

## **Funding Bulletin – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2010**

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### **Business**

#### **Growing Business Awards**

The aim of the Growing Business Awards is to celebrate the achievements, innovation and entrepreneurialism of UK businesses.

The awards comprise 11 award categories, which include the following:

- Green Business of the Year.
- Customer Excellence Award.
- Global Outlook and Expansion Award.
- Young Entrepreneur of the Year.
- The Stelios Award for Disabled Entrepreneurs.

Applications are invited from independently-owned companies that have less than 1,000 employees. Entry to more than one category is permitted.

Winners will receive a certificate and television, radio and press coverage. The Stelios Award for Disabled Entrepreneurs offers a cash prize of £50,000.

**The deadline for receipt of applications to the Stelios Award for Disabled Entrepreneurs is 3 September 2010 whilst the deadline for all other awards is 17 September 2010.**

<http://gba.realbusiness.co.uk/>

## **RAD Awards**

The RAD Awards aim to celebrate ideas that evolve around businesses within the recruitment, marketing and HR industry.

Award categories are as follows:

- Campaign Site.
- Employer Website.
- Digital Marketing.
- Audio Visual/Broadcast.
- Internal Recruitment Communications.
- Employee Communications.
- Ambient/Outdoor.
- Graduate/School Leavers - Campaign.
- Best Campaign.
- Print Advertisement - General Public Sector.
- Print Advertisement - Central Government.
- Print Advertisement - Local Government.
- Print Advertisement - Commercial.
- Best Use of Social Media.
- Recruitment Literature.
- Innovation.

Entry is open to any company, agency, or individual producing work specifically to recruit personnel within the UK recruitment, marketing, media and HR sector. There is an entry fee of £115 for each advertisement entered into each category.

Campaigns must have taken place between 30 October 2009 and 29 October 2010.

**Applications must be submitted by 29 October 2010.**

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

## **Regional Development Agencies (RDAs)**

The Regional Development Agencies (RDAs) have published a detailed Q&A laying out the current budget situation, future arrangements until the planned dissolution in March 2012, and further details of the Regional Growth Fund and Local Economic Partnerships (LEPs).

Answers released as part of this document include the following:

- Ministers have confirmed their intention to abolish RDAs and support the creation of LEPs, to be in place by March 2012 at the latest. They have also indicated that some of the RDAs' current functions will continue at a national, rather than local level.

- The Government has stated that a White Paper will be published in the autumn, which is expected to give greater detail and clarify a number of issues – such as which work will be carried out locally, which nationally, and which functions will not be carried through.
- RDAs were asked to find £270 million of cuts to their projects and programmes as part of the £6.2 billion reduction in public spending for 2010/11 announced by the Chancellor in May. This was in addition to the £300 million reductions asked of RDAs last year covering the two years from 2009 to 2011. In most cases this will involve delaying work, scaling back, or stopping projects altogether. However, as the vast majority of the available programme funding is already allocated and committed, and especially as the cuts are needed this year, some RDAs will need to look again at existing contractual commitments.
- The current understanding is that all RDAs will be abolished by March 2012. Work is already underway in partnership with Government and partners to support a smooth transition to new arrangements, including the formation of LEPs. In the meantime, the RDAs will continue to deliver investment programmes across England which will create more jobs, more competitive businesses and stronger sectors at a critical time for the economy.
- It remains unclear what resources will be made available to support LEPs. They will probably inherit some of the RDAs' current work, much of which carries significant contractual and financial commitments.
- The document further promotes the £1 billion Regional Growth Fund, announced by the Government in the 2010 Budget, in order to provide the opportunity for LEPs – and other organisations – to bid for funding. The consultation for this Fund was launched on 23 July 2010.

Further details on the transition of the RDAs to LEPs, and all subsequent effects, will be reported as and when they are announced.

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

### **Interactive Media Awards**

The BIMA annual Awards are renowned as the most prestigious new media competition in Europe, setting the standard for the industry, celebrating creative excellence and craftsmanship within digital media.

The awards are open to any interactive business, project or digital marketing activity in the UK market that has launched, been re-developed or shown substantial, measurable progress during the judging eligibility period (which runs from 1 August 2009 to 24 August 2010 inclusive). Entry fees apply.

The 2010 Award categories break down into the following three groups:

- Sectors - For the Sector Awards, the judges will be looking to reward the strategy, innovation, creativity and effectiveness of entries where the brand or business operates in a specific business category. Projects that make intelligent and competitive use of interactive media and digital platforms in any and every format are encouraged to enter. Sub categories for entry include: Arts and Culture, Business to Business, Health and Healthcare and Media and Entertainment.
- Discipline - With the Discipline Awards, the judges will be looking to reward projects that excel in strategy, innovation, creativity and impact in specific disciplines of digital. Projects that make intelligent and competitive use of digital disciplines are encouraged to enter. Evidence of impact should be provided. Sub categories for entry include: Advertising, Blogging, Educational and Outreach, Multi-Platform and Student.
- Special Awards - These categories recognise excellent examples of interactive craft. The winners will be chosen from all the entries received for the main awards, so it is not possible to enter them directly. In effect, it means that every project entered has up to 12 chances of winning on the night. However, if applicants wish to be considered for one of the awards in particular, a note should be made on the original entry. Sub categories include: Accessibility and Usability, Copywriting, Innovation, Motion Graphics, Originality, Sound and Technical Achievement.

**The deadline for the 2010 Awards has been extended. Applicants now have until 24 August 2010 to apply.**

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

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## **Environment**

### **World of Difference Award**

The World of Difference Award rewards the practical application of science and engineering for sustainable development. The focus of the Award is on innovation in the water and energy sector, whether a product, project or service that has made a difference. The size of project is immaterial - small projects that make a big difference are encouraged to apply.

To succeed, entries will have to present ways of meeting society's water and energy challenges. Solutions need to be both innovative and also demonstrate sustainability by simultaneously benefiting society, the environment and the economy.

The winner receives a prize of £2,500, up to £500 towards travel costs to receive the Award, a specially-commissioned trophy and publicity for the winning project.

**The closing date for entries is 18 February 2011.**

<http://www.ciwem.org/>

### **RSPB/CIWEM Living Wetlands Award**

The 2011 RSPB/CIWEM Living Wetlands Award is now open for entries.

The Award recognises multi-functional projects that demonstrate the sustainable use of wetlands habitats. To be eligible for the Award, projects must:

- contribute to the delivery of priority UK Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) species and habitat targets for wetlands;
- demonstrate sustainability and delivery of multiple benefits eg flood alleviation, wastewater treatment, recreation, eco-tourism, water resource security; and
- ensure no priority BAP species or habitats are harmed by the project.

In addition, it is desirable that projects:

- contribute to increases in numbers of breeding wading birds (such as redshank, snipe, lapwing) and/or other threatened wetland species;
- contribute to the restoration of floodplain functions;
- include a programme for education or promotion and/or dissemination of the work; and
- constitute a new area of work for the entrant, or add value beyond the normal remit of the organisation.

UK projects that are either work-in-progress or complete are eligible. The prize consists of the Mance Memorial Trophy (a specially commissioned bronze trophy of a snipe), publicity for the winning scheme, a framed certificate and a cheque for £1,500 which should be used to fund the delivery of further UK Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) targets, publicity of the project or related education.

**The deadline for entries is 14 January 2011.**

<http://www.ciwem.org/>

### **WRAP Mixed Plastics Loan Fund**

The Waste and Resources Action Programme (WRAP) has recently launched a new, £2 million, Mixed Plastics Loan Fund (MPLF) which is

intended to address the reprocessing capacity gap that currently exists for mixed plastics within England.

Mixed plastics are non bottle plastics packaging (including films, yoghurt pots and food trays) from household and commercial/industrial sources.

A reduction in available capital brought on by the current economic climate together with recent market price volatility in recovered materials has meant that the risk-reward balance is still a barrier to private sector investment in mixed plastics recycling in the UK. The MPLF is intended to supply a source of funding which has, therefore, been difficult to secure through traditional financing sources.

Loans are available for a capital investment (operating costs are not eligible) to establish one or more facilities in England. New projects must be capable of being installed and fully operational by 30 September 2011, and existing facilities that are looking to add a further line to deal with mixed plastic inputs must have the additional equipment installed and successfully commissioned by 30 September 2011.

Preference will be given to applications that include further reprocessing operations, such as, sorting, washing, grinding and extrusion of the sorted outputs.

**Applications will be accepted up to 31 December 2010.**

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

## **Environmental Science Research Competitions**

DEFRA is inviting tenders for a new research competition - Impact of Waste Water Treatments on Removal of Noroviruses from Sewage Effluent.

The aim of the EC Shellfish Waters Directive is to protect or improve shellfish waters in order to support shellfish life and growth, therefore contributing to the high quality of shellfish products directly edible by man. It sets physical, chemical and microbiological water quality requirements that designated shellfish waters must either comply with (mandatory standards) or endeavour to meet (guideline standards). DEFRA is committed to improving water quality to a level where all designated shellfish waters can support at least 'class B' production areas.

In line with this commitment, proposals are invited for a project to look into a preliminary study to indicate the efficacy of waste water treatments in reducing norovirus levels in treated sewage effluent. It is suspected that the efficiency of norovirus removal will be dependent of the type and performance of secondary treatment and investigations will need to examine a range of treatment combinations, eg activated sludge, UV, bio-contactors, membrane filtration and so on.

The objectives of the project include the following:

- Examine the norovirus template in crude sewage, storm sewage, and treated sewage following treatment by a range of different processes, to determine the relative significance of treated effluents on the total load discharged.
- Determine the reduction in norovirus levels across treatment (crude sewage to final effluent) for a representative group of sewage treatment works.
- Investigate the relationship (if any) between removal of FIOs, or as a surrogate F+ coliphage (other surrogates would be considered by the research project board), and attenuation of norovirus across the various types of treatment process.

**The deadline for submission of tenders is 7 September 2010.**

The proposed project start date is 13 September 2010.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/>

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## **European & International**

### **European Policy Network on Key Competences in School Education**

The European Commission has issued a Call for Proposals for a European Policy Network on Key Competencies in School Education.

The aim of the Call is to establish a Europe-wide network of relevant organisations in countries participating in the Lifelong Learning Programme to develop policy advice for the implementation of the 2006 Recommendation on key competencies for lifelong learning in schools.

The network will bring together organisations, researchers and stakeholders whose area of interest and expertise is in school curriculum development, teacher education, assessment and evaluation, learning support and any other area that is seen as crucial for the development of a coherent policy for the promotion of key competencies.

The Call is open to public or private, independent organisations with legal personality that have registered offices in one of the countries taking part in the Lifelong Learning Programme.

**The deadline for applications is 15 October 2010.**

<http://ec.europa.eu/>

### **European Policy Network on School Leadership**

The European Commission has issued a Call for Proposals on a European Policy Network on School Leadership.

The aim of the Call is to promote the establishment of a Europe-wide network of relevant organisations in countries participating the Lifelong Learning Programme to promote the implementation of the priorities for the development of school leadership that were identified in recent Council Conclusions.

The network should stimulate high level cooperation between policymakers and practitioners and the further development of national policies and provision through peer learning, exchanges, and thematic group working to develop shared understanding and approaches on issues of common interest.

The maximum budget for this action is EUR 500,000 in 2010. This will cover the activity of the network in 2011. The budgets for the three remaining years (2012, 2013, 2014) will be determined by the Commission on an annual basis following consultation with the Lifelong Learning Programme Committee.

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**The deadline for applications is 15 October 2010.**

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### **Comic Relief - International Grants Programme**

Comic Relief helps some of the poorest and most disadvantaged people in the world to turn their lives around. The International Grants programme currently has seven open categories:

- Trade.
- People Affected by HIV and AIDS.
- People Affected by Conflict.
- Street and Working Children and Young People.
- People Living in Urban Slums.
- Women and Girls.
- Sport for Change.
- Common Ground Initiative.

Grants are awarded to UK-registered charities (including charities registered in the Channel Islands and Isle of Man) whose main aim is development and who work closely with local organisations. Applications to Comic Relief's trade programme, and to the Enterprise and Employment programme under the Common Ground Initiative may be made from any UK registered organisation where they can show that all profits generated from the project will be reinvested in the project.

Project grants of up to £1 million and research and development grants of up to £25,000 are available.

**The Cycle 4 deadline for applications is 1 September 2010.**

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

### **Global Community Link Programme**

Linking is an ongoing relationship between two groups of people, usually in different countries, who communicate and do things together, founded on trust for mutual benefit. The aim of this Programme is to increase understanding of global development issues. It offers funding and support to community groups in the UK that have a link with a community group in a developing country.

There are two types of Community Linking grants as follows:

- £1,000 to a maximum £2,000 to be spent over a four month period.
- £7,000 to a maximum of £10,000 to be spent over a nine month period.

Global Community Links can assist with the following:

- Understanding more about global development issues.
- Making connections between the applicant's community and others.
- Exploring how global issues have a local impact.

Community groups within the UK that are in touch with a community group in a developing country are eligible to apply.

**The next deadline for application is 1 September 2010.**

<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/>

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### **Food**

#### **Food Engineer of the Year Award**

Applications are invited from professional engineers (or undergraduates and graduates studying to become one), of any nationality or age, for the Food Engineer of the Year Award 2010.

Applicants, who need not be a member of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, must submit a paper relating to the food industry on any area

of food engineering. The Award is designed to help raise the profile of food engineering and promote excellence within the industry worldwide.

In their decision, the adjudicators will take into consideration:

- technical merit;
- originality;
- preparation, planning and execution;
- understanding of the context;
- actual or potential usefulness; and
- quality of literary and oral presentation.

**The deadline for submission of applications is 12 November 2010.**

<http://www.imeche.org/>

### **National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme (Scores on the Doors) - Notice of Imminent Deadline**

Scores on the Doors (SoTD) is a national public information service that allows consumers to find the official local authority hygiene ratings for food businesses. The Food Standards Agency (FSA) is now offering funding for local authorities in England, Wales and Northern Ireland adopting/migrating to the national scheme.

There is no minimum to the level of funding that local authorities can apply for, but by way of a guide to how much might be appropriate, local authorities that were funded in the first funding round spent an average of between £5,000 and £7,000. Payment will be made in two stages, with 50% provided following approval of the application, and the remainder on satisfactory completion of the work.

Projects must take place between 1 October 2010 and 31 March 2011.

**Applications must be submitted by 27 August 2010.**

<http://www.food.gov.uk/>

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## **Health**

### **Help the Hospices - Widening Access (Nurse Leadership)**

Funded by the Burdett Trust for Nursing, this programme supports innovative nurse-led projects which aim to develop and enhance the leadership abilities of the individual, as well as increase access to hospice and end of life care for people for whom access has previously been limited. Two types of grants are available through this programme:

- seedcorn grants of up to £7,500; and
- major grants of up to £25,000.

Independent adult hospices, children's hospices, Sue Ryder Care hospices, Marie Curie Cancer Care and NHS hospices in the UK are eligible to apply.

This round, a total of £90,560 is available for seedcorn grants, and £150,000 for major grants.

**The deadline for applications is 7 October 2010.**

There will be two further rounds of major grants with £200,000 available for each round. Round 2 will open in April 2011 with a deadline in July 2011; and Round 3 in October 2011 with a deadline in March 2012.

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

### **Health Foundation-Quality Improvement Fellowships**

This scheme is targeted at clinical leaders who wish to build upon their existing expertise in quality improvement by enhancing their ability to drive forward service improvement in healthcare in the UK.

Under the 2010 application round, up to four Fellows will spend a year in Cambridge, Massachusetts at the Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI). IHI's programmes are built around the following improvement aims which state that healthcare should be:

- safe;
- effective;
- patient-centred;
- timely;
- efficient; and
- equitable.

Fellows are expected to focus their work during the year on at least one of these aims.

**The 2010 deadline is 15 October 2010.**

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

### **Health Foundation - Shine (Innovation Award)**

Shine is an annual award scheme focusing on innovation in the healthcare service. Each year, a specific topic/challenge is set with the intention of turning good ideas into good practice.

The Shine challenge for 2011 is: Find new approaches to delivering healthcare that reduce the need for acute hospital care – while improving quality and saving money.

In the current financial climate cost improvements are a key focus of healthcare organisations. By stimulating ideas and action among healthcare professionals, new and innovative ways to release cash – while not losing quality – can be tested in practice.

Successful teams from across the healthcare service (eg commissioning, primary care, acute care, mental health etc) will be provided with the resource to ensure that successful innovations receive national recognition. Up to £75,000 will be invested in each of 18 successful teams and supported ideas will also be promoted to policymakers and NHS leaders.

Since this year's challenge is to reduce the need for acute hospital care, it is expected that applications will come from cross-sector project teams - eg collaborations between primary, acute and/or community care.

**The deadline for applications is 4 October 2010 (12 noon).**

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

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## **Research**

### **Joseph Rowntree Foundation - R&D Programme**

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) has announced two new Calls for Proposals.

#### *Just adaptation responses to climate change in the UK*

This Call is part of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's Climate Change and Social Justice Programme. The aim of the programme is to support the development of socially just responses to climate change in the UK.

The aim of this Call is to fund a single project which will help to inform local adaptation responses to climate change in the UK. The project is intended to support local practitioners to take account of social justice issues and to develop decision making tools to assist in the key trade-offs that may need to be made in prioritising objectives.

A budget of £50,000 to £70,000 has been allocated for this project. Funding is expected to cover both research and associated project expenses such as travel (including VAT if applicable).

The project will be expected to begin in 2011 and to be conducted over a period of no longer than 18 months.

JRF expects this Call to be of interest to environmental and social policy researchers and collaborative bids which combine expertise across these fields are welcomed.

**The deadline for receipt of e-mail and hard copies of full proposals is 28 September 2010 (2 pm).**

*A socially just transition to a low carbon economy and society*

This Call is part of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's Climate Change and Social Justice Programme. The aim of the programme is to support the development of socially just responses to climate change in the UK.

This Call for Proposals is seeking short papers (thinkpieces) which address the question: How can we achieve a socially just transition to a low carbon economy and society?

JRF anticipates funding up to six papers covering different approaches to this topic from the more general to more specific.

A budget of £6,000 to £8,000 has been allocated for each thinkpiece - this is expected to cover both research and associated project expenses (including VAT if applicable). JRF expects to fund up to six thinkpieces with an overall budget of £40,000.

Projects will be expected to begin in 2011 and to be conducted over a period of up to six months.

JRF expects this Call to be of interest to environmental, social and economic policy researchers and collaborative bids which combine expertise are welcomed.

**The deadline for receipt of e-mail outline proposals is 28 September 2010 (2 pm).**

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

### **Starter Grants for Clinical Lecturers**

The aim of this scheme is to provide modest 'start up' funds to enable clinical lecturers in the UK to pursue their research work, gather preliminary data and further strengthen their applications for longer-term fellowships and funding.

A maximum grant of £30,000 is available, spanning a period of one or two years. The grant can support new and directly incurred research costs such as consumables and equipment. It can also be used to contribute towards necessary technical support that is available within an applicant's institution.

The scheme will fund research work of only the very highest quality and where it is clearly demonstrated that the findings will inform the applicant's future career aspirations and bids for larger-scale fellowships.

Clinicians in the UK who have obtained an MD or PhD, and who currently hold a 'research active' clinical lectureship post, are eligible to apply.

There are two application rounds per year. **The extended deadline for the fourth application round has been confirmed as 6 September 2010.**

<http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/>

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