

Funding Bulletin – Friday 20th August 2010

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Business

Difference Engine

The Difference Engine is a mentor-led acceleration programme for early-stage digital businesses.

The programme offers £20,000 investment capital (for an equity shareholding of 8% of the common stock) and business support.

Assistance is in the form of capital investment, mentoring, support and office accommodation with various other services provided by the programme's partners.

The programme will fund early-stage digital businesses which are typically web-based or software orientated. Applicants may be from any country, providing the business will be founded in the North East of England (businesses may relocate once the programme ends). The typical age range of founders is 25-40 years old.

The next deadline for receipt of applications is 3 October 2010.

<http://www.thedifferenceengine.eu/>

Startups Awards 2010 - Now Open

The Startups Awards reward and celebrate the best UK business start-ups and represent an opportunity for businesses to gain recognition for the outstanding achievements of the business, team or individual.

There are several award categories open to entry, which include the following:

- Angel/VC backed Business of the Year.
- Innovative Business of the Year.
- Service Business of the Year.
- Product of the Year.
- Home-based Business of the Year.
- Young Entrepreneur of the Year.
- Business Plan of the Year.

The overall winner is crowned the Startups Business of the Year.

Applications are invited from businesses less than three years old at the time of entry that are privately owned.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 3 September 2010.

<http://www.startupsawards.co.uk/>

Community

National Churches Trust

The National Churches Trust awards grant funding to places of worship in England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland and the Isle of Man for essential structural repair projects and the installation of new facilities.

Repair Grants of £10,000 and above (although grants rarely exceed £40,000) and Community Grants of between £2,500 and £25,000 are available.

Applications are accepted from listed and unlisted churches, chapels and meeting houses of any age, as long as they are open (or planning to reopen) for public worship and where the congregation is a member or associated member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland.

The closing date for receipt of applications for grants in 2010 is 3 September.

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

Local Action for Rural Communities

Local Action for Rural Communities funding is available in three areas in Cornwall – Clay Country (the parishes of St Enoder, St Dennis, Roche, Luxulyan, Lanlivery, Lostwithiel, St Stephen-in-Brannel, St Mewan, Treverbyn, St Blaise, and Tywardreath), East Cornwall (the former

districts of North Cornwall and Caradon, but excluding Bodmin and Saltash) and West Cornwall (the former districts of Penwith and Kerrier, excluding Camborne, Pool & Redruth).

£1.8m of funding is available in each area to improve the quality of life, to enable local communities to diversify and strengthen their local economy, and gain better access to services and the environment.

The funding is delivered through Local Action Groups, which form the community-led element of the wider EU/DEFRA Rural Development Programme for England. Local Action Groups comprise of representatives from the public, private and voluntary/community sector, and each has developed specific priorities.

So if you've got a plan for a project, or just an idea, please make contact with the Local Action Group managers:

Clay Country & West - Clare Leverton - 01209 611116 or 07528 983335

East - Linda Emmett - 01208 265719 or 07528 983334

FSC Kids Fund

The Field Studies Council's (FSC) Kids Fund aims to:

- bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by attending a course at an FSC centre; and
- help disadvantaged young people to attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial.

Funding up to 80% of the cost of an FSC course up to a maximum of £3,000 is available.

Applications are accepted from groups supporting disadvantaged young people aged eight to 18 years (or up to 25 years for those with special needs) including voluntary youth groups (either run by voluntary leaders, managed by a voluntary organisation or registered charity) and school groups.

Applications can be made at any time.

<http://www.field-studies-council.org/>

European & International

Youth in Action- Bodies Active at European Level

Part of the wider EU programme Youth in Action, which runs for the period 2007-2013, this report refers specifically to Action 4.1 Support for bodies active at European level in the field of youth.

The purpose of the strand is to provide support for the permanent activities of bodies active at European level in the field of youth and pursuing an aim which is of general European interest.

There are two types of agreement: partnership framework agreements for bodies that wish to enter into a three-year co-operation; and an annual operating agreement for bodies that wish to enter into a one-year agreement.

The 2010 Call for Proposals has been launched, with an application deadline of 15 October 2010.

Eligible to apply are non-governmental, non-profit-making organisations.

Full criteria are listed in this report but interested parties should note in particular that bodies applying for an annual agreement must have active organisations in at least eight eligible countries, whereas those applying for a three-year agreement should have active organisations in at least twelve eligible countries.

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

Prevention of and Fight Against Crime (ISEC)

This programme has a number of aims: to stimulate methods and tools to prevent and fight crime; to promote and develop coordination among law enforcement agencies; to promote and develop best practice for the protection of, and support for, witnesses; and to promote and develop best practice for the protection of crime victims.

The 2010 Call for Action Grants has been launched, with a deadline for submission of applications of 29 October.

The following priorities have been identified in the 2010 Work Programme. Proposals submitted outside these priorities will also be considered, subject to quality and budget availability after funding projects matching priorities. Priorities are as follows:

- Implementation of the EU Action Plans on the security of explosives and on Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) materials.
- Trafficking in human beings.
- Development and implementation of instruments on preventing and fighting sexual exploitation of children and on-line sexual exploitation and abuse of children.
- Financial and economic crime.
- Illegal use of Internet.

- Projects examining radicalisation leading to terrorism.
- Prevention of crime.
- Police and customs cooperation.
- Support initiatives in favour of police and customs cooperation (including Joint Customs and/or Police Operations of limited duration).
- Implementation of the supply reduction policy of the EU Drugs Action Plan 2009-2012.
- Security of major mass events.

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

Commonwealth Writers' Prize

The objectives of this Prize are to promote new voices, reward achievement, encourage wider readership and greater literacy, and to increase understanding between different cultures.

The 2011 Commonwealth Writers' Prize will open for entry in late September 2010.

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

Schools & Education

JISC Funding Opportunities

JISC and the Higher Education Academy are offering ten £1,000 awards for insightful, reflective case studies into the use of open educational resources (OER) for learning and teaching.

The aim of the exercise is to gain a fuller understanding into the way OERs are used in a variety of contexts including, but not limited to, the seminar room, lecture-theatre and virtual learning environment to advance and support the learning experiences of students in Higher Education in England. Of particular interest is how OER material from outside of an institution has been used within it.

The activity is funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE). Therefore JISC can only make awards to staff based in HEFCE-funded higher education institutions, and in further education colleges that deliver higher education to more than 400 FTEs.

The deadline for applications is 1 November 2010.

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