org/about/soverview>

Please call 01636 670000 if you wish to speak to someone about the scheme.

2009 BIFFAWARD FLAGSHIP SCHEME: Open to Applications

This recently opened programme offers grants between £150,000 and £500,000 to support unique and exciting projects which will make a significant impact at regional or national level.

The two priority schemes are

- rebuilding biodiversity
- cultural facilities

Projects must be within 25 miles of a Biffa operation and within ten miles of an active landfill site. The organisation making the

application must be eligible to enrol with ENTRUST as an Environmental Body.

The deadline to submit Expressions of Interest (Round One) is 1st July 2009.

Guidance and further details are available from a Biffaward Grant Officer on 01636 670000. To see if your project postcode is eligible to apply and to download grant information please visit the Biffaward website: <http://www.biffaward.org/downloads>

BRITISH COUNCIL: GLOBAL XCHANGE

This volunteer exchange programme gives young people from the UK and partner countries a unique opportunity to work together to make a practical contribution where it is needed to local communities. Volunteers live with host families and work in host communities for three months in the UK and three months in the overseas country.

The programme includes payment for medical fees, travel costs, accommodation, food, basis allowances, medical insurance, personal accident insurance and reasonable costs associated with disability.

Applicants are expected to raise £600 towards the cost and must be between 18 and 25 on the first day of their exchange.

**Deadline for the September 2009 programme is 3 April 2009.
Deadline for the March 2010 programme is 4th September 2009.**

More detailed information and an application form is available from the British Council's website, below:

<http://www.vso.org.uk/globalxchange/>

Tel: (020) 8780 7500

Fax: (020) 8780 7670

E-mail: enquiry@globalxchange.org.uk

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

The next round of the BBC Children in Need Programme is now open to application with grants ranging from £500 to over £100,000, for up to three years at a time.

The Charity distributes the funds raised each year as grants to registered charities, voluntary organisations or self help groups that work with disadvantaged children and young people. It aims to positively change the lives of those affected by disability; behavioural or psychological problems; poverty or situations of deprivation; and illness, distress, abuse or neglect.

The Charity is particularly interested in projects that improve young people's choice and opportunity; enhance young people's abilities; encourage independence; build confidence and self esteem; involve disabled young people and adults as positive role models; counter negative attitudes and barriers to participation; and recognise the needs of families and carers.

The closing dates for 2009 applications are 15th April , 15th July and 15th October.

Application is on-line only and forms can be found on the Children in Need website:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey>

Tel: (020) 8576 7788

E-mail: pudsey@bbc.co.uk

GREENPRINTS FLAGSHIPS – SITA (Within ten miles of an active landfill site)

GreenPrints is funded by SITA Trust and the youth volunteering charity v and aims to encourage 16 to 25 year olds to help improve their local environment.

Projects should focus on improving an outdoor space which is open to the public, for example, a park, playing field, river or cycle path

Grants of up to £10,000 are available, along with practical mentor support for Flagship projects designed, implemented and evaluated by volunteers aged 16 to 25 years.

Stage one applications can be made at any time. Stage two deadlines for 2009 are 9th April, 15th June, 12th August and 14th October.

CLORE JEWISH DEVELOPMENT FUND

The 2009 Round of the Clore Jewish Development fund (SPARKS) is now open for applications.

The Fund supports Jewish communities outside London, and is open to registered

charities, schools and limited companies. It aims to support innovative cultural, educational and community development projects that benefit Jewish life.

Grants of between £1,000 and £20,000 are available through an annual application round. Funds can be used to cover project costs associated with:

- cultural, educational and community projects or events;
- outreach and access initiatives;
- interfaith projects;
- student activity (if it benefits the wider community); and
- capacity building and training.

The deadline for applications is 30th April 2009.

For full information about the fund and to download an application fund please visit <http://www.jcclondon.org.uk/sparks/index.html>

ELEPHANT TRUST

The second 2009 round for submission of applications to the Elephant Trust is now open.

Grants are available to artists, small organisations and galleries within the UK. The Trust's aim is to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds. The Trust supports projects that develop and improve the knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the fine arts.

The Trust normally award grants of up to £2,000, but larger grants may be considered.

The next deadlines for submission of applications are 14th April 2009 and 19th June 2009.

Application is by **post only** and full information can be found on the Trust website.

Applications in typed form should be sent to: Ruth Rattenbury, The Elephant Trust, 512 Bankside Lofts, 65 Hopton Street, London SE1 9GZ

Tel & fax: 020 7922 1160

email: ruth@elephanttrust.org.uk

Local News

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE TRAINING

Coventry and Warwickshire Co-operative Development Agency (CDA) are running Social Enterprise Training during March and April. The training is FREE and is aimed at social enterprises and community organisations interested in enterprise activity.

The courses dates are:

Tuesday 31st March, Wednesday 1st April, Tuesday 7th April and Wednesday 8th April 2009.

For further information please contact Nick Wilson on 024 7663 3911 ext 103 or email n.wilson@cwcdca.co.uk

[YOUTH OPPORTUNITY FUND](#) [Warwickshire County Council](#)

A total of £494,000 is available for groups of young people who are being encouraged to bid for funds to support new activities for 2009.

The Youth Opportunity Fund is managed by young people and applications must be completed by young people between the ages of 13-19. Groups of vulnerable young people will be given more weighting when applications are considered.

The first closing date for applications is Friday 8th May 2009.

You can find out more by contacting Shinderpaul Bhangal on 01926 742498 or visiting the website at:
www.warwickshire.gov.uk/youthandcommunity

[WARWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY ACTION:](#)

[How can WCAVA help your group or organisation?](#)

Although this is a potentially challenging and difficult time for everyone in the voluntary and community sector, Warwickshire CAVA will continue to offer a high level of support.

- Sign up for the weekly E-grapevine e-bulletin - giving the voluntary sector current news and information that will be of benefit to your organisation and importantly on-going information from Warwickshire County Council

- They also offer funding advice and a new J4B Funding portal which is accessed on their website.
- Check out the WCAVA website www.wcava.org.uk and find out about the services they provide, including support and advice on governance, group development, training and quality development.
- The website will keep you informed as to what is going on with sector news and forthcoming events

If you need support or advice then contact your local WCAVA office today by phone or email them – contact details available on their website www.wcava.org.uk

[FUNDING SURGERIES IN WARWICK DISTRICT](#)

Do you have a project that you are keen to get off the ground but you still need to find the funding?

Could you use some advice and/or support around your funding needs?

GOOD NEWS! Warwickshire CAVA, Heart of England Community Foundation and Warwickshire County Council have joined forces to provide Funding Surgeries for Voluntary and Community organisations (VCOs) and Charities in Warwick District.

If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please complete the attached booking form and, in order to get the most from your 45 minute session, also complete the pre-surgery questionnaire. Please **return**

both forms, along with a **refundable deposit cheque for £10** (your cheque will be returned to you when we see you on the day) to Lin Pride at the address below.

Lin Pride, Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action - Warwick District, Town Hall, The Parade, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire, CV32 4AL

Date: Thursday 2nd April
Venue: Circles Network, Fordsfield Centre, Bury Road, Leamington Spa, CV31 3HW

[NUNEATON & BEDWORTH – WCAVA ... HAVE YOUR SAY!](#)

Have your say on the future plans for WCAVA in Nuneaton & Bedworth at a consultation event open to community groups and voluntary organisations: now is your chance to influence the action plan for the next few years.

For more information or to confirm attendance please contact nunbedinfo@wcava.org.uk or call 024 7638 5765.

Date: Tuesday 17th March, 10-12.30pm
Venue: Nuneaton Club 4 Young People, The Boys Club, Avenue Rd, Nuneaton, CV11 4NA

Lottery News

[BIG LOTTERY BIG ANNOUNCEMENT](#)

The BIG Lottery Fund, the biggest of the Lottery good cause distributors, launched its

consultation in November 2008 and it closed on 27th February 2009.

BIG Lottery Fund has announced a big response to its public consultation on future priorities for its Lottery good cause funding with close to 3,400 submissions from across the UK.

The Fund invited the public to have their say in its 'Big Thinking' consultation in which people and organisations were asked for their views on how BIG's £2 billion in funding over the next six years should be allocated.

Many of the responses from England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland were from voluntary and community organisations. The responses will now be carefully analysed and help shape the Fund's strategic framework of funding priorities from 2009-2015.

Full details on **Big thinking** is available online at www.big-thinking.org.uk

- In 2007, it was announced that £638 million of BIG's funding between 2009-2012 will be transferred to the Olympic Lottery Distributor to support the London 2012 games. The Olympic transfer means that BIG will have less funding available to distribute between 2009-2015 than they would otherwise have. It is expected that BIG's funding will be restored to near normal rates in the years after 2012.
- The **Big Lottery Fund (BIG)**, the largest distributor of National Lottery good cause funding, is responsible for giving out half the money raised for good causes by the National Lottery.

- Since the National Lottery began in 1994, 28p from every pound spent by the public has gone to good causes. As a result, over £22 billion has now been raised and more than 300,500 grants awarded across arts, sport, heritage, charities, health, education and the environment.
- About 70% of the UK's adult population regularly play the Lottery.

Useful information

'Top Tips On Organising Your Event' ~
The document is attached to the email.

OVERVIEW OF SUPPORT SERVICES

This scheme provides an overview of initiatives administered by Jobcentre Plus.

Jobcentre Plus provides a number of programmes that are generally directed at disadvantaged people such as the disabled, those with a low income or the unemployed. Overall, Jobcentre Plus aims to give accurate information to help users:

- find a suitable job;
- find out which benefits they may be able to claim; and
- find out what other support may be available.

People unemployed for six months or more will be guaranteed more intensive and personalised support to find work as the Government strives to prevent the inevitable surge in unemployment becoming permanent.

The new initiative will provide:

- employers up to £2,500 to recruit and train the long-term unemployed;
- 75,000 training places for people out of work for six months; and
- cash help for jobless people to set up businesses.

FREE FUNDING SEARCHES

The Funding & Grants Team are more than happy to carry out a GRANTFINDER SEARCH for you. In order for the search to be successful it's important you tell us:

- Who the applicant is
- The location/postcode of the project
- How much is required
- The purpose of the project

The more you tell us, the more we can help you in your search for funds.

GRANTS AND FUNDING WEB PAGES - keep up to date in between issues of this bulletin at www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grants

You can also carry out **your own search** for funds online using Grantnet ...

Just visit our web page at: www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grantnet and follow the on screen prompts to register and start your search.

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