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VAMT Funding Bulletin October 2014

Useful websites : funding information, news, training

VAMT [website](#)

Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) : [Fundraising](#)

Institute of [Fundraising](#) Cymru

WCVA funding Conference 2014 Fundraising advice from the experts:

Fundraising beyond grants is an essential activity for the community and voluntary sector, and key to long term sustainability. [High standards of fundraising](#) are essential for charities, suppliers and donors - the “Do’s and Don’ts”

- Three-fifths of people are more likely to trust a charity if they knew it was an FRSB member
- 41% of over a thousand respondents said that they would donate more
- Charities that are signed up to the FRSB commit to following these high standards

The Institute of Fundraising’s [Code of Fundraising Practice](#) extensive guidance includes:

[Key principles and behaviours](#) [Working with Volunteers](#) [Working with Children](#)

[Raffles and Lotteries](#) [Events](#) [Handling Donations](#)

Lloyds Bank Foundation CEO Paul Streets: Funders talk to each other, and Paul shared some insights

<p>“Check eligibility!” Read the funding guidance in detail, and contact the funder if you need further clarification.</p>	<p>Widen your income base Don’t just rely on one type of income stream: Diversify and consider other sources of income beyond grants</p>	<p>“Reduce costs” Where can you make savings? Energy efficiency ; working together; recycle ;</p>	<p>“We want to hear your passion” Your bid needs to reflect your commitment. Funders do not like jargon.</p>
<p>“Need to genuinely listen” There needs to be clear evidence of community participation</p>	<p>“Know your finances” Ensure your figures add up; keep your finances in order Keep your finances in order; present a realistic, well researched budget.</p>	<p>“Collaborate more” Resources are scarce & there is a need for less duplication and more partnership working</p>	<p>“Good governance” It’s not just about the project and money - how well is your organisation doing? Do the trustees have the necessary skills and commitment to run the organisation?</p>

Planning your digital giving

Matt Howarth of fundraising social enterprise [Reason Digital...](#)

The internet and social media is revolutionising how we communicate with our supporters, and has enormous potential for increasing income:

- There is a decline in income from traditional fundraising and a 21% increase in online donation
- 40% of donors research charities online – website presence and presentation is essential. We need to convert on-line time to income.

[Get inspired](#) by the web [5 ways](#) to make people enjoy giving

Closing dates October, November and December

Merthyr Valleys Homes grants

Still time!! Closing date 20th October

Small Grants up to £500; Medium Grants up to £3,000 ; Sponsorship Awards up to £1,000 (There may be exceptional circumstances where this may change depending on need and relevance of the initiative. Please contact the Regeneration Team before completing your application).

Grant Award Criteria: Activities or projects that involve children and young people.

Projects that

- help to create a sense of community spirit, cohesion, pride and respect
- Will help to improve the appearance of the local neighbourhood.
- Help make people feel safer and reduce the fear of crime.
- help to build the confidence and capacity of local residents to get more involved in their local communities

Merthyr Valley Homes Grants and Sponsorship Guidance Notes [\[more information...\]](#)

Merthyr Valley Homes Grants and Sponsorship Application form [\[more information...\]](#)

Contact: Regeneration Team Tel 01685 727816

Ideas for fundraising

[Really useful website](#) to get your creativity flowing!

Ideas for Fundraising will help you get creative and come up with ways to make money. They also discuss the legal aspects of fundraising and how you can make the money you've raised go further with initiatives such as gift aid.

Nominet Trust

Stage 1 application deadline for Social Tech Seed: **22 October 14 (12 noon).**

Grants for projects and organisations that use digital technology to improve the lives of the disadvantaged and vulnerable and to strengthen communities. There is no upper or lower funding limit as applicants should be realistic about what they need to achieve their project objectives.

Support is available for innovative projects that use digital technology to design radically new solutions to address specific social challenges.

Applicants are required to complete an online eligibility questionnaire. If successful, applicants will then be able to create an account to access the Stage One application form. [Guidelines](#)

Tel: 01865 334000 Fax: 01865 334009
E-mail: enquiries@nominettrust.org.uk Website: <http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/>

Edgar E Lawley Foundation

Closing date 31 October

Grants to a maximum of £1500 for Children and Young People; Elderly people Community; Disabled people; other Miscellaneous Projects.

<http://www.edgarelawleyfoundation.org.uk/obtaining-grants.htm>

SUBWAY Healthy Heart Grants (UK)

Closing date 31 October

Heart Research UK (HRUK) is inviting applications from community groups, voluntary organisations and registered charities through their new SUBWAY/HRUK Healthy Heart Grants. Grants of up to £10,000 are available in different SUBWAY regions to support projects that strongly promote heart health, not just healthy lifestyles.

<http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/grants/subwayhhg>

People's Postcode Trust - Small Grants Programme

Closing date 7 November

Registered charities, SCIOs, constituted voluntary and community groups, social enterprises; community interest companies (CIC), not-for-profit organisations and sports clubs are eligible to apply. Grants range from £500 to £5,000.

Funding is available for projects that advance citizenship or community development. Advancing community development involves creating opportunities for the community to learn new skills and, by enabling people to act together, helps further social inclusion and equality.

The Trust is looking for projects that engage local communities and leaves a positive long term impact beyond the duration of funding. Priority will be given to projects that are focused on improving life for disadvantaged groups and encouraging their inclusion within society.

Projects that have a focus on sport, health, reducing poverty, environmental improvement or the advancement of human rights are still eligible for funding as long as they are strong in meeting the community development criterion.

<http://www.postcodetrust.org.uk/small-grants.htm>

Community Foundation in Wales new grant programme – “Fourteen”

Closing date Monday 10 November

Community Foundation in Wales is running a brand new programme called *Fourteen*, working in partnership with the Spirit of 2012 Trust. We've been commissioned to steward this Olympics legacy community investment programme in **two** communities in Wales. We are looking for distinguishable communities with a population of between 5,000 – 25,000 people to receive at least **£175,000** over three years.

Further information about the criteria, application form and referees is available on their [website](#).

Millenium Stadium Charitable Trust

Closing date 14 November

The Trust makes grants in four programme areas. Please click below to find out more. The Trust will give priority to youth exchange programmes which fall into any of the funding programme areas

[Sport](#)

[The arts](#)

[The environment](#)

[The community](#)

<http://www.millenniumstadiumtrust.org.uk/urgent-notice-to-applicants/>

Please note: The trustees will meet in March 2015

BBC Children in Need

Closing date 1 December

Small Grant Programme for applications of up to £ 10,000.

A Small Grant could be a way of kick-starting your work with disadvantaged children and young people aged 18 and under.

The Main Grant Programmes is still available for applications of over £ 10,000 for up to 3 years.

To access applications to either of the grant schemes go to the [Grants page](#) or call James or Andrea on 029 2032 2383 to discuss your idea.

Also: Flex your fundraising muscle for the [Children in Need Appeal 2014 !!](#)

Grow Wild Wales

Closing date 2 December

Are you transforming a community space? Funding is available for groups working on creating green communal spaces.

[Grow Wild Wales](#) is awarding £1,000 to £4,000 to community groups keen to bring people together by sowing and growing native plants.

The Tower Fund

Closing date 3rd December

Grants of up to £2,500 for community organisations – a range of activities supported. For further information please contact Hayley Teague, Tower Fund Development Co-ordinator.

Website: <http://www.towerfund.co.uk>

Tel 01443 494493 or Email hayleyt@meadowprospect.co.uk

Comic Relief Local Communities

December 5th 2014 at 5pm.

Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available.

The programme aims to empower local people, enabling them to create lasting change in their communities. Projects should be run by people directly affected by the issues they are dealing with and priority will be given to small, locally based groups or organisations in areas of disadvantage that have a clear understanding of the needs of their community.

Comic Relief supports work where there is clear evidence of beneficial impact on people and communities who are excluded or disadvantaged through low income, rural or social isolation, age, disabilities, race, sexuality or gender.

Grants will be awarded to innovative projects that: increase local services; build skills of local people; increase community cohesion; respond to local economic needs

The next round will be opening October 31st 2014.

The link to the online application form can be found [here](#)

Gwanwyn Community Grants Scheme Now Open

Closing date Friday 5 December

Gwanwyn – “spring” in Welsh - is a month-long national festival held across Wales in May each year celebrating renewal, growth and creativity in older age.

The festival operates a community grants scheme offering sums of up to **£500** to enable groups all over Wales to organise an event, or a series of events, for the festival in 2015. All kinds of groups can participate, (choirs, care homes, community groups, art, dance and theatre groups, writers clubs...)

The scheme can support a range of exhibitions, events and performances all over the country.

The aim is to offer opportunities for greater participation by older people in the arts, whether visual arts, drama, storytelling, music, literature, photography, dance or film. The festival provides an opportunity for older people to **get inspired, get immersed and get involved.**

For an application form and an information pack with details on how to apply please download from the [Gwanwyn website](#) or to request a pack by post please call Age Cymru on 029 20 431 555

Gwanwyn Festival of Arts and Creativity for older people is organised by Age Cymru and supported by Welsh Government and Arts Council of Wales

The Rest grants

Closing date is 22 December 2014.

The winding-up of Porthcawl's Rest Bay hotel by its trustees has resulted in the opportunity for charities to access 'unrestricted funding' of up to £100,000 from a grants scheme managed by WCVA.

Aims:

• The 'relief of those persons in need by reasons of their age or ill-health, their carers and family, by the provision of (short term) care facilities'

• And the 'provision of recreational and other day care facilities for the aged and infirm in the interests of social welfare with the object of improving their conditions of life'

The awards will be 'one-off, unrestricted donations' to the selected charities, with applications scored against criteria including compatibility of aims and objectives, track record and value for money.

Registered charities with a good track record, providing support to individuals affected by ill health, work-limiting health conditions, disabilities or ageing could apply for funding of up to £100,000.

The assessment process will be managed by WCVA, but the final decisions will be made by the Rest's Board of Trustees.

Application packs will be available shortly from WCVA and you can register on the waiting list:

Tel: 0800 2888 329 or [e-mail](#)

Gerald Micklem

Closing date 31 December

Grants to registered charities averaging of £300 to 4,000; no restrictions as to the kinds of projects supported.

The next meeting is expected to take place in January or February 2015. Applications for consideration at this meeting should be submitted before.

<http://www.geraldmicklemct.org.uk/5.html>.

mail@geraldmicklemct.org.uk

Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust

Funding to a maximum value of £5,000 - registered charities or voluntary organisations can apply for projects that support people of all ages who are socially disadvantaged and/or have mental and/or physical disabilities.

Contact: Mrs. Maria Edge-Jurgens, Anton Jurgens Charitable Trust, Saffery Champness, Lion House
72-75 Red Lion Street London
WC1R 4GB

Santander grants

1. Santander Foundation Central Fund

Charities can apply for a grant of up to £10,000 to help disadvantaged people in the UK from two new funding schemes - [Learn & Grow](#) and [Money Skills](#).

All funding is for one year – no offer multi-year funding. There are no deadlines.

Grants of up to £10,000 for capital or revenue expenditure. Capital funding is used to buy tangible items such as equipment or training materials. Revenue funding will pay for project costs such as sessional worker fees, salaries, room hire or other costs incurred in the delivery of the charitable priorities. Santander wants to fund an entire element rather than make a contribution to a larger budget.

One example would be to fund all of the training materials. Another could be to fund the two days per week that a sessional worker spends working with disadvantaged people in a particular area.

How to apply: First decide which funding scheme you want to apply for and download either the *Learn and Grow* or *Money Skills* initial proposal form and [e-mail](#) the completed form.

Only the information on the initial proposal form will be considered and we ask that you do not send any supporting material at this stage. The intention is to make it easier to apply and to be more accessible to people who may not have had much experience of applying to foundations before.

2. Santander Foundation Community Plus Grant

Community Plus grants of up to £5,000 are available for small local charities or local projects of national charities with funding available to cover salaries, equipment or materials. Grants must directly help disadvantaged people in your local area. There are no closing dates.

The scheme is designed to be quick and simple to use and nominations can be made by charities as well as Santander customers and staff. Just visit any Santander branch and complete a Community Plus Nomination form and drop it into your local branch. By dropping your nomination into the local branch you do not need to wait for an acknowledgment of receipt. This is a local grants programme and the branch staff are part of the assessment process.

Entries will be considered by a panel of staff drawn from across the region every month. Successful charities will be notified within a month of submitting their nomination by e-mail. The only criteria for the Community Plus grants are:

- must be a UK registered charity
- must be a local charity or local project of a larger charity
- the grant must benefit local disadvantaged people

Please note : for both schemes funding is **not available** for :

Individuals – including trips, overseas volunteering, GAP year activity, medical treatment, grants for studying or research ; Fundraising activities; **Unregistered charities, not for profit groups, Community Amateur Sports Clubs, exempt or excepted charities**

- Community Interest Companies or Social Enterprises
- Charities which restrict their beneficiaries to a single religious or single ethnic group
- Events, conferences or sponsorship
- Party political activity

PDF copy of the Community Plus Nomination Form: [click here](#), Word version [click here](#). This form still needs to be dropped into your local branch .**Who can apply?** We can only award grants to organisations with charitable status for their work within the UK. This includes registered, exempt and excepted charities, charitable Industrial & Provident societies and credit unions.

Training

VAMT [Training brochure](#)

Institute of Fundraising

THE 5 THINGS EVERY CHARITY NEEDS TO KNOW – ABOUT RAISING FUNDS FROM THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND EVENTS

CARDIFF - Tuesday 4th November 2014

The Wallich Centre, Cathedral Road, Cardiff - 10am – 12.30

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK - CARDOCS](#)

**£20 Individual Members of Institute of Fundraising /
£25 Non-Members**

Business Wales subsidised leadership development

50% Funded Training Available to Third Sector

<http://www.worthconsulting.co.uk/fully-funded>

Businesses based in Wales with nine or fewer employees, or businesses that do not require the support of a Workforce Development (WD) advisor can receive a subsidy of 50% towards accredited training. Businesses can secure up to £2,000 towards their leadership and management development training and up to £1000 for general training. The amount awarded must then be matched by the organisation.

Eligibility:

- >Private organisations that receive less than 50% core funding from public money;
- >Organisations with nine or fewer employees or
- >Businesses that do not require the support of a WD advisor;
- >Based in Wales.

To find out if you are eligible for leadership and management development funding you can complete the brief questionnaire at this link. <http://www.lmw.org.uk/funding/leadership-and-management-training-program...>

Alternatively, should you wish to apply for both leadership and management development funding and funding for general training, please contact the Business Skills Hotline on

Tel: 0845 60 661 60

Email: businessskillshotline@wales.gsi.gov.uk#

WCVA Safeguarding Training

Writing your Safeguarding Policy

20th November, Newport

This course will provide a practical guide to developing and implementing a Safeguarding policy for working with any vulnerable group - children, young people and adults. It will help you to understand the legal framework for safeguarding and protection in Wales and enable you to write your own Safeguarding policy

Percy Bilton

Large grants - one off payments for capital expenditure of approximately £2,000 and over. The majority of grants fall within the range of £2,000 to £5,000. Small grants - donations of up to £500.

Funding is provided to UK registered charities whose primary objectives are to assist one or more of the following groups:

Disadvantaged/underprivileged young people (persons under 25).

- People with disabilities (physical or learning disabilities or mental health problems).
- Older people (aged over 60).

Match Funding: The Trustees prefer to use the Charity's funding to complete projects. This means that minibuses, building and refurbishment works are only considered in the final stage of the fundraising appeal once the applicant has a shortfall of £15,000 or less.

Applications can be made at any time; Applications should be made in writing on the organisation's headed notepaper and include the information detailed in the guidelines.

<http://www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk/application-organisation.htm>

Contact Tara Smith, Administrator
Tel: 020 8579 2829
Website: <http://www.percybiltoncharity.org.uk/>



Sported's new funding bulletin October 2014

Take a look at [Sported's](#) new look funding bulletin for October 2014. All funding information listed in their bulletin will direct you to sources which will enable you to build the capacity and sustainability of your organisation.

The funding information contained within this bulletin is provided courtesy of [Grant Advisor](#). To find out more about a particular funding source please go directly to the funder's website.

[Read Sported's October 2014 funding bulletin >>>](#)

The information contained with this bulletin was correct at the time of publishing.

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The Boshier-Hinton Foundation

[Grants](#) to improve quality of life for people with disabilities or learning difficulties, and their families.

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Scottish Power Energy People Trust

Grants of up to £50,000 for work that helps to reduce fuel poverty. Application deadlines throughout the year.

Scottish Power Energy People Trust makes grants to charities, community groups and not-for-profit groups. You can apply for any amount up to £50,000 for work in the following categories:

Crisis funding: for example, to help women and children who need emergency accommodation and vulnerable young people setting up their first home

Income maximization: for example, conducting benefits checks to help households that aren't claiming all the benefits to which they're entitled, or those who are not eligible for government grants because they do not receive the qualifying benefit

Energy efficiency measures and advice: for example, improving home energy efficiency through draught proofing, insulating and offering energy efficiency advice.

Priority will be given to projects aimed at helping families with young children and young people. Reducing fuel poverty must be the main aim of your project, not just one part of it.

Assessment

Applications are assessed by the trustees, who meet four times a year. Only 30 applications are considered at each trustee meeting, with these 30 places offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

More information [Visit the ScottishPower Energy People Trust website for more information](#)

How to apply: [Apply online using the electronic application form](#)

Grantnet – a free funding search tool

<http://www.wcva.org.uk/funding/search>

1. Register: WCVA will send you a login password
2. WCVA will send you a search within a day.
3. DO NOT print this off – it can run into hundreds of pages, possibly including lots of irrelevant funders
4. Save the search as a word document and refine it – give yourself time to do this!
5. OR, Contact VAMT & we'll run & refine a search for you (we aim to do this in a week).

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