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<http://princescountrysidefund.org.uk/>

Art & Craft

Queen Elizabeth Scholarship Trust

Covering a wide range of modern and traditional crafts, these scholarships are worth between £1,000 and £15,000. The scholarships can be used to fund further study, training and practical experience for the improvement of craft and trade skills. Scholarship winners have included antiques restorers, calligraphers, book conservators, potters, silversmiths and upholsterers.

Eligible applicants are craftsmen and craftswomen of all ages who live and work permanently in the UK. Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they already have a high level of skill and are firmly committed to their craft or trade.

The deadline for applications for the spring 2011 scholarships is 14 January 2011.

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

South West Screen

South West Screen's Talent Development Fund is now open to applications.

The Talent Development Fund aims to support the South West's writers, directors and producers to develop new work and to advance their film-making careers to a point where they can successfully attract recognition, commissions and funding from major independents, financiers and distributors.

Two strands of activity are being supported in 2010/11, as follows:

Script Development for Feature Films

This strand will support the development of a full draft screenplay for feature-length projects that have already been developed to treatment stage by the applicants. Investments of up to £5,000 are available; however, a minimum partnership match funding of no less than 10% of the script development budget is required. Partnership funding can be in cash or in-kind, or a mixture of both. Applications can be made by a writer, a writer/director, a production company, or a team comprising writer/director, writer/producer or writer/director/producer.

Seed Development for Feature Films

This strand will support the creative and commercial development of projects that already have a fully-developed feature-length script (or equivalent in the case of documentaries). Investments of up to £5,000 are available; however, a minimum partnership match funding of no less than 30% of the total seed development budget is required. At least two-thirds of this partnership funding should be in cash and one-third in-kind. This strand is open to submissions from individual producers or production companies.

All awards are funded through the Lottery's Regional Investment Fund For England on behalf of UK Film Council.

The deadlines for applications are 8 September 2010 and 14 January 2011.

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

Business

Convergence Programme (ERDF) - Cornwall & IOS

Expressions of Interest are invited to provide targeted business support aimed at significantly increasing the productivity of the broader business base through stimulating and embedding enterprise activity within businesses.

Eligible activities are likely to include the following:

- Extending and coordinating enterprise work with the student population (Further and Higher Education).
- Providing targeted business support and actions to address weaknesses which inhibit growth across the business base.
- Attracting and hosting, inspirational 'world recognised' enterprise speakers, and ensuring this is translated into tailored support programmes.
- Developing research expertise around the needs and growth potential of an SME dominated economy.
- Maximising ESF investments in enterprise throughout the programme.

The indicative investment range is £2.2 million over a five year period with the intended start date being January 2011.

Applicants must be able to provide match funding of 25% of total project costs. There is also the possibility of European Regional Development Fund capital funding being made available (also to be match funded) if necessary to deliver the product.

The deadline for submissions is 24 August 2010.

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

Sparklers

The Sparklers programme for homeless entrepreneurs is aimed at individuals who have an idea for a new business venture or those who have already developed an early stage business.

Support is available for individuals that have:

- vision, passion and drive to make the project a success and are keen to gain experience through a combination of learning on-the-job and coaching; and
- a promising entrepreneurial idea for which there is a clear need and market opportunity.

The following support is provided to finalists:

- Training to develop personal and business skills.
- Help to develop and market test business ideas.
- Financial support to invest in the business which does not have to be paid back. This investment will be between £500 and £5,000 (expected average of £2,000).

Individuals that have been homeless, at risk of being homeless, or living in temporary and supported housing in the last two years are eligible to apply. The applicant must have the support of a registered charity or organisation that will provide someone who will work as a mentor and support the development of the project idea.

Successful applicants are required to commit 14 days of their time spread over a six month period. In addition they will have to commit one day a week to develop their project.

The deadline for applications is 24 September 2010 (5pm).

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

Community

Caradon Area Community Fund (CACF)

This is a grant programme offering opportunities to grass roots community and voluntary groups in the area formerly known as the Caradon District to receive grants so they may create and/or deliver projects for the benefit of their community. Examples of funding could include the purchase of equipment, an outing, volunteer training etc.

Grants range from £250 - £500.

Restrictions apply including:

- Your turnover must not exceed £20000 per annum
- You must be volunteer led and benefit your community
- You must spend the grant within 1 year

The next fund deadline is 20th August 2010.

http://cornwallfoundation.com/applying_for_a_grant/current_grants.htm#CommunityProjects

Charity Employees Benevolent Fund

The Charity Employees Benevolent Fund (CEBF) awards grant funding to assist and relieve UK residents in need who are or have been in paid employment with a UK charity or any other charitable body; either an exempt charity or recognised as a charity by HMRC.

Low wages and few benefits make people working for charities, and their families, vulnerable to serious financial hardship in times of illness, disability, bereavement and other unexpected difficulties. The CEBF seeks to provide assistance for people in these situations, bringing provision for charity employees and their widows, widowers, partners and dependent children, in line with that for the rest of the UK workforce.

No minimum or maximum value of award is specified, and only limited financial support through grants for specific purposes is currently available.

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

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Volant Charitable Trust

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The Trust has two broad areas of funding:

- Research into the causes, treatment and possible cures of Multiple Sclerosis.
- **Support for charitable organisations whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation, with a particular emphasis on children's and women's issues.**

Although no minimum or maximum amount is specified in the guidelines, the Trustees are prepared to support a charity by way of regular annual payments. Such payments are expected to cover project associated costs and will only, in exceptional circumstances, exceed three years.

Applications are accepted from registered charities in the UK.

Applications may be submitted at any time and the Trustees meet in March and September each year to assess applications.

The deadline for consideration at the March 2011 meeting is 28 January 2011.

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

Links Foundation

The Links Foundation provides funding to a wide range of community-based organisations across Britain to help provide facilities and services to improve the conditions of life.

Applications are accepted from community organisations in Great Britain involved in projects which:

- improve education;
- tackle significant disadvantages;
- assist those in poverty, need or distress; and
- provide for their leisure activities.

The Foundation's average spend per project is currently £20,000.

The deadline for applications is 1 October 2010.

Following this funding round the Foundation will be considering new criteria for the next round of funding.

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

Engineering

Public Engagement Grants

The Ingenious grants programme aims to:

- inspire creative public engagement with engineering projects;
- stimulate engineers to share their stories, passion and expertise in innovative ways with wider audiences;
- develop engineers' communication and engagement skills;
- create debate between engineers and people of all ages to raise awareness of the diversity, nature and impact of engineering.

It welcomes proposals from engineers, universities, science and engineering communicators and engagement professionals, colleges and schools in the UK.

Funding of between £3,000 and £30,000 is available for project costs directly related to the development and delivery of the proposed project

such as salaries, consultancy, events, materials and travel and subsistence.

The closing date for applications is 29 October 2010.

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

Public Engagement Fellowships

Public Engagement Fellowships allow individual engineers to pursue a project which explores the societal, ethical or cultural impact of their field of work. The Fellowships enable engineers to broaden and strengthen their existing public engagement skills and knowledge, try out new formats such as dialogue, conduct public attitudes research or explore the ethics of engineering. They also provide engineers with the opportunity to raise their profile and that of their field of work by reaching new public audiences and others such as opinion formers and policy makers.

Funding of up to a maximum of £30,000 may cover: salary, training courses, public dialogue activities and research costs plus travel and subsistence expenses associated with the Fellowship. Successful applicants will also have access to the Fellowship Fund, to assist in supporting further activities that are developed during the Fellowship period.

The Fellowships are open to engineers from higher education institutes, the public and charity sector and from industry. Fellowship activities must take place in the UK.

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European & International

INTERREG IV B - North West Europe

It has been announced that the Seventh Call will be open to applications between 3 and 24 September 2010.

The programme has the objective of promoting an integrated approach to territorial development in three ways: horizontally (among different policy sectors); vertically (among different levels of government); and geographically (across administrative boundaries) in the UK, Belgium, France, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg, The Netherlands and Switzerland.

Organisations, both UK and transnational, are eligible to apply through partnerships having members from at least two countries, one of which must be from the North West Europe region. They may include universities, not-for-profit organisations, and those sectors of regional and local authorities contributing to the territorial development process (transport, environment, regional development etc).

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

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World Cancer Research Fund International

The World Cancer Research Fund (WCRF) International is now inviting applications for grants to fund research into the effects of food, nutrition, physical activity, and weight management on cancer. The grant programme consists of two main grant types, as follows:

- Investigator Initiated Grants - grants of up to £250,000, for up to four years, with no more than £75,000 in any one year.
- Regional Seed Grants - limited to a maximum of £60,000 for up to two years.

Regional Seed Grants are intended as start-up funds for pilot research on innovative ideas relevant to WCRF International research priorities to allow them to develop to a stage where an application for an Investigator Initiated Grant would be appropriate.

Applicants for both types of grant should adhere to the general research principles, outlined in the Grant Application Package 2010/11, and may address one or more of the specific research priorities listed below:

- Clarify the evidence on research areas of nutrition and cancer.
- Life course exposures in relation to cancer.
- The role of body fatness and physical activity in relation to cancer.
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- Molecular/genetic research.
- Methodological research.
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Studies must be justified in terms of their direct relevance to human cancer and may include, but are not limited to, human epidemiologic, clinical, or metabolic studies; studies that use human biological samples (eg blood, tissue, urine); or in vivo or in vitro studies that explore mechanistic pathways of the cancer process.

The Programme accepts applications from universities, medical schools, NHS Trusts, research institutes and other academic centres; however, research for a commercial organisation is not eligible.

The closing date for outline applications is 11 October 2010.

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

ICT

NIACE - Get Digital

Grants, learning programmes and support are available for sheltered housing schemes in England to help older residents acquire digital literacy skills and enjoy the benefits this provides. A central part of the programme is to forge bonds between the local community and the sheltered housing schemes and residents, to provide a lasting source of local support to help the residents once the programme has finished.

£3,000 is available to schemes in urban areas and £4,000 for schemes in rural areas. In addition to this, the scheme will be allocated a Scheme Support Tutor, who will visit the scheme over a number of weeks to deliver a learning programme and provide support to staff and residents.

The first grant instalment should be spent on equipment, connectivity and furniture to equip the scheme for digital learning, and the second instalment is to support the scheme's digital activities into the future.

Applications may be made by a landlord or a management organisation, or by scheme staff or a representative of the residents at the scheme - as long as the landlord has agreed that an application should be made.

The closing date for Wave 2 applications is 3 September 2010.

<http://letsgetdigital.org.uk/>

Research

Research on International Development (Poverty Alleviation)

The Department for International Development (DFID) and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) jointly fund this scheme for international development research.

The purpose of the scheme is to provide a more robust conceptual and empirical basis for development and to enhance the quality and impact of social science research that contributes to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Applications are invited for projects with a FEC value of between £100,000 and £500,000.

The second phase of funding for the joint scheme retains the overall 'poverty alleviation' theme from the first phase, and applications under this broad heading are welcome. However, ESRC and DFID have identified three thematic areas for this Call where work will be of particular interest. These areas are:

- Population and Development.
- Development in a Changing World: the Challenge for Theory, Policy and Action.
- Inequality and Development.

The scheme is open to researchers based in recognised higher education institutions, research organisations, or organisations with a credible research capacity. Researchers may be based in either UK or non-UK organisations with recognised research capacity.

The deadline for applications is 30 September 2010.

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

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation Innovation Fund

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is a charitable foundation established in Portugal in 1956 with cultural, educational, social and scientific interests.

Not-for-profit organisations in the UK and the Republic of Ireland are invited to apply for R&D funding to scope a new idea which enables them to work together with other organisations or experts outside their usual practice, or to enable them to undertake active research into areas they would not normally have the time or money to explore.

The Foundation particularly welcomes ideas that take the perspective of people at the receiving end of activities or services, whether as audiences,

participants or clients. It is also looking for ideas that demonstrate a cross-sectoral approach.

As a guide, it is expected that grants will average between £10,000 and £25,000.

Initial enquiries can be sent in at any time of the year, but applicants should allow at least three months between applying and the proposed starting date of their research period.

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

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Schools & Education

eLearning Awards

The objective of this competition is to identify and highlight best practice examples in schools that make good pedagogical use of ICT. The eLearning Awards help teachers to have their creativity and technical skills recognised, and at the same time show to a wider audience how ICT helps improve their methodology, enriches their work in the classroom and positively impacts on children's learning.

Projects are submitted to the eLearning Awards in general, not to a specific category. All entries are considered for the top awards and evaluators identify projects suitable for special awards.

This year, there are eight categories as follows:

- Cultural Expression.
- ASPECT Awards.
- International cooperation.
- Mathematics, Science and Technology.
- Collaborative Learning.
- eLiteracy.
- The e-mature school.
- Special Category for Outstanding Teachers.

In seven categories, the best projects will be awarded with a gold, silver and bronze prize. The prizes will be received by the school or teacher training institution. A special category will award the best teachers. They will receive a platinum prize in a special category, 'creativity and innovation', for outstanding teachers.

To be eligible for the eLearning Awards, entries must be submitted by primary and secondary schools or teacher training institutions in EU Member States, EEA Countries, EU Applicant Countries as well as Switzerland, Israel and Georgia. For the category 'International Cooperation', entries are accepted from all over the world.

Further education institutions/colleges providing education for 16-18 year olds are also eligible to enter the competition.

The deadline for entries is 28 September 2010.

<http://elearningawards.eun.org/>

Modular Training for Industry Programme

The aim of this biannual programme is to extend the technical abilities of graduates working in industry.

Financial support is provided for the development of industrially relevant, short training courses at Masters level. The courses should provide up-to-date technical training in areas of significant need for clearly defined sectors of the industrial community.

Funding is provided towards the preparation of course materials, initial marketing and launch of the module. The average level of funding under the last Call was £15,000; however, lower and higher levels of support may be sought.

Eligible applicants are UK higher education institutions and institutes sponsored by the funding provider.

The deadline for the second Call in 2010 is 10 September.

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

Social Care

Get Connected Investment Project

The Get Connected Investment Project is a capital grant scheme for the registered providers of adult social care in England and independent sector organisations supporting personalisation in adult social care. It will enable providers to improve access for their users, carers, visitors and staff to information and communications technology (ICT), so they can use the power of the Internet to communicate, learn and train.

Cycle 3 is now open to applications for up to a value of £20,000 per grant to improve access to ICT in order to enhance quality of life and/or skills.

Private and voluntary sector adult social care providers must be registered with the Care Quality Commission, Companies House, Financial Services Authority or Charity Commission.

Cycle 3 is open to the following:

- Micro and small organisations (employing up to 49 full-time equivalent staff) or domiciliary care agencies with 1–3 branches.

- Medium-sized organisations (employing 50–249 full-time equivalent staff) or domiciliary care agencies with 4–20 branches.
- Large organisations (250 or more full-time equivalent staff) or in the case of domiciliary care agencies, more than 20 branches.

In addition to meeting the overall aims of the Get Connected Investment Project, large organisations seeking funding under the innovative category for developing or transferring innovative uses of ICT to extend personalisation will need to demonstrate that their application brings a new approach to the use of technology, which delivers greater or different value for staff and service users.

The Cycle 3 deadline for Expressions of Interest is 10 September 2010. The deadline for Full Bids is 19 November 2010.

Cycle 4 will open in November 2010.

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

Social Enterprise

NOMS Social Enterprise Challenge

As part of its commitment to develop a mutually beneficial relationship with the social enterprise sector, the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) has announced two new funding opportunities as follows:

- Skills, Employment and Community Payback (CP) - proposals are invited for new enterprise-based supervision models that can also deliver skills and employability training in a realistic work environment to these groups, and offenders on community sentences more generally. Proposals should seek to be self funding (through trading activity) but also build added social/community value.
- Sustainable Development - renewable energy, recycling and other related sectors potentially offer significant opportunities for offender employment. NOMS wishes to explore whether it is possible to link training and work experience (in a relevant commercial setting) with the parallel objectives of reducing cost, minimising waste and striving for carbon neutrality. Proposals may be linked to prison industries/workshops or be based in the community or both.

Funding of up to £200,000 under each stream is being provided through the European Social Fund (ESF).

The deadline for proposals is 17 September 2010.

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

Sport

UnLtd Sport Relief Award Programme

The UnLtd Sport Relief awards programme has the aim of encouraging young people in the UK to use sport to tackle social issues in their communities.

Groups of young people aged 11-21 are eligible to apply for grants to enable those with innovative ideas to set up projects of community benefit. As well as a cash award, young people will also receive a tailored package of support from a dedicated Development Manager who will be on hand to provide support, guidance and mentoring in order to develop and deliver initiatives.

Three types of awards are available:

- Try It awards of up to £1,000.
- Shape It awards of up to £5,000.
- Do It awards of up to £10,000.

The underlying principles of the programme are as follows:

- Creating a common vision and sense of belonging for all young people.
- Making sure the diversity of young people's backgrounds and circumstances are appreciated and positively valued.
- Understanding those from different backgrounds have similar life opportunities.
- To develop strong and positive relationships between young people from different backgrounds.

Applications for Try It awards can be made at any time.

The next deadline for Shape It awards is 16 August 2010.

Do It Awards will be made every three months with the second application deadline being 11 October 2010.

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