

## **NEWSFLASH ~ NEWSFLASH ~ NEWSFLASH**

**27<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

### **COMMUNITY GRANTS SCHEME – STRATFORD DISTRICT**

The Community Grants Scheme, which is supported by both Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Warwickshire County Council, is currently under review and therefore not available at this time.

The scheme will be re-launched in due course and applicants are asked to wait for further details. Further updates will be published as soon as it becomes available.

**For further information please contact:**

**Stratford-on-Avon District Council Grants Team on 01789 260694 or  
WCC Stratford-on-Avon Area Office - Amanda Wilson-Patterson on 01789 290787**

### **FUNDRAISING FOR BEGINNERS COURSE - Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> June 2009**

This GRANTfinder course is specifically for people who are new to fundraising in the voluntary and community 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.

It 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.

Please contact Sarah James on 01926 412228 or email [regeneu@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:regeneu@warwickshire.gov.uk) if you require any further information related to this Newsflash.



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The course cost is £99 + VAT per person, which includes lunch and light refreshments during the day and covers the costs of course material.

**To reserve a place on the course, the booking form should be completed and returned by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June.**

All queries should be directed to the GRANTfinder Training Department:

**Tel: (01909) 501200**

E-mail: [training@grantfinder.co.uk](mailto:training@grantfinder.co.uk)

**PLEASE NOTE: THIS COURSE IS RUN FROM THE GRANTfinder OFFICES IN WORKSOP.**

### **BIG LOTTERY FUND: LAUNCH OF THE BIG FAMILY IDEA COMPETITION**

This week (25<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May) marks the UK's first National Family Week, a new country-wide occasion, intended to promote and celebrate family life.

The Big Family Idea Competition has been launched as part of National Family week, in partnership with the Big Lottery Fund. The competition aims to find the best new ideas to improve family life in the UK.

Members of the public and professional bodies are being invited to generate ideas to improve family life in their street, in their town or across the whole country. £150,000 will be provided to help turn the best idea into reality.

The winning proposal might be a product, service, event, campaign or a social idea. It could aim to change government legislation, help disadvantaged families, encourage a healthier family lifestyle or enhance communication between family members.

**The deadline for receipt of applications is 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009.**

Please visit the Big Lottery website for full information on this fund.

<http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk>

**BIG advice line: 0845 4 10 20 30**

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**STRATFORD UPON AVON TOWN TRUST**  
**GRANTS BENEFICIARY FORUM – for the VOLUNTARY SECTOR**

If you operate in Stratford-upon-Avon and have had, or would like to apply for, a grant from Stratford Town Trust, you may be interested in attending their Beneficiary Forum.

The first forum will be held on:

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2009**  
**‘Marketspace’ at the Civic Hall**  
**At 3.30pm**

You are invited to attend and:

- meet other grants beneficiaries in your sector – past present and future
- get to know the trustees
- hear how the Trust intend to prioritise grant applications
- share what is impacting you the most in this current climate
- help the Trust to understand your priorities and needs
- discuss challenges being faced by the Trust

The forum will last about 90 minutes.

Refreshments will be available afterwards.

There is a car park alongside the Civic Hall, please use the Rother Street entrance.

The Civic Hall is accessible for wheelchair users.

**If you need any further information or have any other special needs please contact:  
Anita Applebee (Grants Manager) on 01789 207108 or Linda Nevill on 01789 207114.**

**SEARCH FOR FUNDING VIA THE**  
**WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL WEBSITE.**

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**<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk>**

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