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# **New Funding Opportunities**

## Funding for Sensory Equipment (UK)

The Lords Taverners have announced that the next closing date for applications to its Sensory packages and sensory small grants programme is the 30th June 2017. Children with sensory impairments and autism have found that regular access to a sensory room or sensory equipment can have significant improvements on a child's emotional health.

Through the programme, grants of up to £5,000 are available for schools that cater for young people under the age of 19 who have a physical/ sensory/ learning disability to purchase portable sensory equipment. All equipment needs to be purchased through Experia Innovations and the school is required to pay a self-help contribution of around 25% of the total cost of the package.

For example, a sensory room opened at Premiership football club Watford FC. Local specialised schools, who have been involved in the design phase of the project, will be invited to attend coming matches and it is hoped that demand from Watford fans who are currently unable to bring children as a result of their needs will also be able to benefit. The room features a comfortably furnished viewing area, with an excellent view of the action and a state-of-the-art calming area featuring a bubble tube, fibre-optic carpet, soft seating, wall projectors, a glitter-ball with a colour wheel and a Bluetooth speaker system so that visitors to the room can choose their own music if the game becomes too distressing for their child.

<http://www.lordstaverners.org/sensory-rooms>

## Funding to Support Rural Communities (UK)

The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust, which supports charities in the UK working in agriculture, rural development and insurance has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 27th October 2017. Trustees are particularly interested in funding larger initiatives, which would have a significant impact on the rural community. The Trustees are particularly interested in initiatives in the areas of education of young people in rural areas and relief of poverty within rural areas.

Projects supported in the past include:

* Farms for City Children, which aims to expand the horizons of children from towns and cities by offering them a week in the countryside living together in one of their farms; and
* the Royal Highland Education Trust which aims to create an opportunity for each child in Scotland to experience the countryside and to facilitate a wider understanding of the environmental, economic and social realities of rural Scotland. Its key activities include farm visits, classroom speaker visits and a number of high profile national competition.

The NFU Mutual Charitable Trust also provides small grants of up to £250 through the NFU Mutual's Community Giving Fund which supports worthwhile community events, charities, schools and community group activities that are local to their operations.

<https://www.nfumutual.co.uk/about-us/our-charitable-trust/>

## Funding for Communities Affected by Loan Sharks (England)

The England Illegal Money Lending Team has funding of up to £5,000 available for charities, community and voluntary groups, schools and statutory agencies that want to raise awareness of the issues of illegal money lending.

The funding can be used on projects that contribute to:

* Raising the awareness of the dangers of using loan sharks;
* Prevents crime and disorder and publicises the Stop Loan Sharks message;
* Promotes the work of the Illegal Money Lending Team (IMLT) in communities;
* Encourages reporting of loan sharks.

Applicants will need to complete Stop Loan Sharks Community Fund application form A 2017 and return it electronically to: Catherine.wohlers@birmingham.gov.uk or post hard copy to Catherine Wohlers, IMLT, PO Box 12971, B33 0TD.

The closing date for applications is the 30th June 2017.

## <http://communityactionwirral.org.uk/stop-loan-sharks-community-funding-2017/>

##  The Classical Association Grants (UK)

The next closing date for applications to the Classical Association's grant making programme is the 1st September 2017. The Classical Association is a major giver of grants to classical projects, mainly but not exclusively in the UK.

The Classical Association makes grants to schools to promote the teaching of Greek and Latin, as well as outreach work such a Greek and Latin reading competitions; Greek/Roman days and school conferences. Funding is also available for teachers to attend courses abroad to support their professional development, notably the British School at Athens Easter Course.

<http://www.classicalassociation.org/grants.html>

## School Grants to Promote Physics (UK)

UK schools and colleges can apply for grants of up to £600 from the Institute of Physics for small-scale projects or events linked to the teaching or promotion of physics and engineering to pupils aged 5 - 19. Grants can be used to support a wide range of projects. This can include organising a school based science week or extracurricular activities such as a science club. Alternatively, schools and colleges may want to use the funding to organise a careers event or a visit from a working physicist or engineer.

Previous projects to receive funding include:

* Ampleforth College for a Visit to Jodrell Bank Radio Observatory; and
* St John's High School for a Practical Rocketry workshop to design a water propelled rocket.

The closing date for applications is the 1st November 2017.

<http://www.iop.org/about/grants/school/page_38824.html>

## BBC Children in Need Small Grants Programme (UK)

Not for profit organisations such as schools; registered charities; voluntary organisations; churches; and community interest groups; etc. can apply for grants of up to £10,000 for projects that help children and young people experiencing illness, distress, abuse or neglect; disability; behavioural or psychological difficulties'; and deprivation.

Projects supported in the past include:

* Trewirgie Junior School which received a grant of £9,760 to provide after school sailing sessions to disadvantage children aged 7-11;
* Kent Young Carers in Tunbridge Wells; and
* The Midlothian Association of Play which received a grant of £9,996 to run holiday playschemes with trips and activities for young people living in low income areas.

The closing date for applications is the 1st September 2017.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4fJVTzz5QmQx5rx0S4NVg0Q/small-grants>

## Funding to Support Arts (UK)

Grants of up to £5,000 are available to help individuals and organisations such as Colleges, Arts Festivals and other arts organisations carry out arts projects; in particular music projects including Opera, Lieder, Composition and Dance. The funding can be used to pay for tuition or coaching costs, to participate in external competitions, to support a specially arranged performance and for a special publication, musical composition or work of art.

For example the Presteigne Festival received funding. The Presteigne Festival has become a focal point for those seeking musical nourishment and artistic discovery in the beautiful surroundings of the Welsh Marches.

The closing date for applications is the 1st October 2017.

<http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/index.php>

## Funding to Support Education in Disadvantaged Areas (UK)

Grants are available to support schools and registered charities that wish to undertake educational work with children and young people in disadvantaged areas. The British & Foreign Schools Society (BFSS) normally makes grants for educational projects totaling about £600,000 in any one year. The majority (85% of grants) are made to charities and educational bodies (with charitable status). Schools wishing to apply need to have either charitable status or "exempt charity" status.

Previous projects supported include:

* a grant of £10,000 to the Bloomfield Learning Centre. The Centre assesses and teaches 6 to 16 year olds with specific learning difficulties from areas of socio economic disadvantage in London specially Southwark, Lambeth, Islington, Camden and Greenwich;
* a grant of £13,228 to TalentEd that works with schools in Hackney and Hastings to help high ability Year 10 students to improve their GCSE grades and their academic and career options; and
* a grant of £5,000 to the Lyric Hammersmith to support a programme of work for schools in West London to enable disadvantaged children to engage in regular cultural activity.

The provisional closing date for applications is the 14th August 2017.

<http://www.bfss.org.uk/grants/>

## BBC Children in Need Main Grant Programme (UK)

The next closing date for applications to the BBC Children in Need Main Grants programme is the 1st September 2017. Grants of over £10,000 per project are available to not for profit organisations and schools that work with young people who are experiencing disadvantage through: illness, distress, abuse or neglect; any kind of disability; behavioural or psychological difficulties; and / or living in poverty or situations of deprivation. Schools can also apply for funding but the project must be additional to their statutory duties.

Examples of projects that recently received funding include:

* St Joseph's School and Community Steering Group, which received a grant of £61,480 to provide an after school and holiday clubs to engage disadvantaged young people living in Workington in physical and healthy living activity;
* Stepping Stones Pre School Portslade, which received a grant of £ £9,397 to provide additional 1-1 support to children who display emotional/behavioural/communication difficulties to develop coping strategies, social communication skills and help them to overcome anxiety; and
* Cumbria Law Centre which received a grant of £88,263 to provide a full time worker for a young people's drop in centre, offering specialist social welfare advice to young people and vulnerable parents.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/3XW7FvN20PD3xr2c1T62Xly/main-grants>

## Young Europeans Award 2018 (UK)

Young Europeans Award is inviting all pupils interested in European issues to take part in a free to enter competition to win a trip to Warsaw. The Young Europeans aims to encourage dialogue and exchange between young people in the 'Weimar Triangle' countries - Germany, France and Poland. For the 2017-18 round, the UK has been invited to take part as a guest country.

Teams of young people from UK schools are invited to enter the competition (with support from their school) in groups of 6+ by sending in a collaborative creative project of their choice addressing the statement: 'To be or not to be...a European'. To take part, pupils must be aged under 21 and should enter in teams of a minimum of 6-8 - two from the UK and at least two from France, Germany and Poland. UK schools with an existing partner school in one of the countries involved are particularly encouraged to take part in collaboration with new project partners in the remaining countries. To find a school, class or group to partner with, teachers and pupils can use the online partner-finding services provided by the German-French (DFJW) and the German-Polish Youth Office (DPJW).

Applications should be submitted no later than 1st March 2018.

[http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/Young+Europeans+Award](http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/Young%2BEuropeans%2BAward)

## Funding for Young People to Develop Social Enterprises (UK)

UnLtd, in partnership with Sports Relief and the Spirit of 2012, has announced that young people who want to start, grow or build their social enterprise idea can apply for funding of up to £15,000.

Young people can apply for a Test it Award of up to £500 or a Build it Award of up to £15,000. Awards can be applied for by an individual or small group of up to four people aged 11-30.  Test it Awards provide young people with the chance to unlock their potential and make a positive difference in the community. The Test it Awards are available to 200 young people to run their own projects.

There is an on stage application process for Test It Awards. All applicants need to do is fill out the application which can be found at [here](https://unltd.org.uk/expression-of-interest).

UnLtd will also scale up successful projects by providing Awards of £15,000 to 10 young people who are ready to build their ideas into sustainable social. There is a two stage application process for the Build it Awards.  Applicants initially will need to submit an expression of interest and if they meet the criteria then UnLtd will send an application form to apply, more details can be found at [here](https://unltd.org.uk/expression-of-interest).

<http://www.sportrelief.com/schools/youth-groups/carry-on-your-good-work>

## M & S Energy Community Energy Fund Opens for Applications (UK)

The M&S Energy Community Fund has announced that not-for-profit organisations can apply for funding for renewable energy projects that can demonstrate they have the support of their local community. A total of £300,000 is available and the maximum available for each project is £12,500. Applicants can include Parish or Town Councils; Community groups, Colleges and School; etc. Applicants will need to submit their application form by the 23rd June 2017.

Projects that are then shortlisted, will need to organise support from their community to vote for their project on the competition website. The projects with the most validated votes per region be awarded funding.

Previous projects funded include:

* Amery School which received funding to install a number of kinetic tiles in the ICT corridor to generate electricity utilizing the power of footsteps. The installation consists of a number of kinetic tiles, covering an area of the school corridor. The installation is designed to not only save electricity but also encourage the students and staff to engage with a tangible energy solution; and
* Carrington School which wanted to install solar panels to enable generate revenue to help the school continuously improve its educational facilities.

<https://www.mandsenergyfund.com/>

## The Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust Grants (UK)

The Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust (AFMT) supports projects that allow disadvantaged young people the chance to develop an existing interest in the great outdoors. The Trust usually supports programmes that are run by schools or youth groups, but welcomes applications from individuals, but these must have a referee. The AFMT support a wide range of projects, but are unlikely to support foreign trips.

Projects the fund has supported in the past include:

* a £300 grant of a Youth Forum in Lancashire to support a programme of outdoor activities;
* a grant to take 12 young people from a cycling project in Bristol on a mountain biking trip to the Forest of Dean; and
* a £500 grant for a group of young people from Bradford to go on a residential outdoor activities course in Scotland.

<http://www.andyfanshawe.org/index.php>

## The Jerusalem Trust RE Resource Grant Scheme (UK)

The Jerusalem Trust makes available to schools a number of grants to support the purchase of resources for teaching Christianity in Religious Education. These can include textbooks, teacher resources, artefacts, videos, tapes and CD-roms for use in RE lessons.

The fund is open to all primary and secondary schools in the UK, although priority will be given to non-church state secondary schools. Occasionally grants will be awarded to primary schools who have experienced the loss of resources through critical incidents such as fire or flood. The maximum size of any grant is £500.

Recently purchased items include:

* 20 x NIV Bibles
* Lent and Easter artefacts collection
* Commentary on Paul’s Epistles
* Illustrated Easter story books

Applications can be submitted at any time.

<http://www.stapleford-centre.org/resources/re-grants-for-schools>

## Physics Teacher Training Scholarships (England)

The Institute of Physics (IOP) has announced that the next deadline for applications to its Teacher Training Scholarships is the 19th June 2017. The IOP, in partnership with the Department for Education offers teacher training scholarships, worth £30,000 (tax free) for people in England who would like to train to teach physics or physics with math's. Scholarships also include a package of benefits such as Institute membership and early career mentoring. 150 scholarships are available each year.

To apply applicants will need to have a physics or related degree (such as engineering or mathematics) with a proven or predicted grade of at least 2.1; or hold a relevant PhD or master's degree or recognised equivalent; or have completed a Subject Knowledge Enhancement course in physics. If an applicant has a 2.2 degree, the IOP will consider the application if he/she can show significant physics-related experience and knowledge.

<http://www.iop.org/education/teach/itts/page_52632.html>

## Grants for Schools and Young People’s Projects (Southwark)

Schools and organisations working with schools and colleges in the London Borough of Southwark have until 25th August 2017 to apply for a grant of up to £1,000 from the Newcomen Collet Foundation.

Priority is given to assist schools and other groups to purchase equipment for the benefit of children; support extra curricula activities (e.g. school trips, after school clubs, holiday clubs, uniformed organisations) for children and young people; and assist organisations which provide educational opportunities to schools and colleges in the Borough of Southwark (e.g. visiting theatre companies and musicians).

Schools that have received funding in the past include: Heber Primary School which received £2,400; Camelot Primary School which received £ 1,560; or Goodrich Community School which received £ 2,680.

It is unlikely that they will provide 100% of funding so applicants should also have additional funding options in place.

<http://www.newcomencollett.org.uk/organisations.html>

## John Watsons Trust (Scotland with pref. for Edinburgh and the Lothians)

The John Watson's Trust has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 4th August 2017. The trust awards grants primarily within Edinburgh and the Lothians for educational purposes to children and young people under the age of 21 who have a physical or learning disability or who are socially disadvantaged.

Grants may be awarded Scotland wide depending on each individual case. Both individuals and organisations may apply for funding and examples of the types of activities that can be funded include dyslexia tuition, school trips (must be applied for by the school and not individuals), bus passes, books and equipment and laptops where there is a special education need.

<http://www.wssociety.co.uk/charities/jwt/>

## Grants to Promote Horticulture (North of England)

The North of England Horticultural Society (NEHS) has launched a new funding round. Grants are available to community groups, schools and charities within the North of England (Yorkshire and The Humber, Lancashire, County Durham, Tyne and Wear, Cumbria, Northumberland, Greater Manchester and the North Midlands) to fund horticultural projects and activities within the community.

Applications are now invited in the following categories.

* Improving our landscape - aimed at community societies, friends groups and organisations committed to improving their local landscape (maximum grant £1,500);
* Grow and learn - aimed at encouraging schools and colleges to become involved with horticulture through hands-on activity and development (maximum grant £500);
* A Greener Future: The Dr Bruce Rigby Programme - support for individuals keen to develop a career in horticulture (maximum grant £500).

Hyrstmount Junior School, Batley, Middlewich High School, Cheshire and Pear Tree Special School, Kirkham all received £500 under the ‘Grow and Learn’ scheme.

The closing date for applications is the 3rd July 2017.

<http://www.flowershow.org.uk/about-nehs/nehs-grants-scheme>

# **Funding Reminders**

## Lord Taverners Accessible Minibuses Grant Programme (UK)

The Lords Taverners, the UK's leading youth cricket and disability sports charity, has re-opened its Accessible Minibuses grants programme. Schools, clubs and youth organisations across the UK that cater for young people under the age of 25 who have a physical/ sensory/ learning disability can apply to the Lords Taverners for specially-adapted, wheelchair-accessible minibuses.

Last year the Lords Taverners delivered 40 specially-adapted, wheelchair-accessible minibuses. Examples of schools that received a specially-adapted minibus are:

* Lakeside School in Hertfordshire;
* The Garth School and the Priory School in Spalding (Lincolnshire); and
* Perseid School in Morden, Surrey.

These vehicles give young people with disabilities access to new places and experiences. Lord's Taverners minibuses are based on the current Ford Transit model, with a diesel engine. The average cost to the charity of an accessible minibus is over £52,000. Please note that the Lords Taverners are unable to support schools that cater for socially disadvantaged children, or mainstream schools for children with behavioural problems.

The closing date for applications is the 31st July 2017.

<http://www.lordstaverners.org/accessible-minibuses>

## Funding to Enable Disadvantaged Young People Reach their Potential (UK)

Registered charities (including Schools that are registered as charities for young people with disabilities) that work with disadvantaged children under the age of 25 can apply for funding of up to £10,000 through the Ironmongers Company's grants programme.

In particular, the company wants to support projects that provide opportunities for disadvantaged children and young people to fulfil their potential and educational activities that develop learning, motivation and skills. Projects could, for example, support special educational needs; address behavioural problems or promote citizenship; and parenting or life skills.

Preference will be given to projects piloting new approaches where the outcomes will be disseminated to a wider audience. Although the grants are available within the UK preference is given to projects in inner London.

The next deadline for applications is the 31st July 2017.

<http://www.ironmongers.org/charity_organisations.htm>

## Connecting Classrooms Fund (UK)

The British Council's Connecting Classrooms fund has opened up for applications. Grants of £3,000 are available to enable teachers (who have completed the British Council's ‘Teaching Core Skills' training programme) and a school leader to visit a partner school overseas. Each visit will involve participating in an event, arranged in country by the British Council. The events will bring together schools from the UK, their partners and other local schools to share experiences and good practice of implementing core skills within the curriculum.

Schools participating in the connecting classrooms programme will have to work with a schools based in one of the following countries: Egypt, Iraq, Lebanon, Jordan, Morocco, Occupied Palestinian Territories, Yemen, Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, Malawi, Sudan, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. To be eligible to apply, the UK will have identified a partner school in one of these countries.

The next closing date for applications is the 17th July 2017. The next deadline thereafter will be 18th September 2017.

<https://schoolsonline.britishcouncil.org/about-programmes/connecting-classrooms/apply>

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## Grants for UK-German School Partnership Visits (UK)

The Partnership Visit Fund supports new or on-going partnerships between UK and German schools by providing financial support of up to £1,000 for teachers' visits to a partner school. Teachers of primary and secondary schools can apply for a visit that revives an existing school partnership or develops a new one, or allows new teachers to familiarise themselves with the partner school.

The focus of the visit must be on planning future activities between pupils, and developing an interactive project to take place within the year. Visits should not last longer than one week, the school must provide 25% of the required funding and a maximum of 3 teachers can be supported. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis but the proposed visit must not start for at least 4 weeks after you submit your application.

For example, pupils from Thorpe St Andrew School and Sixth Form in Norwich and the Gesamtschule Konradsdorf in Ortenberg (near Frankfurt) are working together on a project on the current social and political refugee situation.

<http://www.ukgermanconnection.org/partnershipvisits>

## Funding for School Expeditions and Field Work (UK)

The Frederick Soddy Trust has announced that the next application deadline for grants to support expeditions and field work is the 18th September 2017. Grants of between up to £2,000 are available to schools or universities, or from institutions such as scout groups to support expeditions that study "the whole life of an area" with a major emphasis on current human geography.

The Trust cannot support research into wild life or environments. To be eligible for support, the expedition or fieldwork team can be of any size, normally greater than two, though on occasions the Trustees have supported a team of two.

Recently grants have been given to the following schools: Carrington Primary School; Falinge Park High School; Heron Primary School; Pear Tree School; St Wilfred’s Catholic High School and Hinde House.

<http://www.soddy.org/expeditions.htm>

## HRUK & SUBWAY Healthy Heart Grants (UK)

Heart Research UK (HRUK) is launching its 2017 SUBWAY/HRUK Healthy Heart Grants scheme. Not for profit groups, voluntary organisations and registered charities will be able to apply for grants of up to £10,000 for new, original and innovative projects that actively promote Heart Health and help to prevent, or reduce, the risk of heart disease. The grants are available in specific regions at certain times of the year.

Previously, grants have been awarded to fund cooking sessions, theatre workshops, multi-sport activities, classroom based learning, circus skills, and tandem biking, etc. For example, CP Active, West Yorkshire received £10,000 for "Environmental Health Prompts" (towns in the Kirklees area of West Yorkshire will be nudged towards more active lifestyles to benefit their hearts through subliminal messages shown in public places); and Life Cycle UK, Bristol received £6,698 for "Get Your Heart in Gear" (an innovative programme of supported cycling activities is promoting heart health to adults in South Bristol identified as being at high risk of heart disease).

For further information and details of the application periods for each region click on the link below.

[https://heartresearch.org.uk/community-grants/apply-heart-research-uk-and-subway®-healthy-heart-grant](https://heartresearch.org.uk/community-grants/apply-heart-research-uk-and-subway%C2%AE-healthy-heart-grant)

## Funding to Develop Music Opportunities for Young People (Scotland)

The next deadline for applying to Creative Scotland Music Initiative (YMI) is the 17th July 2017. YMI provides funding to individuals, organisations and networks to develop opportunities in the music sector for young people (aged 0 - 25 years).

There are 2 streams to apply under. These are:

* Access to Music Making (grants of £1,000 to £40,000 for extracurricular programmes); and
* Strengthening Youth Music (grants of £1,000 to £20,000 for training programmes).

YMI also provides funding through its School Based Music Making programme. The School Based Music Making Programme is a targeted fund for Scotland's 32 Local Authorities and Jordanhill School.

Examples of projects funded include: Developing Potential which was set up by Drake Music Scotland, a charity which creates music making opportunities for people with disabilities; and Hear My Music is a community music organisation working specifically with young people who have complex needs and/or Autism Spectrum Disorder.

<http://www.creativescotland.com/funding/funding-programmes/targeted-funding/youth-music-initiative>

## Heathrow Communities Together Funding (London & South East)

The Heathrow Communities Together Fund has grants of up to £2,500 available for charities, voluntary groups, schools, colleges, and Community Interest Companies working in Ealing, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Richmond, Runnymede, Slough, Spelthorne, South Bucks, or Windsor and Maidenhead. The awards are funded by Heathrow's passengers, who donate foreign and British currency every day in Heathrow's baggage halls and departure lounges - and by Heathrow Community Fund, to help groups in the areas around Heathrow to run projects focused on two themes: ‘protecting and enhancing our environment' and ‘bringing communities together'. Proposals must also involve the community at each stage and show how they will deliver lasting benefits.

Previous projects supported include:

* Castlebar School is Ealing which received a grant of £2,100 to transform an unused area into a wilderness garden;
* Belvue School which received a grant of £2,500 to engage students with special educational needs in practical activities that protect and enhance the environment on the Havelock Estate; and
* Hounslow Community FoodBox which received a grant of £2,000 to provide a warm snack, hot drink, use of facilities and social activities for those homeless.

The deadline for applications is the 14th July 2017.

<http://www.heathrowcommunityfund.com/need-funding./for-community-projects>

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