

### Funding *NEWS* Bulletin

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### European Funding

#### ERDF BIDDING ROUNDS

Advantage West Midlands (AWM) has launched a call for outline proposals as part of the West Midlands European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) 2007-2013 Programme.

#### **ERDF Open Call for Outline Proposals - Priority 1 - Promoting Innovation and Research & Development**

The Open Call for Outline Proposals is in relation to Priority 1 – Promoting Innovation and Research & Development - and specifically Portfolio 2 of Priority 1, which is concerned with Stimulating Knowledge Transfer. Outline proposals are invited from any interested organisations.

The closing date is 12.00 noon on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009.

For more information, see AWM's web site or contact the Regeneration Strategy & Europe Group at WCC on 01926 412566.

Website:<http://www.advantagewm.co.uk/working-with-us/ERDF-Programme/how-do-i-apply/bidding-rounds.aspx>

#### YOUTH IN ACTION PROGRAMME

The European Commission has launched the 2009 call for proposals and programme guide for the EU's Youth in Action Programme. The overall objective of the programme is to develop a sense of personal responsibility, initiative, concern for others and citizenship among young people aged between 13 and 30. The annual priorities for 2009 are as follows:

- European Year of Creativity and Innovation.
- Young people's active participation in the European Parliament elections.
- Combating violence against women.
- Sport as a tool to promote active citizenship and social inclusion of young people
- Promoting healthy lifestyles through physical activities including sport.
- Promoting the inclusion of young people with disabilities.
- Awareness raising to global challenges (such as sustainable development and climate change)
- Young people's involvement in the revision of the European framework of cooperation in the field of youth policy.
- Intercultural dialogue.

Local authorities, non-profit or non-governmental organisations, informal groups of young people and profit-making organisations organising an event in the area of youth, sport or culture are all eligible to apply for funding.

Deadlines are on 1<sup>st</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> September.

[http://ec.europa.eu/youth/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.htm)  
<http://www.britishcouncil.org/connectyouth-programmes-youth-in-action.htm>

#### LEONARDO – LIFELONG LEARNING

Leonardo is part of the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme and aims to build a skilled workforce across Europe. UK organisations work with European partners to exchange best practice, increase staff expertise and develop learners' skills.

It is aimed at any organisations involved in vocational training but this can be interpreted quite broadly. Bid deadlines are as follows:

Mobility Projects	6 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Multilateral Projects & Networks	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Partnerships Projects	20 <sup>th</sup> Feb
Preparatory Visits	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Transfer of Innovation	27 <sup>th</sup> Feb

Full details can be found on  
<http://www.leonardo.org.uk/>

## **UK Funding**

### **THE HOME OFFICE COMMUNITY FUND**

The Home Office is to provide help and support for young people, parents and victims - helping the community tackle guns, gangs and knives.

Voluntary and community organisations can transform the lives of vulnerable young people who are either at risk or who have been involved in gangs or carried or used an offensive weapon.

The West Midlands is one of 13 priority areas which will benefit from this fund. Organisations can apply for grant funding of up to £10,000 per annum for three years.

**The deadline for receipt of completed forms is 12.30pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009.**

This fund is being managed on behalf of the Home Office by Tribal's Community Development Team. For more information about the Home Office Community Fund telephone 0845 603 1869 or:

Email: [info@grantsadmin.co.uk](mailto:info@grantsadmin.co.uk)

Website

[http://grantsadmin.co.uk/homeoffice\\_communityfund/](http://grantsadmin.co.uk/homeoffice_communityfund/)

### **TESCO CHARITY TRUST COMMUNITY AWARDS**

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme funding provides practical benefits,

such as equipment and resources for projects in the local communities around their stores.

There are two categories of community grants available

- Children's welfare and/or children's education
- Elderly people and or/adults and children with disabilities

One off donations of between £1,500 and £5,000 are made.

**Deadlines for children's welfare and/or children's education is 31<sup>st</sup> January.**

**The application deadline for elderly people and or/adults and children with disabilities is 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.**

Tel: 01992 646767

<http://www.tescocharitytrustcommunityawards-applications.co.uk/>

### **THE BAILY THOMAS CHARITABLE FUND**

The Baily Thomas Charitable Fund is a registered charity which was established primarily to aid the research into learning disability and to aid the care and relief of those affected by learning disability.

Grants are made to voluntary organisations (including schools and Parent Teacher Associations) working in this field.

The Trust consider under learning disability the conditions generally referred to as severe

learning difficulties, together with autism. In this area, they consider projects concerning children or adults. Learning disability, thus defined, is a priority for funding. They will not offer grants for research into or care of those with mental illness or dyslexia. They offer grants from £250.

**The next deadline for applications is 1st May 2009.**

Email: [info@bailythomas.org.uk](mailto:info@bailythomas.org.uk)

Fund Administrator, tel: 01582 439225

Website: <http://www.bailythomas.org.uk/>

### **ANCHOR FOUNDATION**

The Anchor Foundation provides grants to Christian charities in the UK of between £500 and £10,000 per year for up to three years.

The Foundation consider applications for capital or revenue costs for projects (including projects abroad) that encourage social inclusion through ministries of healing and the arts.

Applications are considered at twice-yearly trustee meetings. The first 2009 deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009 for consideration at the April meeting. The second deadline is 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Application forms are available from the Foundation's website:

Email: [secretary@theanchorfoundation.org.uk](mailto:secretary@theanchorfoundation.org.uk)

Website: <http://www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk>

## GRANTS FOR THE ARTS ROADSHOW

If you are an artist or an arts organisation, or if you use arts as part of your work, then funding could be available for you.

Grants are provided for arts activities that benefit people or that help artists and arts organisations carry out their work.

You can apply for funding for a range of arts related activities including projects and events, commissions and productions, research and professional development.

The roadshow takes place on 11<sup>th</sup> February in Newcastle-under-Lyme, from 11am to 1pm.

Booking is essential. To reserve a place contact Louisa Griffiths on 0121 631 5737 or email [Louisa.griffiths@artscouncil.org.uk](mailto:Louisa.griffiths@artscouncil.org.uk)

Website: [www.artscouncil.org.uk](http://www.artscouncil.org.uk)

## HISTORIC PLACES of WORSHIP – Support Officers' Scheme

English Heritage recognizes the need to support those responsible for historic places of worship, helping them to care for and realise the potential of their historic buildings.

A total of £1.5 million is available to part-fund 30 Support Officers. Posts can be at a national or a more local level, as appropriate. Funding will initially be offered for three-year contracts, and can be used towards salary,

on-costs, training, travel and subsistence, office and equipment costs.

Further information should be sought from the Policy Officer for Places of Worship on Tel: (020) 7973 3267, or email:

[nick.chapple@english-heritage.org.uk](mailto:nick.chapple@english-heritage.org.uk)

Website: <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/inspired>

## MUSEUMS and GALLERIES IMPROVEMENT FUND

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) are inviting applications under the 2009/10 round of this scheme which aims to improve the quality of displays, public spaces, environmental controls and access for disabled visitors in museums and galleries across England.

Only specified museums and galleries (including university-based collections) are eligible to bid for funding; a full list of the designated institutions is provided on the website.

Funding of up to £300,000 may be used for projects addressing one or more of the following:

- Renovation and improvement of the display of exhibits in permanent galleries and exhibition spaces.
- Improvements to public spaces and access to the collection.
- Improvements to access and facilities for disabled visitors.

- Improvements to environmental controls in public access spaces and galleries, in the context of improvements to visitor experience.

The 2009 deadline for the receipt of applications is 13<sup>th</sup> February

Application forms are available to download from <http://www.culture.gov.uk>  
Email: : [louise.blundell@culture.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:louise.blundell@culture.gsi.gov.uk) or [e.foxell@culture.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:e.foxell@culture.gsi.gov.uk)  
Tel: (020) 7211 6352

## MUSEUMS & HERITAGE AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

The Museums and Heritage Awards for Excellence recognise and celebrate best practice within museums, galleries and heritage visitor attractions across the UK.

The categories for 2009 cover all major aspects of the museums, galleries and heritage attractions industry, including the following:

- Marketing Campaign.
- Permanent Exhibition.
- Educational Initiative.
- Use of Technology.
- Alternative Revenue Generation.
- Restoration/Conservation.

The Awards are open to museums, galleries and heritage visitor attractions. Entries from outside contractors and suppliers are also welcomed, although where both a museum, gallery or heritage attraction and their

supplier/contractor enter the same project into a category, the two entries will be treated as a joint entry for the purposes of judging.

The deadline for the receipt of applications is 20<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

### **SPORT ENGLAND – NEW INVESTMENT PROGRAMMES**

‘Funding Sport in the Community’ is Sport England’s recently published funding strategy. The document explains how investment will be focussed on organisations and projects that can deliver the key outcomes of the overall strategy – grow, sustain and excel.

Eligible applicants will be sports clubs, voluntary and community organisations, local authorities and education establishments will be able

- Investment that meets specific needs of community sport
- Small grants of between £300 and £10,000
- Distribution through Sportsmatch
- Investment for new way of promoting and supporting grassroots sport

For more detailed information and to view the strategy please visit the Sport England website: <http://www.sportengland.org/>

### **AWARDS FOR ALL IS CHANGING**

Awards for All will be changing in April 2009. The application details on their web page

<http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/england/apply.html> will remain valid until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009, but they will not accept applications received on or after this date. New application forms will be available from April 2009. The following link will provide you with useful Questions and Answers:  
[http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/docs/eng\\_cha\\_nge\\_q&a.doc](http://www.awardsforall.org.uk/docs/eng_cha_nge_q&a.doc)

### **CAPACITYBUILDERS’ £5million GRANTS PROGRAMME** (imminent deadline)

This fund is aimed at improving access to frontline third sector organisations. The programme will invest in the refurbishment and enhanced use of buildings being used as third sector local resource centres.

Investment will be in three phases, until March 2011. Examples of funding under phase 1 include accessibility or quality of accommodation, better ICT, access to resources such as a common library, shared meeting rooms or storage space.

The deadline for phase 1 applications is 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009.

Application forms are available at [www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/capital](http://www.capacitybuilders.org.uk/capital)

Tel: 0121 237 5100  
Email: [info@capacitybuilders.org.uk](mailto:info@capacitybuilders.org.uk)

### **ACCESS to NATURE WORKSHOP** (16 Feb)

If you have a community project and are considering applying for funding from the

£25million Access to Nature Grant Scheme, then you may benefit from attending the informal Access to Nature workshop which will take place in Walsall town centre.

Your project should bring lasting change in terms of opportunity to access, enjoyment and engagement with the natural environment. The following target groups must benefit:

- People currently under-represented in terms of contact with the natural environment (disabled, young, BME communities & older people)
- Communities & individuals experiencing social exclusion
- People disadvantaged by where they live through a lack of accessible natural environments.

For more information on the scheme go to: [www.naturalengland.org.uk/accesstonature](http://www.naturalengland.org.uk/accesstonature)

Please book your place by 31<sup>st</sup> January by calling Sue on 0121 352 5437 or emailing [susan.kasprowicz@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:susan.kasprowicz@naturalengland.org.uk)

## **Local News**

### **ESF COMMUNITY GRANTS - STILL OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS**

The European Social Fund (ESF) is a European Union scheme which aims to extend employment opportunities to everyone.

ESF Community Grants has been set up specifically for the voluntary and community sector to deliver basic employment skills and

projects to the most hardest to reach in communities.

If your organisation has an annual income of £100,000 or less you can apply for a grant of up to £12,000 to deliver a project which really helps people move closer to work.

Application forms are available at [www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk](http://www.heartofenglandcf.co.uk) - go to 'forms and reports' and download both the fact sheet and ESF Community Grants application form.

For an informal discussion please telephone 024 76 884386 and ask for a member of the grants team.

### [STRATFORD upon AVON TOWN TRUST GRANTS](#) (postcode specific)

The Town Trust's mission is to support and enhance the quality of life of the people of Stratford upon Avon. If you are looking for funding for your project or group and you support people in Stratford town you may qualify for a grant. Projects should meet one of the criteria below:

- helping those in need or suffering hardship or distress
- helping the sick; those who are disabled, suffering with illness, old age or infirmity
- education and personal development
- taking part in recreation, leisure pursuits or amateur sport
- taking part in, or enjoying, arts, culture and science
- Supporting things which benefit all

For information on grants for people in need, please contact the Citizens Advice Bureau on 01789 261966.

For more information about the Trust's grants policy please contact Anita Applebee on 01789 207108 or email [anita.applebee@stratfordtowntrust.co.uk](mailto:anita.applebee@stratfordtowntrust.co.uk)

Help and guidance notes are available on the Trust website, where you can also apply for grants under £2,500 and over £2,500, on line. All eligible postcodes are also listed on the website.

The closing dates for 2009 applications are 20<sup>th</sup> February, 31<sup>st</sup> July and 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

<http://www.stratfordtowntrust.co.uk/>

### [HEDLEY FOUNDATION](#)

The Foundation awards grants to registered charities in the UK. Its main objective is to support projects concerned with the education, training and health and welfare of young people in the UK. It also funds projects providing support for carers of disabled people and the terminally ill, and provides funding for the purchase of specialist medical equipment.

The average grant awarded is £3,000. Grants are awarded on a one-off basis and may only be used to cover project costs rather than core, revenue, salary or transport costs.

Applications should be received no later than 4 March 2009.

Tel: (020) 7489 8076

E-mail: [pbarker@hedleyfoundation.org.uk](mailto:pbarker@hedleyfoundation.org.uk)

Website: <http://www.hedleyfoundation.org.uk>

### [FUTUREBUILDERS TENDER FUND](#)

The Tender Fund is a new Futurebuilders programme offering interest-free three year loans of between £3,000 and £50,000 to community and voluntary sector organisations who need relatively small sums of money to help them tender successfully for specific public service delivery contracts.

There is no application form for this fund as the application process usually takes place over the phone.

For full information about the loans please visit <http://www.futurebuilders-england.org.uk/>

### [FUNDING4COMMUNITY](#)

Funding4Community is a free funding and support website for charities, voluntary organisations and community groups. This service is provided by through the Warwickshire Community and Voluntary Action website (WCAVA). To conduct your quick and free search please visit <http://www.wcava.org.uk/funding>

### [MAKE 2009 COUNT... North Warwickshire](#)

Volunteer Centre North Warwickshire (VCNW) is offering **FREE workshops and courses** in an attempt to help people gain confidence, learn new skills and enhance their C.V.

'A Taste of Volunteering' course, supported by Adult Community Learning, is free to anyone wanting to partake in some form of volunteering.

This course is aimed at new volunteers and will give an overall insight into what volunteering is about, what role would best suit your interests and personality and how to prepare for your first day of volunteering. After a suitable placement has been found the volunteer will receive a certificate. Courses will be running regularly throughout 2009

To find out more call Karen on 01827 717073, pop into the Volunteer Centre in Long Street Atherstone or look on the website [www.vcnw.org.uk](http://www.vcnw.org.uk)

**Personal Development** workshops will start on the 29<sup>th</sup> January between 10am and 12pm - for 6 weeks. This course will help you to build confidence and self esteem through practicing confidence building exercises in a safe environment. You'll look at assertiveness skills, explore different aspects of body language and practice general communication skills

To find out more call Karen on 01827 717073, pop into the Volunteer Centre in Long Street Atherstone or look on the website [www.vcnw.org.uk](http://www.vcnw.org.uk)

'Introduction to Befriending' – a one day course on 4<sup>th</sup> February. VCNW is looking for Befrienders to work on a one to one basis with people who need help to support them into volunteering.

This is an excellent way to learn new skills especially if you are looking to go back into work after a period of time off. In March a new project funded by the European Social Fund will encourage unemployed people to learn new skills. Task forces will be set up in the community to carry out odd jobs such as DIY and gardening work which will enable people to gain new skills. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to learn new IT skills at the volunteer centre.

To find out more call Karen on 01827 717073, pop into the Volunteer Centre in Long Street Atherstone or look on the website [www.vcnw.org.uk](http://www.vcnw.org.uk)

### **DOES YOUR COMMUNITY GROUP NEED HELP WITH FUNDRAISING?** (Stratford & Warwick Districts only)

South Warwickshire Community Development Network (SWCDN) is an informal group of "experts" which includes local Funders and Development Workers across Warwick and Stratford Districts. SWCDN meets monthly to discuss Voluntary and Community Sector groups' and organisations' funding needs, and then allocates one worker to provide the help and advice on sources of funds, how to be a more successful applicant for funds, and constitutional and governance issues.

If your organisation operates in Stratford or Warwick District and would like the opportunity to gain some advice and support around a specific funding issue, please see [www.wcava.org.uk/swcdn](http://www.wcava.org.uk/swcdn) to download the Expression of Interest form which you need

to complete and return to WCAVA-WD, the Town Hall, The Parade, Leamington Spa, CV32 4AL, or e-mail to [warwickinfo@wcava.org.uk](mailto:warwickinfo@wcava.org.uk).

### **COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES REQUIRED ...**

Public consultation & forum meetings

Area Forums are public meetings led by the Borough and County Council to engage the public in council business. Warwickshire Police promote 'Safer Neighbourhoods' through the Area Forums.

During the January round of Area Forum Meetings a Public Consultation will take place before each meeting, this will give local residents the opportunity to inform on the development of a draft Sustainable Community Strategy for the Borough and develop a Locality Pledge summarising the key priorities for the Area Forum over the next 12 months.

To view details of each Area Forum and their future meetings please visit the following county council web page and then follow the appropriate link at the bottom of the page:

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Pages%20by%20Department/BE7860C4BB899E98025731B004DF757>

## **Lottery News**

### **AWARDS 4 ALL SUCCESSES**

Congratulations to Stratford upon Avon Shakespeare Hospice Ltd who have recently been awarded a £10,000 Awards 4 All grant.

The grant will fund a project to landscape its garden area to create a space where patients can feel a sense of tranquillity and wellbeing.

Congratulations also go to Newdigate Bowls Club (N&B) who were awarded £7,098 to install new floodlights and an irrigation system. The aim of the project is to help the group to keep the pitch open for use during evenings and bad weather.

And lastly, £10,000 was awarded to Rugby Table Tennis Club for a project to run under sixteen's training sessions with qualified coaches to encourage more girls to participate in the sport.

### **PARKS for PEOPLE**

This fund helps with the restoration and regeneration of public parks and gardens. The term 'public park' is defined as an existing urban or rural green space, the main purpose of which is for informal recreation and enjoyment. This includes parks, gardens, squares, walks and promenades. Parks for People focuses on the regeneration of public parks which will also create new opportunities for communities to learn about and enjoy their local environment.

New guidance materials and application information for the programme's operation during 2009-2013 have now been issued.

Grants range between £250,000 to £5million – with a requirement of at least 25% match funding.

For a park to be considered for funding, it must be shown that:

- the community values the park as part of the heritage;
- the park meets local social, economic and environmental needs;
- actively involves local people

**The application deadlines in 2009 are 28<sup>th</sup> February and 31<sup>st</sup> August.**

Application forms can be downloaded from the Heritage Lottery Fund website:  
<http://www.hlf.org.uk>

Tel: (020) 7591 6000  
E-mail: [enquire@hlf.org.uk](mailto:enquire@hlf.org.uk)

## **Useful information**

**AN INTRODUCTION to FUNDRAISING for BEGINNERS**  
(25<sup>th</sup> February)

Designed specifically for people who are new to fundraising in the not-for-profit sector, this practical one-day course aims to provide the tools necessary to discover and understand

the various sources of funding and how to write winning applications to maximise your organisation's chance of grants success.

The GRANTfinder course is ideal for anyone who has been thrown into fundraising at the deep end. It will enhance, develop and equip you with the skills needed to confidently research and apply for funding.

The course covers many of the basic elements needed to help you on the road to writing a successful bid, including:

- identifying different sources of funding.
- writing a good letter of proposal.
- what funders are looking for.
- common reasons why applications tend to fail.

**The introductory course fee is £75 + VAT** per person, which includes lunch and light refreshments during the day and covers the costs of course material. The course takes place at the GRANTfinder offices in Worksop.

To reserve a place on the next course – please call or email the GRANTfinder Training Department:

Tel: (01909) 501200  
Email: [training@grantfinder.co.uk](mailto:training@grantfinder.co.uk)

**A SPECIAL FEATURE** is published on a monthly basis by **GRANTfinder** – the web-based funding information database. The latest article:

**'WRITING A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS PLAN' ...**

... please see attachment in the email content of this bulletin

## DID YOU KNOW... ?

### 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](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grants)

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



Try our '**Grantnet**' on-line funding search.

It's **FREE** and easy to use.

Just visit our web page at:

[www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grantnet](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/grantnet)

and follow the on screen prompts to register and start your search.

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