

1. The Peter Cruddas Foundation

The Peter Cruddas Foundation is a grant-making Foundation that aims to support charitable works that benefit disadvantaged and disengaged young people in the UK by ensuring that their funding reaches those most in need.

The Foundation's funding streams for 2009 are:

- Pathways/support for young disadvantaged or disengaged young people into mainstream education, training or employment;
- Crime diversion schemes;
- Work experience/skills projects for young people;
- Mentoring of young people in London;
- General youth work in London.

For more information, visit www.petercruddasfoundation.org.uk.

2. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation launches social investment fund

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation have launched a \$400m (£252m) social investment fund that will provide loan financing, underwriting and equity investments for not-for-profit organisations and businesses with a social purpose. UK charities will be eligible to apply for loans and investment from world's largest philanthropic trust.

Read more on the Third Sector website at <http://tinyurl.com/yhk9c9x>.

3. The Radcliffe Trust

The Radcliffe Trust provides small grants in support of crafts and music, particularly in the field of Classical music. Crafts are broadly defined, including building conservation skills, rural skills and traditional creative craft skills. In the area of crafts the main objective is the support of craft training among young people both at apprenticeship and postgraduate levels. For other craft grants the Trustees' main objective is to achieve a standard of excellence in crafts related particularly to conservation.

- apprenticeships;
- bursaries;
- conservation skills and projects;
- rural skills and projects;
- creative craft skills and projects;
- miscellaneous.

The majority of grants awarded are for amounts between £1,000 and £5,000. During the year 2008 grants totalling £282,355 were made by the Trust. More information and guidelines at www.theradcliffetrust.org.

4. The 2010 Art Fund Prize

deadline: 30 November 2009

The 2010 Art Fund Prize for museums and galleries is now open to entries. The purpose of this prize is to recognise and stimulate originality and excellence in museums and galleries in the UK, and increase public appreciation and enjoyment of all they have to offer. A single award of £100,000 is presented to the winning museum or gallery that best meets the prize criteria through a project completed or mainly undertaken in the previous calendar year.

For more information, visit www.artfundprize.org.uk.

5. BBC Children in Need (UK)

The BBC has announced that the next funding round of the BBC Children in Need is now open for applications.

BBC Children in Need provides grants for up to three years to properly constituted not for profit organisations working with disadvantaged young people aged 18 or under . Funding is available to organisations, (including schools) that work with young people who are suffering from:

- Illness
- Distress
- Abuse or neglect
- Are disabled
- Have behavioural or psychological difficulties
- Are living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

Last year the programme made grants of £33 million to over 1,500 organisations. The next closing date will be the 15th January 2010, with grant decisions and notifications in late April 2010. For more information, visit

http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml

6. Young Film Fund (UK)

First Light Movies provides grants to projects that enable young people to participate in all aspects of film productions. Since launching in 2001, First Light Movies have enabled over 12,000 young filmmakers to write, act, shoot, light, direct and produce over 800 films. The funding is available to organisations such as schools, youth services, community and voluntary groups that work with young people aged between 5 and 18. Every year approximately £700,000 of grants is available through three funding streams:

The Studio Awards provides grants of up to £30, 000 for between two and four films of up to 10 minutes.

The Script Awards provides grants of up to £3,000 for script writing projects that team young people with script professionals.

The Pilot Awards provides grants of up to £5,000 for one short film of up to five minutes in duration.

The next closing date for all three programmes is the 19th January 2010. For more information, visit <http://www.firstlightonline.co.uk/funding/young-film-fund/>

7. Reaching Communities Relaxes Eligibility Criteria (England)

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG) has announced that due to the difficulties experienced by projects and communities during the current economic downturn that it has decided to relax the eligibility criteria for Reaching Communities to enable these projects to apply for funding. The Reaching Communities programme will now accept applications for projects that were previously eligible for other BIG programmes. This will include amongst others:

- Projects that provide family learning activities
- Children's play activities such as after school clubs or one o' clock clubs
- The refurbishment of community buildings
- Community services taking place within libraries
- Projects that have young people as their primary beneficiaries; etc.

Organisations that can apply for Reaching Communities funding include not for profit organisations, statutory bodies, including schools and social enterprises. The total budget available for 2009 – 10 is £80 millions and grants can range from £10,000 and £500,000 for projects lasting up to 5 years.

Applications can be made at any time till at least to the end of March 2010 after which BIG is planning to launch a range of new programmes. For more information, visit http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_reaching_communities

8. European Youth Foundation (UK)

The European Youth Foundation is an independent, international, non-governmental organisation dedicated to the positive development of children and young people throughout the world. To support its objectives the Foundation makes grants to international not for profit youth organisations and networks. The types of activities supported include:

International youth meeting

The development of projects that benefits young people and help towards the administrative costs of eligible organisations and networks.

In addition the Foundation also funds a range of pilot projects.

The next application deadline is the 1st April 2010. For more information, visit:

<http://www.eycb.coe.int/EYCBwwwroot/index.asp?language=eng&url=/EYCBwwwroot/ENG/EYF.asp>

9. The Sylvia Waddilove Foundation (UK)

The Sylvia Waddilove Foundation provides grants to charities for:

Educational projects

Music composition and performances

Herbal medicine

Medical research

Disability

Farming related projects.

Grants of up to £20,000 are available to registered charities with a turnover of less than £500,000. The Foundation favours supporting small charities that will carry out the project themselves (except in the case of medical research), who rely on volunteers and who can demonstrate a successful history of projects.

The Trustees will usually meet to consider applications in January, April, July, and October. Applications need to be submitted before the last week in the month before the next meeting. For example, for an application to be considered at the January meeting, applicants will need to submit it before the last week of December. For more information, visit

<http://www.pwvsolicitors.co.uk/charitable-applications/charity-details/the-sylvia-waddilove-foundation-uk>

10. Vodafone's World Of Difference Programme (UK)

Vodafone is giving people 18 years old and over anywhere in the UK the opportunity to make a World of Difference in the Community. Successful applicants could spend two months working at the charity of their choice. Vodafone will pay the charity £2,500 and the applicant will receive the balance left after the charity has paid all National Insurance and Tax contributions for their placement. Vodafone will also give successful applicants a new mobile phone, with a preloaded SIM. In order for applications to be considered, the applicant will need to:

Have discussed their intention to apply for World of Difference with their chosen charity and have a plan for what they would like to achieve in their two months with that charity
Provide contact details for their chosen charity
Be available for an induction day in London either on the 11th January 2010 (for placements beginning on the 12th January 2010) or 12th April 2010 (for placements beginning on the 13th April 2010).

For more information, visit <http://worldofdifference.vodafone.co.uk/aboutWOD.html>

11. The Coalfields Regeneration Trust's Bridging the Gap Programme (England, Scotland and Wales)

The Coalfields Regeneration Trust's Bridging the Gap Programme (England, Scotland and Wales) The Coalfields Regeneration Trust is inviting applications from community and voluntary organisations throughout Britain who are contributing to the regeneration of coalfield areas and their communities through their Bridging the Gap Programme. The Trust's Bridging the Gap Programme can award grants from £500 up to £5,000. Examples of projects or activities that the Bridging the Gap Programme could support include:

Improvements to a community facility
A project that helps people into employment
A training project that teaches people a new skill or enables them to get a qualification
And setting up a new social enterprise; etc.

The deadline for applications is the 31st March 2011. For more information, visit <http://www.coalfields-regen.org.uk/>

12. Peoples Awards (UK)

Awards of up to £30,000 are available under the Wellcome Trust's Peoples Awards for projects that encourage public debate and understanding of biomedical science. Projects can be funded for up to three years and can include activities such as:

Workshops and seminars
Arts projects for a variety of different audiences and age groups
Teaching materials or techniques to encourage wider discussions
Projects that utilise the collections of the Wellcome Library and the Wellcome Collection at the Science Museum.

Applications can be made at any time and can be made by a wide variety of individuals, organisations and partnerships. The closing date for applications is the 29th January 2010. For more information, visit <http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Grants/People-Awards/index.htm>

13. Green Communities Community Chest Programme (UK)

The Energy Saving Trust provides small grants of up to £200 to support, facilitate and promote community based energy projects. The funding which is made through the Green Communities Community Chest programme is available to small community groups with a turnover of less than £75,000 and can cover a wide range of activities such as travel costs, training, events or the purchase of equipment that will progress a groups energy saving project, where no other funding sources are available.

Applications can be made at any time. Applicants are encouraged to call the Green Communities team on 0844 848 0077 to discuss their project idea. For more information, visit <http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/cafe>

14. Hilton in the Community Foundation (UK)

Organisations that work with young people have the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £50,000 per year through the Hilton Foundation. During 2006, the Foundation made grants totalling over £1.3m to numerous organisations including registered charities and schools for activities and projects that meet one of the Foundation's three chosen areas of focus:

Young People – Education
Young People – Health
Disaster Relief and International Fund.

The next closing date for applications is the 16th February 2010. For more information, visit <http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/home.htm>

15. Youth Music Grant Making Programme (England)

Youth Music, the UK's largest children's music charity has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 10th November 2009. Through its "Open Programme", grants of between £5,000 and £30,000 are available to support projects that provide structured, regular and progressive music-making activities for children and young people in support of Youth Music's goals of working with Early Years, Children and Young People in Challenging Circumstances, Encouraging Talent and Workforce Development. Youth Music will fund any non profit-making organisation more than one year old that is committed to music-making activities for children and young people up to 18 (or up to 25 if they have special educational needs, disabilities or are in detention). For example:

Community music organisations
Organisations that represent young people's music-making
Education authorities' music services or music trusts
Schools working in partnership
Professional arts organisation
Singing groups
Youth groups.

For more information, visit http://www.youthmusic.org.uk/looking_for_music_funding/Open_programme.html

16. J Paul Getty Junior Charitable Trust Re-opens for Applications (England)

Following a review and revision of its funding guidelines, the J Paul Getty Junior Charitable Trust has re-opened for grant applications. Under the new guidelines the Trust will make grants of up to £250,000 in the areas of social welfare as well as the arts and heritage. In particular, the trust is seeking to support projects:

In the areas of reducing re-offending
Improving the prospects of young people, refugees and asylum seekers
Integrating different social and ethnic groups
Tackling substance misuse and homelessness; preserving heritage
Sustaining the arts.

The Trust will usually only support 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. Occasionally, the Trust will fund organisations of comparable charitable status, such as Industrial Provident Societies or Community Interest Companies, but only where there is a very strong connection with one or more of the Trust's current funding priorities.

Applications can be made at any time. For more information, visit <http://www.jpgettytrust.org.uk/index.html>

17. Community Cash Awards (UK)

Young people are being given the chance to claim a share of £1 million to help tackle the dangers of drugs, crime and play a positive role in their community. The Royal Bank of Scotland Community Cash Awards will see £1 million of grants being distributed by youth charity "The Prince's Trust" to young people who want to run community projects in some of Britain's poorest areas. The Awards, worth £250 to £5,000, are available to disadvantaged 14 to 25-year-olds who want to transform their area and learn practical skills. Projects could range from improving local youth facilities to sex education workshops in schools. Projects must:

be run and managed by people between the ages of 14 and 25;
clearly benefit the local community; benefit the people running the project;
and be a new or developing project.

Applications can be made at any time. For more information, visit http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/community_cash_awards.aspx

18. New Fund to Assist Market Towns (England)

Action for Market Towns (AMT), the national membership group representing the interest of Market Towns, has announced the launch of a new grant scheme to help towns share their good ideas and practical projects with each other. The Towns-4-Towns Fund Best Practice Transfer Fund will provide grants of between £100 and £500 to transfer good practice in regenerating market towns. All applications should be joint applications. They must include one 'Tutor' town (who will share and transfer their successful scheme) and one 'Learner' town (who will take on the scheme). At least one of the towns must be a Premium Town Member of AMT. The Towns-4-Towns fund will cover 40% of your project costs. AMT need evidence that you can bring in the 60% match funding to make the scheme transfer a success.

Applications can be submitted at any time. For more information, visit <http://towns.org.uk/2009/06/01/towns-4-towns-best-practice-transfer-fund/>

19. UK Film Council Funding to Support Digital Innovation in Film Distribution (UK)

UK Film Council has announced that they are trialling an earlier application process within its Prints and Advertising Fund, to support distributors in harnessing the internet to transform the way British audiences discover and engage with films. The fund supports the distribution and marketing strategy of 'specialised' films. Up to five Grants of up to £30,000 are available for digital promotional and marketing materials such as:

Creating digital assets such as clips, trailers, podcasts, stills, etc
Developing social media elements such as blogs, widgets and social networking profiles
Interactive websites
Viral marketing.

In addition to film distributors, rights holders can also apply for funding if the film they planning to distribute is not yet completed, so long as the intention to theatrically distribute in the UK can be clearly demonstrated.

The deadline for this new application process is the 31st March 2010. For more information, visit <http://www.ukfilmcouncil.org.uk/15846>

20. Funding for Vocational Education and Training Projects (UK)

The European Commission has announced that its Leonardo Da Vinci will re-open for applications towards the end of 2009 with an application deadline of early 2010. Leonardo Da Vinci is part of the EU's Lifelong Learning Programme and provides funding for European vocational education and training projects. The programme is open to educational and training organisations from the private, public and third sector. The type of funding that organisations can apply for include:

work placements in another European country
participating in a European partnership to share expertise and experiences
to promote the transfer of innovation within the education and training sector.

Projects need to involve other European partners and funding is also available to attend meeting to find suitable project partners. Applications for funding to attend a meeting to meet prospective new partners can be submitted at any time up to the 11th December 2009. For more information, visit

<http://www.leonardo.org.uk/default.asp?section=00010001§ionTitle=Home>

21. Invitation to tender: Arts and refugees website and national events

Organisations or consortiums of organisations are invited to apply to set up and run a dedicated website and national events for arts organisations and artists working with refugees. Up to £150,000 all inclusive is available to run this project over four years from the Baring Foundation and ACE. Applications need to be received in the office of the Baring Foundation by 5pm 12 November 2009. Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interviews to be held at the Baring Foundation offices on 10 December.

Full details are at: <http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/AandRTender.pdf>

22. The J Paul Getty Jnr Charitable Trust

The J Paul Getty Jnr Charitable Trust supports artistic endeavour of the highest possible quality. This includes all forms of visual and performing arts. They are also interested in applications focused on bringing high quality arts to new audiences.

They will also support artistic endeavours aiming to develop the skills and confidence of disadvantaged groups. Examples of the type of work they might consider include music and drama workshops for prisoners and young offenders, and creative writing and media projects for young people living in areas with few youth facilities.

Applications for projects of this type should be made under the relevant Social welfare programme. For more information, visit: <http://www.jpgettytrust.org.uk>

23. ACE announces Changes to Grants for the arts

Arts Council England has announced changes to its Grants for the arts programme that will transform the way it serves artists and save on administration costs, which will be reinvested in the arts. The changes will come into effect from March 2010 when central Grants for the arts team, with artform specialisations, will assess and monitor all applications. This will provide an efficient and simplified application process, consistent advice for applicants and considerable administration savings - 23% of the overall administrative savings required by Government in the organisation review.

For the first time artists and arts organisations will be able to apply to Grants for the arts online. This is a major step forward in making the programme more widely accessible and applications as easy as possible. The online process will be simple and user-friendly with drop down guidance to help applicants. The first applications can be submitted online from 1 March 2010.

The new Grants for the arts centre in Manchester will be staffed by highly skilled arts specialists who have a strong knowledge of the arts and close relationships with regional offices. Final decisions will continue to be made by regional offices.

The Arts Council is also simplifying the information required for applications of £10,000 or less. Applicants will be asked for a shorter proposal which will allow a quicker decision, within six weeks.

To ensure that the transition from one way of working to the other is as efficient and seamless as possible Grants for the arts will be suspending new applications between Monday 18 January and Friday 26 February. Decisions will continue to be made throughout the transition period. Applicants who might be planning to submit an application during this time are encouraged to submit earlier or later than they were planning to ensure their applications can be assessed in good time.

Applicants for £10,000 or less may find it is better to submit their applications later and get a quicker decision using the online process.

More information about the improvements to Grants for the arts is available from the website: <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/grantsfortheartschanges>

(Source for items 1-3: Engage website)

24. Common Ground Initiative (UK)

The Department for International Development (DFID) has announced its new "Common Ground Initiative". This is a £20 million fund to increase access to grants and develop the capacity of small and Diaspora-led organisations in the UK that are working to create real and sustainable changes to some of the poorest and most disadvantaged communities in Africa. Managed by Comic Relief, applicants can apply to one of Comic Relief's six existing grants programmes, or to the health, education or enterprise and employment programmes that have been developed specifically for this initiative. This fund is open to UK registered organisations. To be eligible, small organisations must have had an annual turn-over of less than £1m for the previous two financial years. Diaspora organisations are organisations where the majority of the trustees define themselves as being of African heritage; who live in the UK but retain emotional, financial and cultural links with their country and/or the African continent. Diaspora organisations may be of any size. For more information, visit:

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/Working-with-DFID/Funding-Schemes/Funding-for-not-for-profit-organisations/Common-ground/>

25. Community Radio Fund (UK)

Ofcom's Community Radio Fund is now open for applications. Under the fund, Community Radio Stations can apply for funding to support their core running costs. These can include; management costs; administration, financial management & reporting costs; fundraising to support the station; community outreach work; and costs involved in using volunteers.

There is no upper limit of grant that can be applied for; however, the minimum grant is £5,000. Grants can only be made to community radio licensees who are broadcasting under a community radio licence (and not an RSL, for example). The average grant in the last round was of £15,564. The closing date for applications is the 10th November 2009. For more information, visit: http://www.ofcom.org.uk/radio/ifi/rbl/commun_radio/Communityfund/

26. British Council China Programme (England)

Schools in the UK are being invited to apply for grants of up to £1,000 per person for travel, board and lodging costs, for school linking visits to develop new or existing partnerships with schools in China. There is a variety of different funding opportunities available to help primary, secondary and special schools, as well as colleges of further education to develop partnerships with Chinese schools and the teaching of Chinese. The programme aims to:

- Establish sustainable links that will impact on the development of the schools and colleges involved
- Enrich the curriculum and support language awareness and learning
- Provide professional development opportunities for staff.

Funding is for example available to local authorities and clusters of schools to develop strategic area links with regions in China. The deadline for applications for school linking visits is February 2010 (Date to be Confirmed). For more information, visit:

<http://www.britishcouncil.org/schoolpartnerships-school-links-china.htm>

27. CHANGEit Awards Nominations (UK)

Nominations are currently being invited for the CHANGEit awards. The CHANGEit awards are a collaboration between Common Purpose, an organisation dedicated to improving the quality of leadership in the UK, Common Purpose International and Deutsche Bank. The awards recognise, support and reward the achievements and ambitions of young campaigners between the ages of 11-18 who want to speak out and create positive change to their community. There are three categories in the CHANGEit awards. These are:

“Innovation” for people who have an idea to improve their community but need training or support to get started

“Performance” to celebrate the achievements of young people who have already taken positive action in their local areas

“Photography” young people’s photos that capture campaigning in action or images that illustrate the change you see in the world around you.

Winners in the Innovation and Performance categories will receive £750 and finalists will receive £250, winners in the photo contest will receive £250. Nominations will be accepted until the 11th December 2009. For more information, visit:

<http://www.changeit.org.uk/index.php/what-is-changeit/superhero/>

28. Apply for a Green Space Scholarship (UK)

The Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE) is offering up to eight people the opportunity to learn how well-designed spaces can benefit communities through the 2010 CABE Space design skills scholarships. The scholarships have been set up to boost design awareness in professions that create and manage urban public space. Six grants are available for people who do not have design training but who do want to learn more about the effect good design can have on streets and highways, parks and green spaces and public squares and neighbourhoods. Scholars will visit examples of well-designed public spaces in the UK and abroad, gain an understanding of their delivery and management, and learn how similar ideas can be developed through their work at home. In 2009 the scholars have visited the USA, Canada and Europe. Between them they studied community gardens; looked at how better designed public spaces can help deliver cultural and creative learning; and the impact of well-designed green space on social housing schemes. Scholarships will be made in the form of grants designed to cover travel and living expenses for a period of approximately six weeks. Applicants propose their own study programme, which they will be able to develop with the support of a CABE Space mentor.

Applications for 2010 scholarships close on November 13th 2009. For more information, visit:

<http://www.cabe.org.uk/public-space/scholarships>

29. Funding for Youth Organisations Active at the European Level (UK)

The European Commission has announced a new call for proposals under its Youth in Action Programme. Youth in Action is the Programme the European Union has set up for young people. It aims to inspire a sense of active European citizenship, solidarity and tolerance among young Europeans. This call for proposals aims to provide financial support for the operating costs of not for profit organisations active at the European level and that encourage young people to participate as citizens. The total budget available for this call for proposals is €1.4 million and the maximum grant available for each organisation is €35,000. To be eligible for funding organisations must schedule within their annual work plan (2010) a series of activities which comply with the principles underpinning Community action in the field of youth. These can include amongst others:

- Youth exchanges and voluntary services
- Non-formal and informal learning and activity programmes targeted at young people
- Promoting intercultural learning and understanding
- Debate on European matters, EU policies or youth policies.

The closing date for applications is the 9th December 2009. For more information, visit:
http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/funding/2010/call_action_4_1_en.php

30. Call for Proposals - MEDIA Programme (UK)

The European Commission has issued a further call for proposals under its Media programme. Media is the EU's main mechanism for supporting the European Audiovisual Industry. Under this call for proposals, European independent producers and distributors within the sector can apply for funding to gain access to and participate in the key European and international events and to promote European work in major international markets. The total budget available to support this call for proposals is €1.7 million and the financial support from the Commission cannot exceed 50 % of the total costs of any action supported. The closing date for applications is the 7th December 2009 for activities starting between the 1st June 2010 and up to 31st December 2010 and the 30th June 2010 for annual activities taking place in 2011 and activities starting between 1st January 2011 and 31st May 2011. For more information, visit:

http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/media/promo/markt/forms/index_en.htm

31. £7.3 Million to Support Employment (London)

Voluntary and not-for-profit organisations based in London are being invited by the London Councils to tender under its European Social Fund co-financing programme. The programme aims to improve labour market opportunities and enhance the employability of some of the most disadvantaged and excluded groups. £7.3 million will be available for funded activities. Projects will run for up to 24 months with programme delivery taking place between April 2010 and March 2012. The target groups that the programme will support are:

- Disabled parents
- People with mental health needs
- People recovering from drug and alcohol addiction; homeless individuals
- Homeless families
- Parents in workless households
- Parents of disabled children

Refugees

People from ethnic groups with low rates of labour market participation

Older people aged 50 and over.

The application deadline is the 2nd November 2009. For more information, visit:

<http://www.londoncouncils.gov.uk/grants/esf/LondonCouncilsandESFEmploymentSupport.htm>

32. It's Your Community Initiative (UK)

O2 have committed £1 million to the "Its Your Community" initiative. It's Your Community, which is managed by the Conservation Foundation, provides grants of £100 to £1,000 to individuals and groups to improve their local environment. The type of projects supported in the past included environmental projects such as turning derelict land into an amenity park or wildlife area, tree planting, creating a wildlife pond, renovating neglected river and canal footpaths, providing water butts and recycling facilities in village halls, etc. The commitment by O2 means that the initiative will now be able to support up to 60 projects per month. Applications can be made at any time and are judged on the 20th of every month. For more information, visit: <http://www.itsyourcommunity.co.uk/>

33. The Joanies Trust (UK)

Registered charities working with young people aged 11 to 25 are eligible to apply for grants through the Joanies Trust. Each year, the Trust makes approximately 30 grants with an average value of £1,000 to support projects that offer intensive support to young people as well as those that promote preventative work, and especially those that are designed to lead to individual development through integration, work opportunities or accreditation. In particular the Trust is looking to support projects that show innovation and imagination as well as evidence of close consultation with young people in developing their project. The next deadline for applications is the 31st December 2009. For more information, visit: <http://www.joaniestrust.org.uk/index.htm>

34. Bursaries Available to Exchange Ideas between Artists (UK)

Artists' groups and networks within the UK can apply for awards of up to £500 through the Go & See bursaries scheme. The scheme which is provided by a-n The Artists Information Company and managed by the Networking Artist's Network aims to support exchange between artists' groups and networks in the UK and beyond in order to explore new projects and provide a focus for critical exchange. NAN defines artists' groups as two or more artists working together or engaged in collective activity who consider themselves to be a group or network. The next application deadline is 6pm on the 1st December 2009. For more information, visit: <http://www.a-n.co.uk/nan/topic/473133>

35. Support for Young People Starting Up in Business (England, Scotland and Northern Ireland)

Young people wishing to start up their own business may be able to apply for funding and other support measures through the Prince's Trust Business Programme. The programme can provide support to young people who are; aged 18-30; unemployed or working less than 16 hours a week; and living in England or Northern Ireland. The type of support available includes a low interest loan of up to £4,000 (up to £5,000 for a partnership); ongoing advice from a business mentor; access to a wide range of products and services. This includes a free legal helpline, sponsored by Barclays; a grant of up to £1,500 in special circumstances

(subject to local availability); and a test marketing grant of up to £250 (subject to local availability). Young people in Scotland aged 18-25 may be eligible. Applications to the programme can be made at any time. For more information, visit: http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/about_the_trust/what_we_do/programmes/business_programme.aspx

36. Funding for Individual and Small Groups to Improve their Local Communities (UK)

Groups of individuals as well as small community and voluntary groups within the UK that want to improve their communities can apply for funding through the Wakeham Trust. The Trust are particularly interested in supporting neighbourhood projects, community arts projects, projects involving community service by young people, or projects set up by those who are socially excluded. The Trust also support innovative projects to promote excellence in teaching (at any level, from primary schools to universities), though never supports individuals. The Trust normally gives grants to projects where an initial £75 to £750 can make a real difference to getting the project up and running. To be eligible, applicants need to be registered charities or have access to a registered charity that will be willing to accept funds on their behalf. Applications can be made at any time. For more information, visit: <http://www.wakehamtrust.org/>