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## COMMUNITY GRANTS

**AIM:** Community Grants (part funded by the European Social Fund and co-financed by the Learning and Skills Council) are available for small VCS organisations to provide learning opportunities that move those from hard to reach communities or those facing multiple disadvantages closer to employment.

**ELIGIBILITY AND GRANT SIZE:** If your annual turnover is less than £300,000, you have less than 9FTE staff and have not directly contracted with ESF/LSC previously then you can apply for a grant of up to £12,000.

**PRIORITIES:** While NYLC welcome applications from all sub-regions and disadvantaged groups they are particularly interested in seeing applications from those wishing to work with Lone Parents and/or in the district of Selby.

Projects funded to date are varied ranging from IT training and CV writing through to confidence building drama courses so feel free to be quite creative with your project ideas.

**DEADLINE:** Friday **6 November**, however there are rolling bi-monthly deadlines

**CONTACT:** Lee Steel on 01423 799100 at North Yorkshire Learning Consortium Limited. Email: [info@nylc.co.uk](mailto:info@nylc.co.uk). Web: [www.nylc.co.uk](http://www.nylc.co.uk)

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Supporting learning and skills development for the Third Sector



## WHSMITH TRUST

**AIM:** The WHSmith Trust is a registered charity with two principal objectives:

- To support the local communities in which WHSmith staff and customers live and work and;
- To support education and lifelong learning, helping people of any age to achieve their educational potential.

### **Grants to support education and lifelong learning**

**AIM:** They offer grants to UK-based projects which support education, literacy or life-long learning.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Projects may operate on a regional or a national level. There is no requirement for WHSmith employees to have existing involvement with the project/charity. The project should deliver clear outputs, which can be communicated to WHSmith employees and customers.

**GRANT SIZE:** up to £60,000  
The Trust favours projects where it will be a major funder, providing at least 30% of funding.

### **Staff support**

**AIM:** The Trust provides grants to support the voluntary efforts of WHSmith staff in the communities in which they operate. A great many members of staff are involved in their community on a personal basis and a large number of stores are involved collectively as a team while others may see this as an opportunity to really get behind a local cause.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Grants will only be made to

registered charities with which a WHSmith employee has direct involvement.

**GRANT SIZE:** The trustees will only consider one grant request per employee per year.

The Trust will match employee fundraising up to £500.

Grants for larger sums will be subject to the trustees' discretion.

They also give financial support to employees volunteering:

- Volunteers in Schools
- Community challenges
- Marathons

**DEADLINE:** Trustees meet alternate months to consider applications. Remaining trustee meeting date for 2009 is Tuesday 24 November 2009.

**CONTACT:** Secretary, WHSmith Trust, Greenbridge Road, Swindon SN3 3LD Tel: 0 1 7 9 3 5 6 2 8 2 4 E m a i l :

[whsmithtrust@whsmith.co.uk](mailto:whsmithtrust@whsmith.co.uk)

Website: <http://www.whsmithplc.co.uk/WHSPCLC-CR6.htm>



## MSE CHARITY

Grants are available both for individuals seeking to educate themselves and for groups/charities looking to develop projects.

**AIM:** The MSE Charity supports projects such as self-help groups and other innovative projects that will help educate people about money/debt/consumer issues. So whether you're a charity, or an individual with a good idea, let them know and they'll see what can be done to help.

**PRIORITIES:** Anything that fits the charity's remit. Whether it's a project to teach squaddies about money before they leave the army, or to set up a debt support group - it'll be considered.

**GRANT SIZE:** Grants of up to £5000 are available.

**ELIGIBILITY:**

- ◆ Projects must assist people to improve their quality of life through knowledge and understanding of how to manage and take control of their own financial situation.
- ◆ Groups will need to demonstrate that they have researched and assessed the need for the project.
- ◆ Groups must demonstrate that the project will make a significant difference to the beneficiaries so the OUTCOMES must be achievable, measurable, deliverable within budget and within a time frame and be sustainable.
- ◆ It will be necessary for groups to demonstrate that they have the skills, ability and experience to deliver the project.
- ◆ The MSE Charity will consider full

project cost recovery, but costs must only relate to the project itself and not the organisations core funding.

- ◆ Projects must provide value for money.
- ◆ For existing projects with a proven success record, consideration will only be given to those that can demonstrate that funding will be used to extend the project beyond its existing boundaries in terms of the scope of project, number of beneficiaries and/or time frame.

Before they can give you funding, you will need to become a 'constituted group'. This roughly means an organisation with its own bank account and rules to make it accountable.

**DEADLINE:** The deadline for the next round of group applications has been extended to the 30th November 2009. Groups applying for less than £900 should submit the Group Application Form at any time and advise the operations manager in a separate email if they would like their application to be FAST TRACKED. These will be dealt with as soon as possible.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** To register your interests at any time, simply complete the initial Group Application Form online

**CONTACT:** Website: <http://www.msecharity.com>



## DRINK AWARE GRANTS

**AIM:** The Drinkaware grants scheme aims to change the UK's drinking culture for the better. They work to positively influence public behaviour and find innovative ways to raise awareness about the effects of alcohol, to help reduce alcohol misuse and minimise alcohol-related harm. Their funding schemes give local and national projects a fantastic chance to change the nation's drinking habits and make a positive difference to people's lives. This is your chance to be part of the solution.

**FUNDING PROGRAMMES:** Grants are available to groups in any part of the UK, working with any population group, through 3 schemes:

- Ideas Fund - up to £2,000
- Awareness Projects - up to £25,000
- Big Impact Awards - up to £100,000

### Ideas Fund

**GRANT SIZE:** up to £2,000.

Ideal for community-based projects needing support to work out an initial idea before applying for a larger award. Or it could be put to good use on development work by organisations looking to scope out a larger alcohol awareness or education initiative.

### Awareness Projects

**GRANT SIZE:** up to £25,000.

This scheme offers the funds you need to deliver messages which raise awareness about alcohol misuse and bring about tangible change. They are looking for projects that undertake direct, hands-on work with individuals and the community.

### Big Impact Awards

**GRANT SIZE:** up to £100,000.

This is designed to help larger scale projects pack a more powerful punch or reach a wider audience. Proposals need to show how an organisation's work has impact, and how it contributes to learning about alcohol awareness and education.

They want to fund creative, pioneering and effective projects, especially those that could have a national influence. This could be through a more complex initiative, such as a large scale partnership, simultaneous pilots around the UK, or a national inquiry, or through sharing resources, experience and emerging practice. Projects should have a strong element of direct work with individuals and the community.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** To apply for a grant please read carefully through the grants guidelines on website below, which describes the kind of projects they can fund. All applications for funding should be made by filling in the Application Form which is available to download from their website.

**CONTACT:** Tel 020 7307 7450 or Email: [andy.law@drinkaware.co.uk](mailto:andy.law@drinkaware.co.uk). Website: <http://www.drinkaware.co.uk/grants>

## J PAUL GETTY JR. CHARITABLE TRUST - GUIDELINES UPDATED

In September 2009, the Trust launched a new online application process, and all applications must now be submitted using the online form available via the website at [www.jpgettytrust.org.uk](http://www.jpgettytrust.org.uk).

**AIM:** The Trust is currently focusing its support on registered charities in England, although applications may sometimes be considered from other parts of the United Kingdom if the project is likely to be of nationwide significance. The Trust will only consider applications for work in one or more of the following areas:

**Reducing Reoffending:** projects aiming to improve the lot of people in prison and smooth the transition for those leaving prison, maximising their chances of successful resettlement

**Improving Prospects:** projects providing meaningful occupation for young people aged 14-19 to improve their employability and diminish the risk of social exclusion; work to improve the treatment of refugees and asylum seekers

**Repairing Communities:** projects led from within the community with the aim of integrating different social and ethnic groups in pursuit of worthwhile goals

**Repairing Lives:** projects making a lasting impact on the lives of people with substance misuse problems; projects helping people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness

**Preserving Heritage:** conserving or restoring buildings and landscapes which

are of national value and accessible to the public; saving from export art and manuscripts of national importance; developing conservation skills, especially among disadvantaged groups

**Sustaining the Arts:** nurturing and developing artistic endeavour of the highest quality

**GRANT SIZE:** Main grants are between £10,000 and £250,000 over a period of 1 to 3 years, and it usually takes between 3 and 6 months for the Trust to reach a decision if your application is taken forward to the final stage. Small grants of up to £5,000 are also available for smaller charities, and these may be awarded in as little as 2 to 3 months. The Trust awards grants towards both revenue and capital costs. However, the trustees will not normally approve grants to cover more than 20% of a charity's entire annual running costs, as they feel it is important for organisations to develop a range of income sources and not become dependent on any single funder.

**DEADLINE:** There are no closing dates, and you should hear within 6 weeks if they are able to take your application forward.

**CONTACT:** Tel: 020 7486 1859. Website: <http://www.jpgettytrust.org.uk/funding.html>

## GANNETT FOUNDATION

The Gannett Foundation is the charitable arm of Gannett Co Inc., owner of the Newsquest Media Group, one of the UK's largest publishers.

**AIM:** The Gannett Foundation provides funding to support local organisations in the area where Newsquest operates in the UK. The Quartet Community Foundation, on behalf of the Gannett Foundation and Newsquest, manages the Fund.

**PRIORITIES:** The Gannett Foundation supports projects which take a creative approach to fundamental issues such as education and neighbourhood improvements, economic development, youth development, community problem solving, assistance to disadvantaged people, environmental conservation and cultural enrichment.

Grants will not be given to:

- individuals
- organisations which are not registered charities
- national or regional organisations unless the project addresses specific local community needs
- promotion of religious causes
- endowment funds
- general appeals or multi-year campaigns
- medical or research organisations
- animal charities

**GRANT SIZE:** Grants will be for between £1000 and £5000 but larger grants may be made for exceptional projects.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applications are invited from areas where a newspaper owned by Newsquest Media Group circulates.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Applications must be submitted on the approved application form, which may be completed online or obtained from your local Newsquest newspaper office.

The completed form should be sent to the local newspaper office address. Do not send applications to Newsquest Media Group.

**DEADLINE:** UK Grants are made twice a year. The times are publicised in the local newspapers.

**CONTACT:** Email: [foundation@gannett.com](mailto:foundation@gannett.com) Check for your local newspaper from Newsquest Media Group at Website: <http://www.newsquest.co.uk/contacts/>

## COMIC RELIEF - SPORT FOR CHANGE

They have developed this new programme to support a range of innovative projects that are using sport as a tool for making a real difference in the communities in which they are based.

**AIM:** The aim of this programme is to understand more about how sport can play a part in delivering positive change within the lives of individuals and communities, and to meet one or more of the outcomes listed below.

**PRIORITIES:** They will fund organisations that are using sport to address a social issue or community concern. The organisations they fund will need to show how their work will help deliver one or more of the following outcomes:

- Increased sense of inclusion and well-being by marginalised and disadvantaged people
- Greater community involvement
- An increased understanding of how sport can help bring about positive changes in the lives of individuals and communities.
- Greater knowledge across the community and sports sectors about effective work which uses sport as a tool for social change

**ELIGIBILITY:** They welcome applications from community groups and organisations using sport as part of a broader programme of work to bring about change at an individual and /or community level. They will fund across all age ranges and within a broad range of communities. They are happy to receive applications from consortia of agencies as long as

there is a lead community-based organisation. Applicants will also need to:

- demonstrate how they are using sport as part of a broader programme to achieve a measurable social change or impact
- show how the work is based in community development principles
- have monitoring and evaluation systems in place to track the impact of the work.

This programme aims to fund projects that are using sport as a tool for social change.

**GRANT SIZE:** The maximum grant size in this programme is £100,000 in total.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** An application to Sport for Change begins with an initial 'Letter of Interest' and then, if invited, a full proposal. Full details and forms can be downloaded from website below. Full Proposal: If an application is chosen for further consideration, you will be invited to submit a full proposal. Invited organisations have up to 3 weeks to submit a full proposal.

**DEADLINE:** The deadlines for the letter of interest are: Cycle 1 – 24 July 2009 Cycle 2 - 13 November 2009 Cycle 3 – 5 March 2010. The deadlines for subsequent cycles will be posted on their website at the beginning of 2010.

**CONTACT:** Tel: 020 7820 5555. General Enquiries Email: [info@comicrelief.com](mailto:info@comicrelief.com). Website: [http://www.comicrelief.com/apply\\_for\\_a\\_grant/uk/sport](http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/sport)



## WALLACE & GROMIT'S CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION

**AIM:** Wallace & Gromit's Children's Foundation supports projects in children's hospitals and hospices throughout the UK to enrich and enhance the lives of patients. Grants must enrich and improve the quality of life of sick children in hospitals or hospices in any area in the UK.



**ELIGIBILITY:** Preference is given to projects conceived by and in children's hospitals and hospices. Grants will only be made to registered charities. The Foundation will enhance but not replace NHS or other statutory funding.

**PRIORITIES:** The Trustees will consider any project which seeks to improve the quality of life of sick children. Some examples are:

- ◆Arts, music, play and leisure programmes
- ◆Facilities to support families of children treated in hospitals or hospices.
- ◆Welcoming and accessible environments
- ◆Care and facilities in hospices
- ◆Promoting education and information programmes
- ◆Supporting children with physical and emotional difficulties
- ◆Medical equipment

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** Grants are distributed on an annual basis. Application forms and guidelines are posted on their website from October and awards are made in the period January to March.

**DEADLINE:** Applications must be received by December 2009.

**CONTACT:** Email:

[Anna@wrongtrousersday.org.uk](mailto:Anna@wrongtrousersday.org.uk).  
Tel: 0117 925 2744. Website: <http://www.wallaceandgromitfoundation.org/pages/grant.htm>

## V MATCH FUND

'v' is an independent charity set up to inspire a new generation of young volunteers (aged 16-25) in England and to enable lasting change in the quality, quantity and diversity of youth volunteering activities.

**AIM:** The charity's aim is to create a culture where it is natural for young people to volunteer, and natural for organisations to support them in doing so. The 'v' Match Fund grants programme aims to inspire greater levels of investment in youth volunteering from private companies, charitable trusts and foundations and individuals.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Applications are invited from either one organisation or from a consortium.

The lead applicant organisation must be based in England and either:

- o a registered charity;
- o a social enterprise with charitable aims;
- o a company limited by guarantee with charitable aims; or
- o a community interest company.

Consortium partner organisations must be based in England and either:

- o a registered charity;
- o a social enterprise with charitable aims;
- o a company limited by guarantee with charitable aims;
- o a community interest company; or
- o a public or statutory sector body.

**PRIORITIES:** 'v' will allocate funding through the following six themes detailed below:

- ♦ Health and Wellbeing
- ♦ Environment
- ♦ Supporting Children and Young People
- ♦ Community Cohesion
- ♦ Poverty
- ♦ Human Rights

**GRANT SIZE:** The programme will match any amount between £10,000 and £250,000.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** The application process has two stages. Stage one is an online eligibility questionnaire. Stage two is an application form.

Applicants may submit up to five project applications in total.

**DEADLINE:** The following funding deadlines apply to the Fund: 11 December 2009; and 27 February 2010

**CONTACT:** Tel: (020) 7960 7019  
E-mail: [matchfund@wearev.com](mailto:matchfund@wearev.com) Website: <http://www.vinspired.com/v/funding/match-funding/how-to-apply>



## TRUSTHOUSE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

### Mental Health Projects in the Criminal Justice System

**AIM:** Trusthouse will accept applications from organisations running projects which address mental health issues for prisoners and ex-offenders.

Trustees share the concerns of other organisations and individuals that there are many prisoners and ex-offenders in the criminal justice system who would stand a better chance of not re-offending if their mental health needs were addressed.

They are seeking small projects working specifically with prisoners and ex-offenders to improve their mental health and to help their integration into the community.

Examples of projects Trustees are likely to be interested in include:

- ♦ therapy and counselling projects working inside and outside prisons
- ♦ creative arts projects designed to improve social and vocational skills, where the majority of participants have mental health issues
- ♦ support for ex-offenders with ongoing mental health issues which will assist with integration into the community and deter re-offending.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Trustees will be looking for projects which:

- ♦ are run by a registered charity or not-for-profit organisation with an annual income under £1 million, which have been operating for a minimum of 3 years

- ♦ have a demonstrably successful track record in the field
- ♦ offer support to prisoners within prison and after release (either directly or through partnerships with other organisations)
- ♦ can show how the work might be funded after the Trusthouse grant ends.

This is not an exhaustive list and they recommend that interested organisations contact the Trusthouse office (details below) for an initial informal discussion.

Please note that under this Themed Grant Programme they are only considering projects where all clients are prisoners or ex-offenders.

**GRANT SIZE:** They will consider revenue project requests between £10,000 and £50,000 per annum and up to £50,000 for capital projects.

**DEADLINE:** Timetable for Grants Committee Meetings 2009-10: Meeting Date January 2010 - Deadline for applications 27th November 2009; Meeting Date April 2010 - Deadline for applications 26th February 2010; Meeting Date July 2010 - Deadline for applications 28th May 2010.

**CONTACT:** Tel: 020 7264 4990. Website: [www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk](http://www.trusthousecharitablefoundation.org.uk)

## SCREEN YORKSHIRE

**AIM:** Screen Yorkshire is the regional partner for the UK Film Council and works to deliver a number of key initiatives in areas such as audience development, cultural access, education and participation through the Regional Investment Fund for England (RIFE) lottery fund.

Screen Yorkshire provides money through the fund for:

### **Strand 1 - Audience Development**

This fund aims to support and extend the provision, promotion and interpretation of specialist film culture in the region. Screen Yorkshire aims to extend access and opportunities for audiences to experience a diverse range of moving image culture. This priority is primarily aimed at cinemas, festivals, archives and non-theatrical exhibition sector; however other organisations with appropriate projects are also welcome to apply.

### **Strand 2 Critical Understanding & Cultural Access**

This strand will support education projects focused on the exhibition of film for young audiences, developing media literacy and passing on film interpretation skills.

### **Strand 3 Participation**

This strand will support participatory projects with a focus on engaging young people or community groups in film and media creation.

**DEADLINE:** 30 November 2009

**CONTACT:** Tel: 0113 294 4410. Email: [info@screenyorkshire.co.uk](mailto:info@screenyorkshire.co.uk). Website: <http://www.screenyorkshire.co.uk/funding/>

## UK FILM COUNCIL

**Short Film Completion Fund 2009/10** provides finance and support for short films that show outstanding potential but lack the funds to finish.

**AIM:** A fund has been made available to support projects in 2010. The fund is part of the New Cinema Fund's programme to enable directors and producers to push their creative boundaries, develop new talent and to invest in short films that illustrate unique ideas and an innovative approach.

**GRANT SIZE:** The total fund available to this call for submissions for the Short Film Completion Fund 2009-2010 is £70,000. This is the only call for submissions to cover completion of short films in 2010, and it is anticipated that up to 14 films may be offered funding.

**DEADLINE:** Monday 30 November 2009.

**CONTACT:** Email:

[completionfund@mayavisionint.com](mailto:completionfund@mayavisionint.com)

Full application details are on Website: <http://www.ukfilmcouncil.org.uk/shortfilms>



## ARTS COUNCIL SUSTAIN PROGRAMME: CLOSED

Arts Council England Sustain programme, which is helping arts organisations continue to maintain artistic excellence during the recession, closed to new applications on 9 October 2009.

Sustain, which is investing an extra £40 million in the arts over the next two years, has already made 52 awards worth more than £17 million and is likely to have awarded all the funds by November 2009.

A total of 151 applications have been received to date and with applications requesting a further £35 million still under consideration, the decision was taken to close the fund to new applications.

All applications received up to 9 October will be considered for an award. Sustain awards cover two years, meaning the positive effects of the programme will continue to be felt up to March 2011.

You can contact them by calling their enquiries team Tel: 0845 300 6 2 0 0 E m a i l :

[enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@artscouncil.org.uk)

Website: <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/news/we-announce-further-sustain-awards-and-closure/>

## WILKINSON AND THE COMMUNITY

Your local Wilkinson store is responsible for its own **Helping Hands Fund** community budget and makes its own decisions about where and how that money should be spent.

Each year their customers nominate Wilkinson **Local Stars**, people from your local community, who have winning qualities that they can support and reward by giving them that little extra.

They will only make donations to organisations through the Helping Hands Fund and to individuals through the Wilkinson Local Stars scheme. Each of these initiatives is supported locally through your Wilkinson store.

If you wish to apply to them for a donation, then forms for the Helping Hands Fund and the Wilkinson Local Stars scheme are available from your local Wilkinson store. They will only respond to donation requests received on the Helping Hands Fund and the Wilkinson Local Stars application forms and once completed, should be returned to one of their team members at your local Wilkinson store's Help Desk.

Please do not write to them at Head Office seeking support. They will not respond to letters that seek sponsorship or financial support other than through their approved channels.

W e b s i t e : <http://corporate.wilkinsonplus.com/corp/wilkinsoncharity.asp?SubMenu=LatestNews>

## MOORS, COAST AND HILLS LEADER PROGRAMME

Please find below the new deadline dates for the submission of completed full applications to the Moors, Coast and Hills LEADER programme.

The LEADER programme in this area has the potential to provide funding to a wide range of projects benefiting small businesses and social enterprise; right through to tourism, heritage and recreation, village enhancements and access to services.

Deadline for Receipt of Completed Applications	Panel Meeting Date
18 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	16 <sup>th</sup> December 2009
20 <sup>th</sup> January 2010	3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2010
17 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2010
12 <sup>th</sup> May 2010	23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2010
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2010	17 <sup>th</sup> August 2010
1 <sup>st</sup> September 2010	13 <sup>th</sup> October 2010
27 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	8 <sup>th</sup> December 2010

NB: The 30<sup>th</sup> December 2009 deadline has now been removed and applications will not be considered at the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010 Executive meeting.

**CONTACT:** All information including the Project Idea Form can be downloaded from the website - [www.moors.uk.net/leader](http://www.moors.uk.net/leader).

Mike Horrocks, Programme Manager:  
[m.horrocks@northyorkmoors-mpa.gov.uk](mailto:m.horrocks@northyorkmoors-mpa.gov.uk), Tel: 01439 770657

Amy Thomas, Programme Officer  
[a.thomas@northyorkmoors-mpa.gov.uk](mailto:a.thomas@northyorkmoors-mpa.gov.uk)  
Tel: 01439 770657

## ANDY FANSHAWE MEMORIAL TRUST

The charity was set up in memory of Andy Fanshawe, one of Britain's leading mountaineers.

**AIM:** The Trust gives grants that allow disadvantaged young people to take up opportunities to experience the great outdoors.

**ELIGIBILITY:** They usually support programmes run by schools or youth groups, mostly within the UK. The Trust is more likely to support groups representing those who are disadvantaged or who face particular challenges. They do support programs that simply introduce young people to the outdoors, but prefer to fund schools and groups that offer a continuing opportunity for young people to deepen their experience.

**APPLICATION PROCESS:** The Trust does not have an application form but you must read the guidelines and send a proposal.

**CONTACT:**

<http://www.andyfanshawe.org/index.php>

## SCM PHILANTHROPY

SCM Philanthropy, the charitable arm of boutique wealth manager Spencer-Churchill Miller Private, was launched this week and plans to raise £4m from high net worth individuals by the end of next year to distribute - alongside professional advice - to what the foundation has called "a lower-tier of charities".

**GRANT SIZE:** The first round of grants, worth between £5,000 and £50,000, will be made in May or June 2010.

**PRIORITIES:** priority will be given to UK-based charities and individuals who may have limited access to fundraising expertise.

**CONTACT:** 020 7193 4757  
or email

[enquiries@scmphilanthropy.com](mailto:enquiries@scmphilanthropy.com)

Website under construction:

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

## FIRST STEPS TO SUSTAINABILITY WORKSHOPS

### Planning for sustainability Widening your funding base

This workshop is aimed at voluntary and community groups, to enable them to plan for sustainability, by looking at what they want to do in the short and long term and how this can be funded. It will encourage organisations which might presently rely on limited funding streams such as grants, to consider new funding opportunities e.g. contracts, and income generation and look at the pro's and cons of each.

The session will cover funding trends; funding sources – pro's and cons; planning for sustainability; and support and information.

The workshops are delivered by fit4funding and run by Charity Bank in the North as part of Charity Bank's Investment Readiness Programme.

Workshops will be held on:

**Wednesday 4 November** at Northallerton, 9.30am to 12.30pm

**Wednesday 25 November** in York, 10am to 1pm

The workshops are FREE to voluntary and community organisations in Yorkshire and the Humber.

To book your place contact Jeanette at NYFVO on 01347 825710

or email [jeanette.lilley@nyfvo.org.uk](mailto:jeanette.lilley@nyfvo.org.uk)

## FUNDING CENTRAL

Funding Central is a free smart website for the whole voluntary and community sector, including social enterprise, providing access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities, plus a wealth of tools and resources supporting organisations to develop sustainable income strategies appropriate to their needs.

If you are completely or **relatively new to fundraising**, Funding Central provides a guided search enabling you to identify the most appropriate funding and finance opportunities that best suit you and the beneficiaries that you support.

As an **experienced fundraiser**, you can drill down through thousands of opportunities to identify the most appropriate funding or finance for your organisation using the advanced search.

As a **funder** you will have access to your own exclusive area - the Funder Zone. Here you can explore statistics on your funding programmes or contracts, including web visits and comments made and add your own helpful hints to support fund-seekers.

As an **infrastructure organisation** you can use Funding Central to access a wealth of support materials to enhance your work with other groups and identify funding and finance opportunities for your own needs.

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

Funding Central now enables you to **search for potential organisations to collaborate with**. All you need to do is create a public profile outlining what you do plus your experience and expertise that others can benefit from.

In the Find a Partner area, you can seek organisations that are looking to work together on a project or who are looking to put in joint bids for funding opportunities. Your profile allows you to identify potential partners and contact them directly to discuss opportunities. These organisations will also be able to view your profile information and approach you to explore possibilities.

Based on feedback they have also updated their registration process and added some new fields to enable you to describe your organisation's reach more accurately. How you describe your organisation on registration is used to indicate where you might appear in the Find a Partner area so why not update your profile now and ensure that other groups can find you on the site.

It's a quick and easy process – be one of the first and create your public profile now at Website: <http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/profile.aspx>

Need some help getting started? Read their Find a Partner user guide at Website: <http://www.fundingcentral.org.uk/Page.aspx?SP=6293>

## FUNDING FAIRS 2009

The local Funding Advisers in York and North Yorkshire have organised a series of Funding Fairs in 2009 for voluntary and community organisations. The events provide an opportunity for you to meet several funders to talk directly about your projects.

**You are advised to book in advance.**

### HAMBLETON

**DATE:** Tuesday 3rd November

**TIME:** 2pm—5pm

**VENUE:** Golden Lion Hotel, Northallerton

**CONTACT:** Nicky Smith, Northallerton and Voluntary Service Association: [nicky@ndvsa.co.uk](mailto:nicky@ndvsa.co.uk).

## FUNDING ADVICE

The York and North Yorkshire Funding Advice Network website is available to local voluntary and community organisations requiring information about funding.

The site contains:

- contact details of local funding advisors
- funding related news, including this downloadable monthly Funding Bulletin
- dates and venues for forthcoming funding training programme courses
- funding factsheets which give guidance on fundraising issues
- access to GRANTnet; a funding database which assists organisations identify funding sources available for specific projects
- supporting information and statistical data for inclusion in your funding applications
- links to other useful sources of information.

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

Your Local Funding Adviser, based within local infrastructure organisations, is available to provide support to voluntary and community organisations. To find your local Funding Adviser's contact details go to the website above.

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