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Film in Rural areas – Consultation

Regional Screen Scotland is the development agency for access to cinema going opportunities. In 2009, working with HI~Arts and Scottish Screen, they awarded over £114,000 to 27 organisations to support and develop cinema exhibition in rural communities.

Now they would like to hear from groups who are currently exhibiting films, or have ambitions to screen films. They want to know what support you need, and what you are currently delivering.

A questionnaire for completion is available via the link below. The information gathered will inform future projects, funding streams and the support and training on offer.

There are no published deadlines.

Link: http://www.regionalscreenscotland.org/networks_development.html

Music Licences required for Voluntary Groups

Charities and community groups must now pay a royalty charge to the PPL and Performing Rights Society for Music at fundraising events, discos or even village hall tea dances. A new system of charging will now make it difficult for small local groups to play music because of the costs involved. This includes music played at events in parks and village halls. More details are available from their website.

If you prefer to speak to someone to get advice please call them on 0845 309 3090 - they'll answer any questions you have and there is no obligation for you to give them your details.

Link: <http://www.prsformusic.com/>

Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR)

OSCR has published guidance on how charities should go about organising external scrutiny of their accounts.

The guidance, drawn up in conjunction with the Association of Charity Independent Examiners, is designed to help charity trustees, independent examiners and cross-border charities understand their responsibilities.

The document explains how independent examination applies to various charities, what it entails and what the duties of the independent examiner are.

The guidance booklet can be downloaded from their website via the link below.

Link: <http://www.oscr.org.uk/ExternalScrutiny.stm>

PROGRAMME UPDATES

Cattanach Trust – Changes to the Dates of Trustees' Meetings in 2010

This schemes focus, until 2012, is on organisations' and projects which offer hope of a better life to children, especially those under 10 years of age, and their families and communities. By targeting its grants in this way, the Trust means to address the needs of young children living in difficult and deprived circumstances, and to help them make the most of their talents and opportunities.

However, applicants should note the changes to the dates of Trustees' meetings in 2010 which will affect the deadlines for applications in some cases.

The next deadline for applications, for the Trustees' meeting on 6 May, is Friday, 26 March 2010.

Link: <http://www.cattanach.org.uk/>

E.ON Sustainable Energy Fund – 2010 deadlines

This scheme supports community energy projects delivered by community groups, charities and not-for-profit organisations that benefit education groups, vulnerable people or people in fuel poverty can apply for grants of up to £20,000, for up to 90% of costs, to implement sustainable energy projects in community buildings. Joint proposals, for example with local authorities, will be considered although the community organisation must lead the application. To be eligible, projects must:

- result in the creation of renewable energy and/or a reduction in the amount of energy used;
- have a positive impact on the local community;
- have a measurable positive impact on the local environment which will most likely be demonstrated through Carbon savings;
- be used for purchase and implementation of capital equipment, physical measures and associated costs;
- involve and/or have consent of the local community;
- be sustainable beyond the support of the Fund; and
- be completed within 12 months of a grant being awarded.

The new deadlines for applications are 2 April & 8 October 2010.

Link: <http://www.eon-uk.com/>



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Tudor Trust

This scheme, one of the largest independent grant making trusts in the UK, has announced new funding guidelines for the period 2009-11. They will continue to make grants for - youth; older people; community; relationships; housing; mental health; substance misuse; learning; financial security and criminal justice.

The Trust will also be open to hearing about work in areas the Trust has not funded before. Grants can take the form of core funding (including salaries and running costs), development funding, project grants or capital grants for buildings or equipment.

There is no maximum or minimum grant amount that an organisation can apply for. However the Trust is interested in helping smaller, under-resourced organisations which offer direct services and involve the people they work with in their planning. Applicant organisations do not have to be registered charities.

A two stage application process has been introduced. One in ten applications is expected to proceed to the second stage. Further details can be found on their website.

Applications can be submitted at any time.

Link: <http://www.tudortrust.org.uk>

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Arts Trust Scotland

This scheme will support a great idea that needs a little money to take it to reality. It will consider a sculpture, an installation, a painting, a play, a book, a screenplay or maybe something else that needs a little money to take an idea from blank page to reality. The trust aims to support work which:

- is created by artists in Scotland;
- adds to the growing reputation of Scotland's arts community; and
- helps individuals of talent to develop their skills and ideas

Further information on the simple application process for awards, ranging between £500 and £2,000, is available from their website.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 9 February 2010.

Link: <http://www.artstrustscotland.org.uk>

Flexible Arts Funding 2011-2013

This flexible funding scheme, announced by the joint Board of Scottish Arts Council (SAC) and Scottish Screen, has £7.98 million each year (2011-2013), for the development and presentation of programmes of activity that are artistically driven and which aim to maximise audience attendance. The programme has been established in order to enable Scottish arts organisations:

- to be directly involved in creating/supporting the production and/or public presentation of the work of artists and creative practitioners; or
- to offer a range of services, support and advice to other arts and creative organisations, enabling these to best deliver and develop their programming and business objectives.

The sponsor will be looking for the following in all projects:

- Excellent artistic vision and leadership, demonstrated in the applicant's activity or role, in relation to supporting artists and arts organisations to fulfil their creative and business potential.
- The appropriateness of the applicant's plans for widening access to ensure inclusion in all of their services, employment and artistic programmes.
- Strength of commitment to continually improving engagement with the public.
- Good practice in the governance and management of an organisation, including financial management.

There is one global budget for all applications for flexible funding. The amount of money available is limited, however, and demand for funds is extremely high, so it is unlikely that SAC will be able to fund all eligible applications which meet the programme's criteria.

Applications are welcomed from all constituted arts sector organisations in Scotland, seeking more than £50,000 per year to support a substantial body of arts-orientated work.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 5 March 2010 (5pm).

Link: <http://www.scottisharts.org.uk>

Lady Eda Jardine Charitable Trust

This scheme provides small grants for a range of charitable activities, including 'Advancement of the Arts'. Charities and community groups operating in Scotland are eligible to apply.

Funds are managed and applications considered by Anderson Strathearn solicitors, whose contact details are:

1 Rutland Court, Edinburgh, EH3 8EY Tel: 0131 270 7700.

There are no published deadlines.

Link: None available

EUROPE

Community Action in the Field of Health Programme

This European scheme, open until 31 December 2013, has the following main objectives:

- Improve citizens' health security.
- Promote health.
- Generate and disseminate health information and knowledge.

A number of different actions are supported by the above objectives, and funding is administered according to Calls for project proposals, Calls for tenders, joint actions and operating grants. The budget for the 2010 Call is EUR 47.1 million.

The deadline for the receipt of applications is 12 March 2010.

Link: <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/>

European Local Energy Assistance (ELENA)

This €15 million scheme has been launched, by the European Commission in conjunction with the European Investment Bank. It aims to help local and regional authorities attract outside finance towards new investments in energy efficiency and renewable energy.

ELENA support can be provided for the development of investment programmes or projects within the following areas:

- Public and private buildings, including social housing and street and traffic lighting, to support increased energy efficiency, e.g. refurbishment of buildings aimed at significantly decreasing energy consumption (both heat and electricity), such as thermal insulation, efficient air conditioning and ventilation, efficient lighting.
- Integration of renewable energy sources (RES) into the built environment, e.g. solar photovoltaic (PV), solar thermal collectors and biomass.
- Investments into renovating, extending or building new district heating/cooling networks, including networks based on combined heat and power (CHP); decentralised CHP systems (building or neighbourhood level).
- Urban transport to support increased energy efficiency and integration of renewable energy sources, e.g. high energy efficiency buses, including hybrid buses, electrical or lowcarbon propulsion systems, investments to facilitate the introduction of electric cars, investments to introduce new, more energy efficient concepts to improve freight logistics in urban areas.
- Local infrastructure, including smart grids, information and communication technology infrastructure for energy efficiency, energy-efficient urban equipment, inter-modal transport facilities and refuelling infrastructure for alternative fuel vehicles.

Grants are available for up to 90% of eligible costs required for technical support related to a clearly identified investment programme. Eligible costs are any technical support that is necessary to prepare, implement and finance the investment programme. This technical support may be of different types,

for example: feasibility and market studies, structuring of programmes, business plans, energy audits, preparation of tendering procedures and contractual arrangements and project implementation units.

No minimum or maximum grant sizes are stipulated; however, the objective of ELENA is to increase experience in developing investment programmes of a certain size, normally above €50 million. Small projects can be supported when they are integrated into larger investment programmes. Regrouping of small projects into larger programmes allows transaction costs to be reduced and improves the "bankability" of the individual projects, which is one of the ELENA selection criteria.

Applications can be made at any time. However assistance is available on a first-come, first-served basis - either until the end of 2011, or when the available funding is exhausted.

Link: <http://www.eib.org/>

RURAL AREAS

Arthur Rank Centre

This scheme is committed to supporting the rural community, and has set up the "Computers for Rural People" scheme to provide computers at very low cost to encourage people to take the first step. So if you think a computer might be useful, but can't afford several hundred pounds just to try, they can help you. The offer is applicable to Scotland.

At a really low price, as little as £109, they can provide a computer of your own, pre-loaded with Microsoft Windows XO and Microsoft Office 2003 software, and delivered with 3 months warranty. If a Community Project needs more than one computer - e.g. for a Drop-in centre, School etc. the prices are even lower. Currently on offer at £109, 256Mb Memory System (1Gb Memory System for £129), with a minimum specification of:

- Pentium4/Celeron 1.5Ghz, 20Gb disk
- 17" Branded CRT Monitor, Branded keyboard and mouse
- USB ports, Network Interface, sound
- 17" Flat Screen option + £50, Wi-Fi compatibility + £20
- Lap-tops with equivalent specification £190

They ask that you make a voluntary donation of £12 minimum to The Arthur Rank Centre to cover costs and support charitable activities.

Further information can be obtained from: Computers for Rural People, The Arthur Rank Centre, Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire, CV8 2LG, Tel: 02476 853066, Email: info@arthurrankcentre.org.uk

Link: <http://www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/>

SCHOOLS

Global School Partnerships Starter Grants

This scheme aims to get thousands more children in the UK and overseas could get involved in the Government's Global School Partnership Programme thanks to new starter grants. The new funding provides 1,000 £250 starter grants over the next three years for teachers to develop global education within the curriculum and establish school partnerships with developing countries.

Funds can be used towards lesson cover and travel costs for teachers to attend information workshops and also in-school training to build development education expertise. The Department for International Development (DFID) aims to boost the number of schools supported from nearly 2,000 currently to 5,000 by March 2012.

The programme also offers support and grants of up to £26,400 per partnership over four years to fund visits between schools and develop joint curriculum projects focused on global development issues. Grants can be used towards costs including travel and accommodation on both sides of the partnership, communications costs, resources for activities and events, and supply cover.

For more information, contact Cambridge Education Foundation on 01223 578500 or email cef@camb-ed.com. For an on line application form, visit the website via the link below.

There are no published deadlines but it is presumed that when the target number of schools has been reached the programme will close.

Link: <http://www.britishcouncil.org>

Comenius Schools Partnership Programme

This scheme aims to provide grants €22,000 to enable pupils, students and staff from across Europe to work together on joint projects. Funding is available to support and develop Bilateral Partnerships or multilateral partnerships between schools across Europe. Bilateral partnerships offer students aged over twelve years the opportunity to become actively involved in a joint project with a European partner institution and include a reciprocal exchange for students.

Multilateral partnerships involve at least three schools or colleges from at least three European countries.

Partnerships can focus on themes broadly linked to the pupils' curriculum and interests, and on questions of school management, teaching techniques and methodologies.

More details and further information can be obtained via the links below.

The closing date for applications is 19 February 2010.

Links: http://ec.europa.eu/education/programmes/llp/guidefiches/comenius6_en.html#1

The Tree Council

This scheme provides funds for schools and community groups within the UK who are able to show that children under the age of 16 will be actively engaged in the planting projects.

It can fund projects between £100 and £700 and successful applicants will receive up to 75% towards their planting costs. The remaining 25% will need to be secured by your school or organisation.

The 2010 application forms for schools and community groups are available from the link below.

The closing date for applications is 31 May 2010.

Link: <http://www.treecouncil.org.uk/?q=grants> for further information.

SPORT

Comic Relief - Sport for change

This scheme aims to understand more about how sport can play a part in delivering positive change within the lives of individuals and communities.

The maximum grant size in this programme is £100,000 in total.

The next deadline for applications is 21 May 2010.

Link: http://www.comicrelief.com/apply_for_a_grant/uk/sport

UNLTD Sport Relief Awards

This scheme, operated by Comic Relief, aims to provide opportunities for young people to bring communities together, to help promote understanding and solve problems through sport, arts and recreational activities.

The UK wide funding programme is for 11 - 21 year olds prepared to use their passion for sport and arts to bring respect and understanding to their communities by setting up their own projects. There are three funding streams that young people can apply for. These are:

- "Try it" which provides grants of up to £1,000 for young people to try out their idea;
- "Shape it" which provides grants of up to £5,000 to develop ideas; and
- "Do it" which provides grants of up to £10,000 to grow projects.

There are no published deadlines. Link: <http://www.unltdsportrelief.com/tryit.html>

Peter Harrison Foundation - Opportunities through Sports Programme

This scheme aims to provide funds for registered charities that wish to support sporting activities or projects which provide opportunities for people who are disabled or otherwise disadvantaged to fulfil their potential and to develop other personal and life skills can apply for funding.

Grants will often be "one off" grants for capital projects. The Foundation will, however, also consider revenue funding for a new project or if funding is key to the continuing success or survival of an established project. The first stage enquiry form is available via the link below.

There are no published deadlines.

Link: <http://www.peterharrisonfoundation.org/programme.htm>

YOUTH

European Youth Foundation

This scheme provides financial support to international youth activities undertaken by non-governmental youth organisations or networks. They will support the following:

- educational, social, cultural and humanitarian activities of a European character
- activities aimed at strengthening peace and co-operation in Europe
- activities designed to promote closer co-operation and better understanding among young people in Europe, particularly by developing the exchange of information
- activities intended to stimulate mutual aid in Europe and in developing countries for cultural, educational and Social purposes
- studies, research and documentation on youth matters.

The European Youth Foundation provides financial support for:

- international youth meetings;
- youth activities other than meetings (such as publishing manuals or newsletters or producing web sites);
- contributions to administrative costs of international youth NGOs; and
- pilot projects

For more information visit their website via the link below.

The deadlines for receipt of applications are 1 April & 1 October 2010.

Link: http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/youth/fej/FEJ_presentation_EN.asp

Andy Fanshawe Memorial Trust

This scheme seeks to help disadvantaged young people to experience the great outdoors. The Trust usually supports programmes run by schools or youth groups. Although the Trust supports activities that simply introduce young people to the outdoors, priority is given to projects that offer a continuing opportunity for young people to deepen their experience.

Charities, schools and young groups throughout the UK can apply. There is no application form, but when writing to the Trust include the following information: Who is applying; What the purpose is and where; Who will benefit and why do they deserve support; What is the overall budget; How much funds is needed; What are the plans for continuing this type of activity.

Further information on the application process can be found on the Trust's website via the link below. However applications should be sent to the Trust's Chairman, Ed Douglas, 181 Abbeydale Road South, Sheffield, S7 2QW. **There are no published deadlines.** Link: <http://www.andyfanshawe.org>

TRUSTS

Mary Leishman Foundation

This scheme has headquarters in Fife, and will fund a number of causes. Maximum or minimum amounts are not stated, but this is a new trust, so amounts are not expected to be large.

Contact for Further details and an application form can be obtained from their website.

Applications should be submitted 2 weeks prior to Trustees meetings to be held on 1 February, 3 May, 2 August and 1 November. Link: <http://www.maryleishmanfoundation.com/index.php>

Will Charitable Trust

This scheme supports blind people and people with learning disabilities. Grants ranging between £5,000 and £20,000 are most likely to be given to support specific projects rather than on-going running costs.

Applications are accepted from organisations working in the field of care of blind people and the prevention and cure of blindness. Charities which exist primarily for the care of blind and partially sighted people are most likely to succeed, but other charities can apply too where this area of work is only part of what they do.

Applications are invited for the care of people with learning disabilities in a way that provides lifelong commitment, family environment, and the maximum choice of activities and lifestyle.

Grants are mainly given to charities that primarily provide residential care for people with a learning disability, but applications will be accepted from charities that provide other services (e.g. day care/workshop facilities) for people with learning disability, provided that their client group is mainly drawn from people in community or residential care.

There are no application forms, but all applicants should refer to the guidance about what should be included in an application that is available from their website. Further information can be obtained from their website, the Trust office, which is only open part time, on 01932 724148 or e-mail admin@willcharitabletrust.org.uk.

The deadline for receipt of applications is 31 January 2010.

Link: <http://www.willcharitabletrust.org.uk/grantspolicy.htm>

AWARDS

National Lottery Awards - 2010

This scheme, which opened on 11 January 2010, aims to find the UK's favourite Lottery-funded projects. The awards recognise the difference these projects have made to people, places and communities across the country and celebrate the talent, hard work and dedication of those involved in their running. Reflecting the different types of projects that benefit from Lottery funding, awards are made under the following categories:

- Best Environment Project.
- Best Education Project.
- Best Arts Project.
- Best Heritage Project.
- Best Sports Project.
- The Woman Award for Best Charity/Voluntary Project.
- Best Health Project.

Winners will receive a cash prize of £2,000 and will be determined by a public vote featured in a special BBC1 television show in the autumn. The awards are open to anyone, individually or as part of a group, who has successfully been awarded and used Lottery funding for any type and size of project, which has benefited UK residents.

There are no published deadlines.

Link: <http://www.lotterygoodcauses.org.uk/>

Scottish Education Awards - 2010

The Awards are a celebration of the good practice and innovative developments taking place in Scottish education and aim to highlight best practice in Scottish classrooms, celebrate schools and acknowledge the dedicated individuals who devote their lives to helping young people fulfil their potential.

There are 15 categories available in 2010 to nominate for. Examples of these include:

- Health and Well Being Award;
- Getting Scotland Active Award;
- Entrepreneurial Learning Award;
- Learning Through Technology Award;
- Teacher of the Year Award; and
- Lifetime Achievement Award.

The Awards are open to all Scottish publicly-funded schools and pre-school establishments including primary, secondary and special needs schools. Nurseries in partnership with their local authority are also eligible to enter.

The winners of the school categories will receive a trophy, a certificate and a £1,000 cheque. The winners of the teaching categories will receive a trophy, a certificate, a £1,000 cheque for their school, and a £500 personal cheque. All runners up will receive a certificate and a £500 cheque for their school.

The deadline for the receipt of nominations is 5 March 2010.

Link: <http://www.scottisheducationawards.org.uk/>

UPCOMING DEADLINES

• CEMEX Community Fund

This scheme aims to support communities in the vicinity of CEMEX quarry and landfill sites to carry out projects which improve or enhance local community facilities and places of interest.

Deadline: 25th January 2010 Max Grant: £15,000

Link: www.cemexcf.org.uk

• Recognition Scheme (Scotland)

The aim of the scheme is to celebrate, promote & invest in the nationally significant museum & gallery collections around Scotland held outside the nationally-run institutions.

Deadline: 29th January 2010 Max Grant: None

Link: www.scottishmuseums.org.uk

• Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN)

This scheme aims to support the implementation of social, environmental and community based projects complying with specific 'approved objects' or categories in the Landfill Tax Regulations.

Deadline: 29th January 2010 Max Grant: Various

Link: www.wren.org.uk

• Anchor Foundation

This scheme aims to support Christian charities concerned with social inclusion particularly through ministries and the arts.

Deadline: 31st January 2010 Max Grant: £10,000

Link: www.theanchorfoundation.org.uk

• Forestry Development Grants (Scotland)

This scheme, as part of the new Scottish Rural Development Programme (SRDP) for 2007 to 2013, aims to support the creation of new woodlands; the management of existing woodlands; woodland improvement activities; and activities which help to improve forestry business performance and competitiveness.

Deadline: 31st January 2010 Max Grant: Various

Link: www.scotland.gov.uk

• Harvest Trust - Holidays for Children

The Trust specialises in simple, 'no pressure' holidays that particularly benefit withdrawn children with low self-esteem, who need space and encouragement to build confidence due to issues such as: having a low family income; suffering from neglect and/or violence; or caring for a sick parent.

Deadline: 31st January 2010 Max Grant: None

Link: www.hartrust.vispa.com/howtoapply

• Tesco Charity Trust Community Award Scheme

This scheme aims to support local community projects whose core work supports the welfare of children, elderly people and people with disabilities, which are based in areas where Tesco has stores.

Deadline: 31st January 2010 Max Grant: Various

Link: www.tescopl.com

• Will Charitable Trust - Blindness & Learning Disability Categories

This scheme provides financial assistance to registered or exempt charities whose activities fit one of the Trust's objective areas. Capital and running costs are eligible.

Deadline: 31st January 2010 Max Grant: £15,000

Link: www.willcharitabletrust.org.uk

• UIA Charitable Foundation

This scheme aims to support charities that help people in need to improve the quality of their lives. Grants of up to £1,000 are available for capital or revenue funding. Grants above this level are rarely made.

Deadline: 1st February 2010 Max Grant: £1,000

Link: www.uia.co.uk

• Funding for Music Projects - Training and Continuing Professional Development

This scheme is part of the Scottish Arts Council's music strategy's vision for the future is one of equity of opportunity for audiences and artists across all musical styles. The music and activity that will be supported will be judged by one common standard - its intrinsic quality. All applications must demonstrate how the project meets the SAC's funding priorities and must be submitted at least four weeks before the project start date.

Deadline: 15th February 2010 Max Grant: £5,000

Link: www.scottisharts.org.uk

• LLP - Comenius (School Education) - All Actions

This scheme aims to address the teaching and learning needs of all those in pre-school and school education up to the level of the end of upper secondary education, and the institutions and organisations providing such education.

Deadline: 26th February 2010 Max Grant: Various

Link: www.ec.europa.eu

• LLP - Erasmus (Higher Education) - All Actions

This scheme aims to contribute, through Higher Education, to the development of the Community as an advanced knowledge-based society, with sustainable economic development, more and better jobs and greater social cohesion, while ensuring protection of the environment for future generations. In particular, it aims to foster interchange, cooperation and mobility between education and training systems within the Community so that they become a world quality reference. Deadline: 26th February 2010

Max Grant: Various Link: www.ec.europa.eu

• LLP - Leonardo (Vocational Education) - All Actions

This scheme aims to contribute through Vocational Education to the development of the Community as an advanced knowledge-based society, with sustainable economic development, more and better jobs and greater social cohesion, while ensuring protection of the environment for future generations. In particular, it aims to foster interchange, cooperation and mobility between education and training systems within the Community so that they become a world quality reference. Deadline: 26th February 2010

Max Grant: Various Link: www.ec.europa.eu

• **Carnegie Trust/RSE Postgraduate Scholarships**

This scheme offers up to three Postgraduate Scholarships annually to graduates with a first-class Honours degree from a Scottish university. Awards are made for the support of full-time research extending over three years at a university within the UK. Scholarships will be tenable for one year. Subject to satisfactory progress by the Scholar, they will be renewed for a second year thereafter, for a third year.

Deadline: 15th March 2010 Max Grant: £14,800 (2009/10) Link: www.carnegie-trust.org

• **HLF - Skills for the Future**

This scheme is a £5 million targeted grants programme to support organisations across the UK to create new

opportunities for work-based training in the heritage sector. It is hoped that the programme will make an important contribution to helping the heritage sector prepare for, and play a role in, the post-recession economy.

Deadline: 19th March 2010 Max Grant: £1 million Link: www.hlf.org.uk

• **UnLtd Millennium Awards**

This scheme provides practical and financial support to social entrepreneurs in the UK; people with vision, passion, drive and commitment, who want to change the world for the better. Awards are available on two levels: Level 1 - Awards from £500 up to £5,000 (with an average of £2,000); and Level 2 - Awards of up to £15,000.

Deadline: 22nd March 2010 Max Grant: Various Link: www.cemexcf.org.uk

• **Awards for Young Musicians (AYM)**

This scheme aims to support the UK's most talented young instrumentalists aged five to 17, who, because of financial need, may be prevented from fulfilling their creative potential. AYM assists musically gifted children in families where income is limited, to help develop potential.

Deadline: 26th March 2010 Max Grant: £2,000 Link: www.a-y-m.org/guide.

• **Cattanach Charitable Trust**

This scheme supports organisations and projects which offer hope of a better life to children, especially those under 10 years of age, and their families and communities.

Deadline: 26th March 2010 Max Grant: £2,000 Link: www.cattanach.org.uk/

• **Investing in Ideas (Scotland) - Final Deadline**

This scheme aims to fund groups and organisations to help them design better projects by improving their skills and knowledge. Investing in Ideas will provide funding to help develop ideas in order for them to eventually become fully fledged projects.

Deadline: 31st March 2010 Max Grant: £10,000 Link: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk

• **Money Saving Expert (MSE) Charity**

This scheme aims to support individuals and organizations to fight financial and consumer illiteracy and is dedicated to educating and informing adults and children about consumer and debt issues.

Deadline: 31st March 2010 Max Grant: Various Link: www.msecharity.com