

## **NEWSFLASH ~ NEWSFLASH ~ NEWSFLASH**

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the **coalfields** regeneration trust  
changing the face of coalfield communities

### **... are urging groups to apply for 'Bridging the Gap' funding**

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust has recently awarded grants of up to £5,000 to groups. Examples of funding has been awarded towards cricket club pavilion improvements, a community computer club, scout hut new flooring and equipment, allotment improvements, disabled access, a new mower for a bowling club, equipment for an education centre, a football shelter, new kitchen for a church, equipment for a social history project, community hall improvements, creation of disabled loo, training scheme, youth club equipment and workshop programme and a lunch club.

Projects must show a clear benefit to coalfield communities with a high level of deprivation which includes parts of North Warwickshire and Nuneaton and Bedworth.

There is still plenty of funding remaining in the Bridging the Gap funding programme. The final year of the funding programme is fast approaching and voluntary and community groups are being urged to apply for grants of up to £5,000.

The Bridging the Gap programme is great for groups who could do with some equipment, wish to make improvements to their facilities, wish to carry out activities, or aim to hold an event.

Examples of the types of projects and activities that the Bridging the Gap Programme could support include:

- A project that helps people into a job.
- A training project that teaches people a new skill or enables them to get a qualification.
- Setting up a social enterprise.
- An activity that gets people involved in physical activity or addresses a local health issue.
- Improvements to a community facility
- The establishment of a much needed new service or activity in the community.
- Setting up a small transport scheme that enables people to access opportunities difficult to access because of their location.
- The provision of places for after school clubs, holiday play schemes, playgroups or nurseries.
- Activities that promote volunteering and get new people involved as volunteers.

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Bridging the Gap grants are available to cover the total costs of a project or as a contribution towards a larger scheme. It covers capital and revenue costs.

Please contact the regional office to check that your project benefits an eligible area.

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The CRT information booklet is available to view in the content of the email.

Address: Lymedale Business Centre, Lymedale Business Park, Hooters Hall Road,  
Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 9QF.

**Qualifying Wards:**

*North Warwickshire:* Atherstone Central, Arley and Whitacre, Dordon, Hurley and Woodend.

*The most deprived parts of:* Baddesley and Grendon, Polesworth East, Atherstone South and Mancetter, Atherstone North, Hartshill.

**Groups are encouraged to contact Suzanne Clarke at CRT and she will advise you which are the eligible parts of the last 5 wards.**

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## **THE PRINCE'S FOUNDATION, CHILDREN AND THE ARTS – START**

The Prince's Foundation for Children & the Arts' Start Programme provides primary and secondary school students in the UK with the opportunity to engage with the arts.

The Start Programme awards funding for cultural organisations in the UK to develop and deliver arts enrichment programmes for primary and secondary school students.

Grants of up to £15,000 per project for up to three years are available, (maximum of £10,500 in year three) although funding can only be guaranteed for one year. However, the Foundation aims to work with all partners and partner schools for up to three years.

Applications are welcomed from cultural and arts organisations in the UK partnering with local schools that currently do not have a strong relationship with a cultural venue.

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Successful Stage One applicants will be shortlisted and invited to apply to Stage Two.

**The deadline for Stage One applications is 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010 (5 pm).**

Web: <http://www.childrenandarts.org.uk/>

Tel: 020 3326 2230

email: [enquiries@childrenandarts.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@childrenandarts.org.uk)

**You must POST your 2010-2011 Start applications to:**

Start, The Prince's Foundation for Children & the Arts  
The Prince's Charities Office  
PO Box 50473  
London, W8 9DN

**Applications will not be accepted by email.**

### **SPORT ENGLAND SMALL GRANTS**

Sport England's small grants scheme funds community projects that encourage people to become involved in sport and ensure that they have a quality sporting experience. Grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available for revenue and small capital projects. The total cost of the project must not exceed £50,000.

Website: [www.sportengland.org/funding/small\\_grants.aspx](http://www.sportengland.org/funding/small_grants.aspx)

### **VIRGIN MONEY GIVING**

Virgin Money Giving is a not for profit company launched by Virgin Money dedicated to helping charities and fundraisers raise money for good causes.

Website: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving>

### **HELP SHAPE COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2010/11 – Nuneaton & Bedworth**

In a unique move, Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council is inviting all members of the public to have a say on the services they think are most deserving of extra investment, or where they think less money should be spent.

To find out more or to complete the online survey visit:

<http://www.nuneatonandbedworth.gov.uk/news/press-releases/help-shape-council-budget-for-201011>.

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## **WCC RUGBY AREA MEDIUM GRANTS SCHEME for COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

Warwickshire County Council's Rugby Area Medium Grants Scheme supports small-scale community-led projects that provide new opportunities for local people, particularly those who experience disadvantage or exclusion from mainstream activities.

This could include setting up a new group, building the capacity of an existing group or running a new project or service. Maximum grant per application is £7,500.

**Closing date - Friday 22nd January 2010.**

Application packs available from the Rugby Area Office on 01788 533656 or [rugby@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:rugby@warwickshire.gov.uk). Alternatively visit [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rugbyarea](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/rugbyarea).

## **HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND: SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE**

Grants are available for work-based training in the heritage sector.

There is only one opportunity to apply to Skills for the Future. The closing date is 19 March 2010. You can now **register and apply online**. Awards will be made in May 2010.

Tel: 020 7591 6000

Email: [enquire@hlf.org.uk](mailto:enquire@hlf.org.uk)

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

## **THEBIGGIVE.ORG.UK : NEW FUNDRAISING WEBSITE LAUNCHED:**

The Big Give website is designed to help donors of all sizes find and support charitable causes in their field of interest. The Big Give is free to all users, and any registered UK charity may register and post their projects on the site.

To read the complete article visit <http://www.wcava.org.uk/new-fundraising-website-launched-thebiggive-org-uk>

## **PARKS FOR PEOPLE – HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND**

Parks for People offers grants for projects involving urban or rural green spaces designed for informal recreation and enjoyment.

The definition of a park for this programme is as follows:

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- an existing designed urban or rural green space, the main purpose of which is for informal recreation and enjoyment
- it includes parks, gardens, squares, walks and promenades

There will be two closing dates for applications. You can submit a first-round or second-round application at either date:

- 1st March 2010 for a decision in June 2010
- 31st August 2010 for a decision in December 2010

The five outcomes for the proposed projects are:

- • increasing the range of audiences
- • conserving and improving the heritage value
- • increasing the range of volunteers involved
- • increasing knowledge and skills
- • improving management and maintenance

**The deadline date is 1st March 2010**

Minimum grant value: £250,000

Maximum grant value: £5,000,000

Phone: 020 7591 6000

Email: [enquire@hlf.org.uk](mailto:enquire@hlf.org.uk)

Website: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/parksforpeople.aspx>

### **COVENTRY BASED 'THEATRE ABSOLUTE' WILL OPEN THEIR 40 SEAT THEATRE ON 10<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2009**

...what is thought to be the UK's first professional shop front theatre, a former fish and chip shop in the heart of Coventry ...

Read more via the quick link:

<http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/news/theatre-absolute-opens-doors-its-shop-front-theatr/>



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