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Picture the Change - Youth Manifesto Consultation

The Scottish Youth Parliament needs you to help reach their target of 15,000 participants in the above consultation. 'Picture the Change' will consult with young people on the issues that matter to them, so the SYP can take their views to decision makers prior to the 2011 elections. To be part of 'Picture the Change' head to the website for more info.

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

BIG Lottery Investing in Communities Scotland - Programme Re-launched

- **Growing Community Assets** - aims to help communities have more control and influence over their own future through ownership of assets.
- **Life Transitions** - aims to support projects that help people at key times of change, helping them to make their lives better for the future.
- **Supporting 21st Century Life** - aims to support projects that build stronger families and stronger communities.

A wide range of organisations including voluntary and community organisations, local authorities and community councils, social enterprises and private companies may apply to the programme. However before you apply you are strongly advised to contact them to discuss your idea. They will tell you if they think your project fits with their investment area outcomes **Applications may be submitted at any time.** Link: <http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/>

Comic Relief's Older People's Programme - Open to expressions of Interest

This scheme aims to support older people in the UK to bring positive change to their communities, enabling them to contribute their time, energy and skills to those individuals who need it most.

Expressions of Interest are invited from community groups and organisations that are targeting their work at older people aged 65 and over.

Comic Relief is looking to fund projects where older people are:

- acting as mentors to vulnerable young people;
- giving support to their peers who may be isolated;
- acting as advocates around the needs and rights of those with caring duties; and
- running social enterprises.

Comic Relief particularly welcomes applications which address the needs of those in the community who experience the greatest levels of isolation and exclusion.

Grants of between £15,000 and £40,000 are available for up to three years and applicants must be able to demonstrate the active engagement of older people in the development and delivery of the work.

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 3 September 2010

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

New Music 20X12

This scheme has been launched by the PRS for Music Foundation. It links new music with the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad. New Music 20x12 supports the creation of exceptional new music which will be performed in 2012 and beyond. 20 works, each lasting 12 minutes, will be commissioned by organisations from across the UK to celebrate the talent and creativity of the UK's musical community. This open call for proposals invites music organisations, festivals, ensembles, promoters or venues to present an idea for a new work, in any musical genre that they would like to commission from a UK-based composer.

Up to £10,000 is available for each of the 20 commissions, all of which will be broadcast round the world on BBC Radio 3. For more information about New Music 20x12 visit their website.

The deadline for proposals is 1 October 2010. Link: <http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com>



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Stations Community Regeneration Fund (SCRF) - Second Round Open to Applications

This scheme aims to make use of disused railway station buildings. The first round of funding resulted in 22 applications for a variety of projects; however, a second round of funding is now open to applications. This scheme aims to make use of disused station buildings as either:

- a business meeting passenger or community needs; and
- a community project which contributes to the local community.

The SCRF will create conditions where passengers will benefit from improved facilities at stations, redundant buildings will be brought back into use, and new opportunities for job creation and community involvement will be opened up. The Fund can be used in the following two ways:

- To carry out structural repairs to buildings not covered under the Network Rail/Train Operating Company lease agreement.
- To meet up to 50% of fit-out costs of the building for its intended use.

The total budget for the Fund is capped at £1 million, but there is no upper limit for individual schemes. The scheme would not expect to be used for proposals which require less than £5,000. Any application seeking funding of £75,000 or more must be supported by a feasibility study which will be assessed for its strengths and weaknesses but which will not be included in the evaluation process. Approval of requests for funding on this scale will be put to Scottish Ministers for a final decision.

ScotRail will manage and administer the scheme and should be contacted in the first instance. Applications can be made at any time. Link: <http://www.scotrail.co.uk/>

BIG Lottery Fund - Community Wildlife

This scheme will provide grants of between £300 and £10,000, for one year, to fund projects that bring local people together to discover, enjoy or protect the wildlife in their local area. Grants will be awarded to projects that improve the natural environment by raising awareness of threatened wildlife or places. Voluntary or community sector organisations, community councils, schools and health bodies can apply. Projects should improve rural or urban environments for people to enjoy, for example by:

- protecting wildlife habitats
- creating a nature trail, woodland walk or wildlife garden for people to enjoy
- improving natural community spaces, such as rivers, ponds and woodlands.
- get people more active and healthier, for example by:
- exploring parks, rivers and the countryside to look for rare or endangered species
- encouraging people to take up gardening or go on nature walks
- providing opportunities for children to learn about nature through play.

Further information is available from the BIG Lottery website. Alternatively call 0845 367 0610 or telephone 0845 602 1659.

The next deadlines for applications are 22 September and 24 November 2010.

Link: http://www2.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_community_wildlife?

Heart Research UK - Healthy Heart Grants

This scheme provides support for innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities. Previous recipients of the grant include a group who teach circus skills to teenagers as a way of encouraging them to get active, and an organisation that holds belly dancing and line dancing classes for local residents to make physical activity fun.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available to community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers who are spreading the healthy heart message. Further information is available from their website.

The deadline for applications is 31 August 2010.

Link: http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/healthy_heart_grants.Htm

Heritage Lottery Fund - Young Roots

This scheme provides grants of between £3,000 - £25,000 for projects that involve 13-25 year-olds in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement. To be eligible a project must also create either:

- opportunities for young people to volunteer in heritage; or
- new opportunities for young people to gain skills in identifying, recording, interpreting or caring for heritage.

There are no published deadlines for applications.

Link: <http://www.hlf.org.uk/HowToApply/programmes/Pages/youngroots.aspx>

Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN)

This scheme is a not for profit business that awards grants to community, environmental and heritage projects across the UK. Funds are donated to WREN by Waste Recycling Group (WRG) as part of a voluntary environmental tax credit scheme called the Landfill Communities Fund (LCF).

The LCF encourages and enables Landfill Operators (LOs) to support a wide range of projects which comply with the Landfill Tax Regulations by giving them a 90 per cent tax credit against their donations to Environmental Bodies (EBs). The scheme has 3 key programmes which are outlined below:

1. Small Grant Scheme

This scheme is designed to assist applicants looking for funding on small projects that can make a real difference to their local community. Funding applications between £2,000 and £15,000 will be considered provided the total project cost is under £50,000.

The remaining deadlines for 2010 are 1 September and 26 November.

2. Main Grant Scheme

This scheme can support a wide range of projects under Objects D of the Landfill Communities Fund. Funding of between £15,001 and £50,000 is available for the following types of projects:

The provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other public amenity in the vicinity of a landfill site.

The remaining deadlines for 2010 are 1 September and 26 November.

3. Biodiversity Action Fund

This scheme is an annual programme of funding designed to deliver projects under Object DA of the Landfill Communities Fund. Grants of between £75,000 and £250,000 are available and projects can last for up to 5 years. WREN should be the significant funder of your project and will consider 100% funding of eligible costs.

The scheme will fund biodiversity enhancements by supporting the expansion, recovery and conservation of habitats that achieve Habitat Action Plan/Species Action Plan targets through specific improvements. Projects must be sited at clearly identified site(s) within 10 miles of any licensed landfill site in WREN's operating areas.

A project's primary intent must relate to specific improvements to a site to aid the conservation of a priority habitat to help achieve national, regional or local biodiversity targets. Projects which involve research, survey and monitoring work and educational elements may be funded but only where there is a clear intent that this work will lead to actual conservation improvements.

Environmental organisations, voluntary groups, charities, not-for-profit organisations, community groups can apply for funding as long as they have a formal constitution and bank account. In addition Local Authorities and Governmental bodies can also apply.

Further information, guidelines and applications are available from their website. Alternatively telephone Greg Beattie for advice on 0141 332 8460.

The next deadline for receipt of applications 29 January 2011. Link: <http://www.wren.org.uk/schemes>

Lush Charity Pot

This scheme provides support for small, grassroots, not-for-profit groups with an income of under £250,000, and other good causes working in the following areas:-

- Environment / conservation
- Animal protection
- Human rights

Other groups will be considered but health charities (medical research, hospices etc), religious causes, children and young people are not a priority. They prefer to fund project costs and occasionally salaries rather than core costs, but they will only do this when it is clear that a paid employee is absolutely necessary. Up to £10k is available however the average grant is normally £3k

Request an application form, by emailing charitypot@lush.co.uk with the subject "application form request". In your email please give a brief description of your organisation and the project you'd like funding for (just a couple of paragraphs). Please ensure you have read the guidelines carefully before deciding whether to apply. For product donations, such as raffle prizes, please visit the company's product donations page.

There are no published deadlines. Link: <http://www.lush.co.uk>

LintelTrust

This scheme gives grants and loans to voluntary organisations, including housing associations and housing co-operatives in Scotland. Their aim is to help people live full and independent lives in their own homes. The project must relate to providing or supporting independent living in a secure home, or must be run by or closely involve a housing association, or must aim to improve people's housing, standard of living or local community. The type of projects that might be funded includes:

- Start-up or development work: establishing a new organisation to fill a gap, or developing a new aspect of an existing organisation
- Information or advice on housing, including training for volunteers
- Projects which prevent homelessness
- Projects or pieces of work which demonstrate good practice or which can be applied in other areas; organisations must show how they will publicise such practice
- Community facilities associated with housing
- Employment initiatives or projects by a housing association which help the economic revival of a community
- Schemes to involve users or clients in the management of a project
- Projects which encourage or facilitate independent living for people with physical or mental disabilities or older people.
- Innovative ideas in housing provision

LintelTrust welcomes preliminary enquiries or discussion by telephone on 0141 567 6235. Application form and further details are available from their website. The normal maximum grant is £5,000. They also give interest free loans and advice on funding possibilities.

The deadlines for applications in 2010 are 13 August and 12 November 2010. These dates follow the usual programme deadlines which are the 2nd Friday of February, May, August and November of each year.

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

The UIA Charitable Foundation

This scheme provides grant support of up to £1,000 for small organisations or groups where a modest grant would make a real difference to managing a project. The activities it will support include focusing on:

- Victims of domestic abuse;
- Victims of drug and alcohol addiction; and/or
- Rehabilitation of offenders

Applications can be downloaded from their website and be posted, with your annual accounts, to: The UIA Charitable Foundation, Kings Court, London Road, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2TP.

Committee meetings are usually held twice a year, in March and September. The trustees will only consider applications submitted on the Foundation's application form and operate on a first come first served basis.

Applications should reach the company no later than the beginning of February or August, but please note that receipt of an application does not guarantee that it will be considered at the next meeting.

Link: <http://www.uia.co.uk/About/Charitable-foundation>

Wells Sports Foundation - Sports Grants Scheme

This new scheme provides grants for up to £2,000 for sports clubs and schools to help fund projects that will increase participation in sport by young people both now and in the future.

Applications can be made for equipment that is specifically focused on increasing participation, coaching qualifications and refereeing/umpiring courses. The project should support the development of grassroots sport for young people aged between 5-18 years of age.

Applicants are required to prove that the club is recognised by Sport Scotland and is registered with the relevant sport's National Governing Body. The club must have at least one partnership agreement with a local state school. The club must raise at least 50% of the funds required for the overall project and can provide evidence of this if required. The remaining funding requirement for the project should be between £500 and £2,000 and the overall project cost should not exceed £5,000.

A FAQ is available to download from their website. This FAQ is especially important for applicants from Scotland and Wales. Further information is also available by emailing info@wellssportsfoundation.org or telephone 01524 590 600.

Applications are accepted at any time and are dealt with on the 10th of each month. Both a hard copy and electronic copy of your application is required by this date if you are to go forward for consideration at that month's meeting. However it can take up to 90 days for decisions to be made.

Link: <http://www.wellssportsfoundation.org/media/24837/faqs.pdf>

"Be the Boss" (BtB) programme

BtB is a new service aimed at supporting recent UK Service Leavers to plan, fund and grow their own small businesses. Funded by the UK Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS), the Legion and its partner organisations will offer training in small business set-up, assistance in writing a business plan and financial forecast, funding to assist in the launch or growth of a business, periodic health checks and business mentoring to applicants from across the United Kingdom.

The programme consists of the following two types of funding:

- Business Grant - a grant of up to £7,500 can be provided for eligible applicants to assist with the costs of starting up in business.
- Business Loan - a loan of up to £30,000 can be provided to support businesses.

The Royal British Legion will also increase the support available to those choosing to participate in the scheme by including the following services:

- Business Information, Advice and Guidance - helping people to:
 - market and sell their product;
 - manage their finances;
 - employ people;
 - find and keep customers;
 - pay the correct tax; and
 - identify funding and support.
- Mentoring Support - working with existing providers of mentoring support to provide ongoing assistance for those in the early stage of their business career.

The scheme is open to anyone who has been discharged from the UK Armed Forces since October 2001 and is looking to start-up or expand their own business in the UK. This includes former Reservists who were on mobilised service in accordance with the Reserve Forces Act 1996 before 7 October 2001, provided they were also on mobilised service on or after 7 October 2001. Interested parties are required to register on the Legion sponsored website and submit a business plan, before completing the online application form.

Applications can be made at any time. Link: <http://www.civvystreet.org/>

Children in Need (CiN) Small Grant Scheme

This scheme provides support for not-for-profit organisations (including registered charities, voluntary organisations, schools, local authorities, churches, social enterprises, community interest groups, universities etc) working with disadvantaged children and young people 18 years and under are eligible.

CiN can only fund projects that focus on the differences made (outcomes) to the lives of disadvantaged children and young people. For this reason, when applying for a grant organisations must provide clear evidence that disadvantaged children and young people will be the primary beneficiaries of the project; and experience positive changes in their lives from the activities or services you are providing.

CiN aims to fund projects, with up to £10,000, where a small amount can make a real contribution to the success of the project. Grants can be used to cover both, capital and revenue costs.

There are four closing dates throughout each year however the next deadline is 15 October 2010.

Link: http://www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/general_grants.shtml

Gardening for Disabled Trust

This scheme gives grants to people in order that they may continue to garden, despite advancing illness, age or disability. Money is given to successful grant applicants and often transforms the recipient as well as the garden, replacing a source of frustration by a valuable therapy and sense of satisfaction. Those helped by the Trust include:

- Gardeners with chronic back or hip trouble;
- A wide range of disabilities including visual, physical and mental;
- People who need to re-organise gardens because of failing health; and
- Residents in long stay hospitals or nursing homes who share a garden.

Applicants should be a member of the Trust's Garden Club. Types of assistance available include:

- Adapting private gardens to meet the special needs of the disabled
- Making grants towards tools, raised beds, paving and greenhouses
- Providing help with special gardens in hospitals, centres and schools
- Distributing information on garden aids and techniques
- Providing a forum for disabled gardeners by publishing the Garden Club's magazine

Further details are available from their website. However applications should be made in writing, with another letter from your GP, social worker or occupational therapist describing your disability and sent to: The Secretary, Gardening for Disabled Trust, PO Box 285, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 9JD.

There are no published deadlines. Link: <http://www.gardeningfordisabledtrust.org.uk>

The RS Macdonald Charitable Trust

This scheme's objectives originally related to the care and welfare of the blind and of sufferers of cerebral palsy and research into the causes as well as the prevention of cruelty to children and animals. In summer 2008, the Trustees secured a judicial re-statement of the Trust's charitable objects in order to encompass a wider range of neurological conditions. The Trust's principal areas of interest are now as follows:

- Neurological conditions.
- Sight impairment.
- Child welfare.
- Animal welfare.

All applications are assessed on their own merits. The level of award made varies according to the nature of the project for which funding is sought. However, grants will not normally exceed £40,000. The average award granted is likely to be less than £20,000. The Trustees will consider applications for funding over periods of up to three years. However awards may be made subject to the condition that the applicant secures matched funding from other sources. Applications both for revenue and capital funding will be considered however, it is preferred that requests are for specific purposes rather than for general financial support.

Applicants are invited to apply by letter; there is no application form. The Trustees request that the application letter should not exceed two pages in length. In addition to the application letter, applicants are required to complete and submit an Organisation Information Sheet. This can be downloaded from the Trust's website or obtained from the Trust's secretary.

The Trustees meet regularly throughout the year however applications for awards are normally dealt with at meetings held in May and November. Applications need to be received no later than 31 March and 30 September, respectively, to be considered at these meetings. Link: <http://www.rsmacdonald.com/>

The Shell LiveWIRE Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award

This scheme aims to recognise entrepreneurial talent in young people throughout the UK.

Winners will not only receive a cheque for £10,000, but also support and media exposure.

UK entrepreneurs aged between 16 and 30 on 6 September 2010 are eligible to apply. Businesses must have been trading for not less than three months and not more than 18 months on 6 September 2010.

Applications to the awards must be submitted before 6 September 2010.

Link: <http://www.shell-livewire.org/>

FORTHCOMING DEADLINES August-Sept 2010

Miss Agnes H Hunters Trust

This scheme was established to assist charitable organisations that: help the blind in Scotland; help disabled people; are concerned with the training and education of disadvantaged people; or are enquiring into the cause, relief or cure of certain diseases. Applicants should provide details of any other funding secured for the project and must identify any funding received from statutory sources as the Trust can only assist those aspects of an organisation's work that have to be funded from voluntary income. Application is by letter - there is no application form. All applications must be accompanied by details of a referee and a copy of the applicant organisation's most recent annual accounts and full audited reports.

Deadline: 1st August 2010 Max Grant: None

Link: <mailto:agnes.hunter.trust@blueyonder.co.uk>

UIA Charitable Foundation

This scheme's aim is to support charities that help people in need to improve the quality of their lives. The Foundation provides funding to small organisations and groups where its grants will make a real difference. It supports groups working with: victims of domestic violence; victims of drug and alcohol addiction; rehabilitation of offenders; Third World poverty; or Third World human rights.

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

Link: <http://www.uia.co.uk/>

The Will Charitable Trust

This scheme is open to provide financial assistance for activities in the following two categories: Conservation of the countryside in Britain, including its flora and fauna; and Care of, and services for, people suffering from cancer and their families. Projects supported by the Trust are likely to require some form of contribution from the applicant.

Deadline: 31st August 2010 Max Grant: £20,000

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

Cashback for Communities - Small Grants

This scheme is a programme of diversionary activities for young people to increase their opportunities to develop interests and skills in an enjoyable, fulfilling and supported way, using funds recovered from criminals. This Small Grants Scheme aims to use such funds to help new local volunteering youth groups to get off the ground and to enhance the activities on offer to young people through existing groups. The pilot scheme ultimately hopes to increase the participation of both young people and adult volunteers in youth groups, particularly in areas of deprivation in Scotland.

Deadline: 1st September 2010 Max Grant: £2,000

Link: <http://www.youthscotland.org.uk/projects/cashbacksmall-grants-scheme.htm>

Voluntary Sector Development Fund

This scheme aims to contribute to the costs associated with meeting the phase two qualification criteria set by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) for registration and to assist employers in achieving a qualified workforce. The Fund will provide further investment in the voluntary sector to develop a confident, competent workforce and to meet the demands now required of these staff.

Deadline: 3rd September 2010 Max Grant: Various

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

Hilden Charitable Fund

The aim of the Fund is to address disadvantage, notably by supporting causes which are unlikely to raise funds from public subscriptions. Grant-making priorities in the UK are: homelessness; community-based initiatives for young people aged 16-25; asylum seekers and refugees; and penal affairs. Preference is given to charities with less than

AHF - Grants for Building Preservation Trusts

This scheme intends to help building preservation trusts (BPTs) to pay for costs of developing and coordinating a project and taking it towards the start of work on site after an options appraisal has established basic viability.

Deadline: 12th August 2010 Max Grant: £25,000

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

Stanley Smith (UK) Horticultural Trust

This scheme makes grants to support the advancement of horticulture. It specifically supports amenity horticulture and education for amenity horticulture. It supports the following areas: Horticultural research; The creation, development, preservation and maintenance of public gardens; The promotion of the cultivation and wide distribution of plants of horticultural value; Publishing books and work related to horticultural sciences; and The promotion of the cultivation of plants new to horticulture.

Deadline: 15th August 2010 Max Grant: £10,000

Link: <http://grantsforhorticulturists.org.uk/smith.html>

The Arts Trust of Scotland

This scheme, operated by an independent Scottish Charitable trust, awards grants to support: artists of considerable talent to develop their skill, ideas and potential; and the development of emerging artists who live and work in Scotland. The Trust's objective is to help working artists in Scotland fulfil their potential, realise their visions and enable those who value the contribution of Scotland's arts, artists and creativity to national life, to contribute to their continued development.

Deadline: 24th August 2010 Max Grant: £2,000

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

The Eaga Partnership Charitable Trust

This scheme supports projects and research in two main areas: the relief of fuel poverty and the promotion of energy efficiency; and vulnerable consumers - multiple needs and preferences.

Deadline: 27th August 2010 Max Grant: None

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

Museum Improvement Grants (MGS)

Funding is provided for both large and small projects that will benefit registered/accredited museums and the Scottish museum sector. Supported projects should align with MGS' vision for a welcoming museums and galleries sector that opens doors and celebrates collections, inspiring creativity, learning and enjoyment for all.

Deadline: 27th August 2010 Max Grant: Various

Link: <http://www.museumsgalleries.scotland.org.uk>

The Social Entrepreneurs Fund

This scheme is aimed at individuals who want to set up and run a business with a social and/or environmental purpose. The Fund will provide financial and business support to help get new enterprises off the ground. **Deadline: 30th August 2010 Max Grant: Various**

Link: <http://www.socialentrepreneursfund.co.uk/>

Rowing Foundation

This scheme makes grants to pump prime projects. Projects must incorporate participation in sport and games, particularly water sports. In aiming to 'put young people on the water', the RF does not confine its assistance to rowing. Grants have been made towards the purchase of buoyancy aids, splash suits, canoes and the promotion of taster rowing courses for youth clubs, sailing and other water sports clubs.

Deadline: 28th September 2010 Max Grant: £2,000

Link: <http://www.britishrowing.org/rowing-foundation>

B&Q - One Planet Living Grants

This scheme provides grants of between £50 and £250 (at retail

£200,000 per annum.

Deadline: 5th September 2010 Max Grant: £5,000

Link: <http://hildencharitablefund.org.uk/uk.htm>

Idlewild Trust

This scheme makes grants for projects concerned with the encouragement of the performing and fine arts and the preservation of buildings for the benefit of the public, objects of beauty and items of historic interest and national importance. Occasional support is given to bodies for educational bursaries in these fields or for conservation of the natural environment.

Deadline: 24th September 2010 Max Grant: £5,000

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

Elephant Trust

This scheme aims to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when frustrated by lack of funds. It is committed to helping artists and institutions that depart from the routine and signal new, distinct and imaginative sets of possibilities.

Deadline: 27th September 2010 Max Grant: £2,000

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

cost) worth of B&Q materials, for example, pond liners, plants, peat-free compost for projects such as a pond/wildlife garden or paints labelled low or minimal VOC for redecoration projects.

Deadline: 30th September 2010 Max Grant: £250

Link: http://www.diy.com/diy/jsp/corporate/content/environment_ethics/ethics/community/grants.jsp

Faiths in Scotland Community Action Fund (FiSCAF)

This scheme will work with local faith groups to build hope and fight against poverty by providing grants and support in Scotland's most fragile urban and rural communities.

Deadline: 30th September 2010 Max Grant: £15,000

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

RS Macdonald Charitable Trust

This scheme's principal areas of interest are as follows: Neurological conditions; Sight impairment; Child welfare; and Animal welfare.

Deadline: 30th September 2010 Max Grant: £40,000

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

Tesco Charity Trust - Community Award Scheme

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Award Scheme supports 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: 30th September 2010 Max Grant: £4,000

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

Ulverscroft Foundation

This scheme aims to benefit the visually impaired (blind and partially sighted). It provides grants to organisations that work to relieve, assist and improve the treatment and education of those suffering from defective eyesight. It also funds medical research and the provision of facilities for the treatment or alleviation of visually impaired people.

Deadline: 30th September 2010 Max Grant: None given

Link: <http://www.foundation.ulverscroft.com/>

VAF - Community Chest (Scotland)

The aim of the Community Chest is to help build the capacity of small community groups in Scotland to deliver their activities. The programme is designed to help small community groups in Scotland sustain and develop their activities by providing grants and free training.

Deadline: 30th September 2010 Max Grant: £1,000

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