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## VODA Autumn Funding Fair



It's time once again for **VODA's** fantastic annual Funding Fair. On **Thursday 14 October**, the Linskill Centre in North Shields will play host to a number of high profile funders and grant providers interested in talking to and supporting local charities. Confirmed funders so far are the Big Lottery, the Community Foundation, Children in Need, Comic Relief and RW Mann.

The Fair is an opportunity for community groups to meet with some of the region's top funders, discuss their projects and get advice on their funding applications. Funders will also be able to give an insight on the suitability and availability of various grants and opportunities.

Running from 4pm to 7pm, groups can book up to four 15-minute slots with any of the funders within the following sessions:

- ▶ 4pm to 5pm
- ▶ 5pm to 6pm
- ▶ 6pm to 7pm

The afternoon/evening schedule is to ensure volunteers who work do not miss out on the opportunities provided at the Fair. However, places are limited and demand is high so please book in advance.

To secure your sessions contact Sue Reed at **VODA** on 0191 200 8560 or email [sue.reed@voda.org.uk](mailto:sue.reed@voda.org.uk) by **Friday 1 October**.

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## Big Lottery Funding

### Big Lottery News:

#### Youth in Focus (Source: Fine)

This new Lottery programme looks to help young people aged between 15 and 25 years across three groups.

- ▶ **Young Carers** - helping them to be heard and get better access to practical advice and services, which can support them their day-to-day lives.
- ▶ **Young people leaving care** - supporting them so they get better access to education, housing, healthcare and employment advice.
- ▶ **Young people leaving youth offender institutions** - helping them develop life skills and get better access to services, particularly young men with learning difficulties and young women.

The programme expects to make around 30 grants from £50,000 to £1m over three to five years. Applicants should form partnerships with other voluntary, public, or private sector organisations. They should already be working in the areas for which they are applying for the grants and should make sure the benefits of the projects will carry on after the funding ends.

#### **For more information ▶ ▶ ▶**

Visit: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk) or  
Telephone: BIG on 08454 102030

## Community Wildlife Programme (source: FINE)

The BIG Lottery Community Wildlife Programme, a small grants programme running in partnership with the BBC, is now open. It complements the BBC's Go Wild campaign and is designed to provide opportunities for people and communities to become involved with, enhance and protect their local wildlife.

Open to not-for-profit groups and organisations, schools and town/parish councils, grants of between £300 and £10,000 are available to get local communities more involved in their local wildlife.

Funding is for projects that:

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

Next deadlines are **21 September** and **24 November 2010**.

#### **For more information ▶ ▶ ▶**

Visit: [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog\\_community\\_wildlife](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/prog_community_wildlife)

Telephone: 0845 367 0610

Email:

[general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk](mailto:general.enquiries@biglotteryfund.org.uk)

## Social and Community Issues

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### The Rank Foundation

(Source: Fit4Funding)

This grant giving charitable trust is restricted to causes approved by the Charity Commission. It concentrates exclusively on:

- ▶ Encouraging and developing leadership amongst young people
- ▶ Supporting disadvantaged young people and those frail or lonely through old age or disability
- ▶ The promotion of Christian principles through film and other media

There is no formal application form but it is helpful if the appeal letter can be kept to one or two sides of A4 paper. This may be supported by background information.

The following information is required:

- ▶ Charity name and registration number
- ▶ Brief details about the project and the sum to be raised - please ensure you include a clear aim or list of objectives
- ▶ Details of the amount raised so far towards the target and if relevant, briefly mention how you intend to raise the rest
- ▶ A copy of the last audited accounts and annual report

The Directors meet quarterly and applicants will be notified when their appeal is to be considered.

#### **For more information ▶ ▶ ▶**

The Rank Foundation, 12 Warwick Square, London, SW1V 2AA  
Telephone: 020 7834 7731 Email: [jan.carter@rankfoundation.co.uk](mailto:jan.carter@rankfoundation.co.uk)

## Foyle Foundation: Small Grants Scheme

 (Source: Fit4Funding)

The Foyle Foundation Small Grants Scheme is designed to support smaller charities in the UK, especially those working at grass roots and local community level, in any field, across a wide range of activities.

Applications are welcomed from charities that have an annual turnover of less than £100,000 per annum.

The Foundation plans to make one year grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 to charities which can demonstrate that such a grant will make a significant difference to their work. No multi-year funding awards will be made.

There are no deadlines for submission. Applications will be received at all times but it may take up to four months to obtain a decision from Trustees. Please apply well in advance of your requirements.

Recently funded projects include:

- ▶ £5,000 awarded to Saltburn Community & Arts Association towards arts activities
- ▶ £5,000 awarded for the refurbishment of 1st Coombs Wood Scout and Guide Group's headquarters

#### **For more information ▶ ▶ ▶**

Write to: The Foyle Foundation,  
Rugby Chambers, 2 Rugby Street,  
London WC1N 3QU  
Visit: [www.foylefoundation.org.uk](http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk)  
Telephone: 020 7430 9119  
Email: [info@foylefoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@foylefoundation.org.uk)

## Biffaward Grants:

### Main Grants (Source: Fit4Funding)

Under this scheme, Biffaward looks to award grants to projects that provide or improve community spaces, cultural facilities and places for outdoor recreation.

You may have a building that needs improvement in order to increase the range of services on offer to the local community. Or maybe an open space such as a park, play area or woodland that needs transforming to benefit local people of all ages.

Grants between £5,000 and £50,000 are available.

Over the past 11 years Biffaward has awarded funding to over 2,000 projects under the main awards scheme. They receive a continuous high number of Expression of Interest forms, resulting in strong competition when granting full applications.

#### **For more information** ▶ ▶ ▶

Visit: [www.biffaward.org](http://www.biffaward.org)  
Telephone: 01636 670 000  
Email: [biffaward@rswt.org](mailto:biffaward@rswt.org)

## Biffawards: Small Awards

Biffa are also offering small grants of between £250 and £5,000 for groups looking to make a difference to a local facility, be it a community building, nature reserve, cultural facility or outdoor space.

Your project must not cost more than £10,000 in total.

Over the past three years Biffaward has supported nearly 300 projects under the Small Grants Scheme. A continuous high number of applications are received, resulting in strong competition when awarding funding.

The main criteria for applications are:

- ▶ The project's site is within 10 miles of a Biffa operation (the proximity checker on website below will tell you this)
- ▶ The project's site is also within 10 miles of a landfill site (owned by any company)
- ▶ The project is eligible to be registered with ENTRUST under category D
- ▶ There will be a minimum of 104 days of full public access to the project per year
- ▶ Grants will be used for site-based improvement work, not for equipment or running costs
- ▶ Biffaward is unable to fund retrospectively, so you should only apply for money for work that will take place in the future

You can download an application form to complete from the website below. This scheme operates a rolling application process, allowing you to apply at anytime.

Biffa strongly advise that you read the guidance notes and exception criteria on the website below before completing your application to ensure your project is eligible and that you answer each question appropriately.

#### **For more information** ▶ ▶ ▶

Visit: [www.biffaward.org](http://www.biffaward.org)  
Telephone: 01636 670 000  
Email: [biffaward@rswt.org](mailto:biffaward@rswt.org)

## **Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation** (source: FINE)

The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation awards grants of between £200 and £5,000 to registered charities.

The aim of the Foundation is to grant aid to charities seeking to raise the quality of life, particularly in the areas of:

- ▶ education
- ▶ youth
- ▶ community
- ▶ environment/conservation
- ▶ health and welfare

There is no application form – all submissions should be made in the form of a covering letter to the Director.

### **For more information ▶ ▶ ▶**

Visit: [www.biffaward.org](http://www.biffaward.org)

Telephone: 020 7408 2198

Email: [office@sunleyfoundation.com](mailto:office@sunleyfoundation.com)

Write to: Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation, 4th Floor, 20 Berkeley Square, London, W1J 6LH

## **Wakeham Trust** (source: FINE)

The Trust funds registered charities or groups with registered charities willing to accept funds on their behalf, between £75 and £750.

Grants are available for groups that want to improve their communities, normally where the grant will make a real difference to getting a project up and running. The Trust is particularly interested in supporting:

- ▶ neighbourhood projects
- ▶ community arts projects
- ▶ projects involving community service by young people
- ▶ projects set up by those who are socially excluded
- ▶ innovative projects to promote excellence in teaching (at any level, from primary schools to universities but never individuals)

The Trust does not favour any particular areas of activity but most of the projects supported share some or all of these characteristics:

- ▶ Something new for the particular area
- ▶ Small projects
- ▶ Does not employ staff
- ▶ Not well established
- ▶ Has the potential to become self-supporting
- ▶ Outward looking and helps a lot of people

Applications can be made online or submitted as a letter.

### **For more information ▶ ▶ ▶**

Visit: [www.wakehamtrust.org](http://www.wakehamtrust.org)

Telephone: 01730 821 748

Email: [wakehamtrust@mac.com](mailto:wakehamtrust@mac.com)

## Henry Smith's Charity

(Source: Fit4Funding)

The Henry Smith Charity is a large grant making charity. It makes grants totalling approximately £25 million each year to up to 1,000 organisations and charities for initiatives and projects that address social inequality and economic disadvantage.

Through the Main Grants Programme and Small Grants Programmes, they make grants in the following categories:

- ▶ **Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME):** Projects providing culturally appropriate services to BAME communities, including those that promote integration and access to mainstream services.
- ▶ **Carers:** Projects providing advice and support; including respite services for carers and those cared for.
- ▶ **Community Service:** Projects providing support for communities in areas of high deprivation, e.g. furniture recycling projects or debt advice
- ▶ **Disability:** Projects providing rehabilitation, training or advocacy support to people who are disabled (learning and physical disabilities).
- ▶ **Domestic and Sexual Violence:** Projects providing advice, support and secure housing for families affected by domestic violence or sexual violence.
- ▶ **Drugs, Alcohol and Substance Misuse:** Projects supporting the rehabilitation of people affected by drug and/or alcohol dependency, and projects supporting their families.
- ▶ **Ex-Service Men and Women:** Projects providing services or residential care to ex-service men and women and their dependents.
- ▶ **Family Services:** Projects providing support to families in areas of high deprivation.
- ▶ **Healthcare:** Projects providing residential care, health care or outreach services.
- ▶ **Homelessness:** Projects providing housing and services for the homeless and those at risk of homelessness.
- ▶ **Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT):** Projects providing advice, support and counselling for people who identify as LGB or T.
- ▶ **Mental Health:** Projects promoting positive mental health or providing advice and support to people experiencing mental health problems.
- ▶ **Older People:** Projects providing residential care, health care or emotional support, such as befriending services and day care centres.
- ▶ **Prisoners and Ex-offenders:** Projects that help the rehabilitation and resettlement of prisoners and/or ex-offenders.
- ▶ **Prostitution and Trafficking:** Projects that provide advice and support to sex industry workers; including advice on housing support and personal health, escaping exploitation and exiting prostitution.
- ▶ **Refugees and Asylum Seekers:** Projects providing advocacy, advice and support to refugees and asylum seekers, and those promoting integration.
- ▶ **Young People:** Projects maximising the potential of young people who experience educational, social and economic disadvantage; including young people in, or leaving, care.

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## Their **Main Grants Programme**

is for grants of £10,000 or over.

There are two types of Main Grant:

- ▶ **Capital Grants:** One-off grants for purchase or refurbishment of a building or purchase of specialist equipment.
- ▶ **Revenue Grants:** Grants of up to three years for things like core costs (including salaries and overheads), or the running costs of a specific project (including staffing costs).

## **Small Grants Programme:**

Grants of between £500 and £20,000 for small UK registered charities. To be eligible to apply for a Small Grant, your annual income must be below £150,000.

Each Grant Programme has a slightly different application and assessment process. The Charity strongly recommends checking the guidelines which can be found on the website below.

## **For more information ▶ ▶ ▶**

Visit: [www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk](http://www.henrysmithcharity.org.uk)

Telephone: 020 7264 4970

Write to: The Henry Smith Charity,  
6th Floor, 65 Leadenhall Street,  
London EC3A 2AD

## Education Issues

### **Foyle Foundation Main Grant: Learning** (Source: Fit4Funding)

The Foundation will support projects which facilitate the acquisition of knowledge and which have a long-term strategic impact. Key areas for support are:

- ▶ libraries, museums and archives
- ▶ special educational needs and learning difficulties

Dedicated schools catering for those with Special Educational Needs (SEN) may be supported. Private schools will not generally be supported.

Charities wishing to make an application should download and read the appropriate guidelines before applying. The form should then be sent together with the supporting information requested to the address below:

Chief Executive, The Foyle Foundation,  
Rugby Chambers, 2 Rugby Street,  
London, WC1N 3QU.

Applications are accepted all year round, there are no deadlines, however, please note for capital projects seeking more than £50,000 the Foundation will now only consider these twice per year in the Spring and Autumn.

## **For more information ▶ ▶ ▶**

Visit: [www.foylefoundation.org.uk](http://www.foylefoundation.org.uk)

Telephone: 020 7430 9119

Email: [info@foylefoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@foylefoundation.org.uk)

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## Arts and Culture

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### Elephant Trust (UK)

Open to small charitable organisations, galleries and individuals, the Elephant Trust offers funding of up to £2,000.

The Trust offers grants for new, innovative visual arts projects based in the UK.

Priority is given to artists and small organisations and galleries who should submit well argued, imaginative proposals for making or producing new work or exhibitions. The following can not be supported: arts festivals / groups shows; students; educational or other study purposes; residencies or research; symposia or conferences; publications or catalogues.

Applications should be made by post, in typed form, to:

Ruth Rattenbury, The Elephant Trust,  
512 Bankside Lofts, 65 Hopton Street,  
London SE1 9GZ.

The next deadline for applications is  
27 September 2010.

**For more information ▶ ▶ ▶**

Visit: [www.elephanttrust.org.uk](http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk)

Telephone: 020 7922 1160

Email: [ruth@elephanttrust.org.uk](mailto:ruth@elephanttrust.org.uk)

### LankellyChase Foundation

(source: Fit4Funding)

The Foundation values the contribution made by the arts to people's mental, physical and economic health.

For this Arts Programme the Trustees are focusing on three specific areas:

- ▶ **Unlocking Creativity - Arts and Severe Mental Ill Health:**  
promoting the use of the arts by people with severe mental ill health
- ▶ **Young People and the Arts:**  
encouraging vulnerable young people to participate in arts activities and, through a closed programme
- ▶ **Excellence in the Arts**  
helping young artists to pursue a career in the arts

In all three areas, the Foundation place excellence in the arts as a core goal.

The Foundation will only work with registered charities, exempt charities and community interest companies or organisations applying for charitable status.

There are detailed guidelines and application forms available from the website below.

Grants are generally in the region of £10,000 to £15,000 a year for up to three years. In exceptional cases we will consider larger grants.

**For more information ▶ ▶ ▶**

Telephone: 01235 820044

Email: [enquiries@lankellychase.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@lankellychase.org.uk)

Visit: [www.lankellychase.org.uk](http://www.lankellychase.org.uk)

## Faith Issues

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### National Churches Trust

(source: FINE)

This fund is open to places of worship used by Christian denominations. The Trust promotes the use of eligible buildings by congregations and the wider community.

Projects must meet the following basic eligibility criteria:

- ▶ The building must be open for regular public worship
- ▶ The congregation must belong to a denomination that is a member or associated member of Churches Together
- ▶ All projects must be overseen by an architect who is either ARB, RIBA or AABC accredited, or by a chartered surveyor who is RICS accredited

The Trust offers the following grants:

**Repair Grants:** £10,000 and above for structural repair projects costing more than £50,000 - essential work to safeguard the fabric of the building

**Community Grants:** £2,500 to £25,000 for providing facilities that will benefit the place of worship and local community (e.g. accessible toilets, kitchens and meeting rooms).

Grants will not exceed 50% of the project cost.

**For more information** ▶ ▶ ▶

Visit: [www.nationalchurchestrust.org/howgrant.html](http://www.nationalchurchestrust.org/howgrant.html)

Email: [grants@nationalchurchestrust.org](mailto:grants@nationalchurchestrust.org)  
Telephone: 020 7600 6090

### Church Urban Fund: Mustard Seed Programme

(source: Fit4Funding)

This Fund provides grants of up to £5,000 to enable churches and faith-based organisations to engage in social action by supporting them to initiate or develop community work. This work will enable groups to undertake larger pieces of work or significantly improve the existing provision.

The project must directly tackle the effects of profound poverty and should be working in the 10% most deprived areas in England.

Mustard Seed Grants can pay for specific activities but not for on-going revenue expenditure, existing salary costs, deficit funding, or retrospective spending. It is expected that work supported under the Mustard Seed Programme will grow into more substantive or developed activities. Full guidance can be found on the website below.

Grant requests up to £5,000 will be considered. This is a rolling programme where there are no deadline dates.

All applications must be submitted to the respective Link Officer in the first instance. There is a Link Officer based in every Anglican Diocese in England. A list can be found on the Church Urban Fund website.

**For more information** ▶ ▶ ▶

Email: [resources@cuf.org.uk](mailto:resources@cuf.org.uk)

Visit: [www.cuf.org.uk/funding.aspx](http://www.cuf.org.uk/funding.aspx)

Telephone: 020 7898 1647

Write to: Church Urban Fund, Church House, Great Smith Street, London

## Children and Young People

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### Equitable Charitable Trust

(source: Fit4Funding)

The Equitable Charitable Trust is an education charity. It makes grants totalling up to £1 million each year towards projects for children and young people under the age of 25 who are from disadvantaged backgrounds or disabled.

Priorities for funding are:

- ▶ Education projects or services that support the learning and development of disabled children and young people in the UK
- ▶ Formal education projects for disadvantaged children and young people in the UK that support delivery of the National Curriculum (i.e. curriculum enrichment projects) or that deliver accredited vocational learning that will increase employability
- ▶ Education projects that will help increase participation in, or improve the quality of, education for disadvantaged or disabled children and young people in developing countries

For overseas projects, Trustees particularly wish to support projects with potential to deliver benefits over the medium to long term.

Grants can be made for project costs, capital expenditure, equipment and/or the salary costs of a post.

The majority of projects funded by the Trust take place in the UK at local or regional level, though national projects and those benefiting children or young people overseas (in developing countries only) are also supported.

Please note that grants for overseas projects are only made through UK registered charities.

The Trust supports a broad range of organisations, from small and medium sized not-for-profit organisations to larger charities. However, priority is given to organisations and charities with annual incomes of under £5 million.

You do not need to be a UK registered charity to apply unless you are applying for a grant towards a project or work that will take place outside the UK.

The length of funding can range from one to three years. Grants of more than one year are paid in annual instalments, with instalments beyond the first year dependent on receipt of progress reports that are satisfactory to the Trustees.

The size of grants ranges from £2,500 to £30,000. Most are for sums between £5,000 and £20,000.

Applications can be submitted at any time and are considered monthly by the Trustees. The Trust does not have an application form, but recommends that organisations follow the guidelines, which can be found on the website below.

#### **For more information ▶ ▶ ▶**

Visit: [www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk](http://www.equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk)

Telephone: 020 7264 4995/4993

Email:

[jlong@equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk](mailto: jlong@equitablecharitabletrust.org.uk)

Write to: The Equitable Charitable Trust,  
Sixth Floor, 65 Leadenhall Street,  
London EC3A 2AD

## First Light (source: Fit4Funding)

The next round of the Young Film Fund is now open for applications until the deadline of 5 October 2010.

First Light Movies provides grants to projects that enable young people to participate in all aspects of film productions.

There are three funding streams:

**Script Grant:** Funding for script writing projects that team young people with script professionals. Maximum grant: £3,000. 10% match funding requirement.

**Pilot Grant:** Funding for one short film of up to five minutes. Maximum grant: £5,000. 20% match funding requirement

**Studio Grant:** Funding for between two and four films of up to 10 minutes. Maximum grant: £30,000. 20% match funding requirement. A track record of filmmaking with young people is necessary when applying for this grant.

All participants in projects should be aged between five and 19 years old (opportunities to increase to 25 in the case of learning difficulties / disabilities). For 2010/11, First Light is actively encouraging applications from six geographic areas including the North East. Applications should be made online at the website below:

**For more information** ▶ ▶ ▶  
Visit: [www.firstlightonline.co.uk/funding/young-film-fund/](http://www.firstlightonline.co.uk/funding/young-film-fund/)  
Telephone: 0121 224 7511  
Email: [info@firstlightonline.co.uk](mailto:info@firstlightonline.co.uk)

## Environmental Issues

### Scottish Power Green Energy Trust (source: FINE)

Open to voluntary and community sector groups and organisations, the Trust provides funding up to £25,000 for up to 50% capital / installation cost. Most grants awarded are for approximately £10,000.

The Trust awards grants for the installation of renewable technologies for projects advancing renewable energy and supporting the local community through education and public engagement.

The Trust considers all kinds of renewable technologies, including small-scale hydro, wind power, biomass, landfill gas, solar energy and ground source heat pumps.

Applications involving other technologies may also qualify for support. Feasibility studies are not eligible.

Trustees meet twice a year, usually the first week in April and **October**.

#### **For more information** ▶ ▶ ▶

Visit:  
[www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk/](http://www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk/)  
Telephone: 0141 568 3492  
Email:  
[greenenergytrust@scottishpower.com](mailto:greenenergytrust@scottishpower.com)

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## Net: Solutions Wales Voluntary Groups IT Grant Aid

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Grants are provided to aid constituted UK voluntary groups and registered charities to assist with IT. This can be for capital expenditure, training and website development.

Grants of up to £10,000 are available. Typical projects that have been awarded include community re-generation/enrichment, community activities and those groups which involve their community in learning new skills.

Net:Solutions will assist in providing knowledge of the IT available and guide you in how best to maximise the grant with IT that suits its purpose.

This does not affect any core funding and applications are on a first come first served basis with a decision time of around one month.

### For more information ▶ ▶ ▶

Visit: [www.netsolutionswales.co.uk/e-nsw-2/grants.asp](http://www.netsolutionswales.co.uk/e-nsw-2/grants.asp)

Email: [Claudio@netsolutionswales.co.uk](mailto:Claudio@netsolutionswales.co.uk)

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## Don't miss out on Funding Opportunities!

As well as producing this bi-monthly Funding Update, **VODA** also issues monthly e-newsletters, which includes a number of funding opportunities.

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