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PLATFORM2: GLOBAL VOLUNTEERING SCHEME

Platform2 is a Department for International Development (DIFID) initiative that offers 18 – 25 year olds from less advantaged backgrounds the opportunity to live, work and learn about life in poorer countries. The aim of the programme is to unlock the potential and developing the skills of less advantaged young adults who wouldn't normally have such an opportunity. The scheme will help promote a greater understanding in the UK of other cultures and global issues. In particular, the programme will aim to: Raise awareness of HIV/AIDS amongst young people ;To build schools, community centres, wells, tap stands and hand pumps ; To develop allotments, sports pitches and ecological centres. Applications can be submitted at any time but it is advised that applications should be submitted at least 6 months before the planned travel.
<http://www.myplatform2.com/>

EXTRA FUNDING TO HELP COPE WITH THE EFFECTS OF THE RECESSION

The Big Lottery Fund (BIG), the largest of the lottery good causes distributors, has announced that it is going to invest an extra £43 million funding into communities across the UK to help them cope with the effects of

the recession. This includes a £20 million increase in Reaching Communities (England), a programme through which voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations can access up to £500,000 for up to five years to projects that offer people better life chances, build stronger communities, develop improved rural and urban environments and improve health and well being; and a £7.2 million boost to the BASIS programme that will help build capacity in the VCS sector. BASIS aims to fund a more expert, consistently available and sustainable set of support services for front line voluntary and community organisations across England.

http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/pr_embargoed/pr_250609_uk_cor_big_response_to_help_uk.htm?regioncode=-uk

JAMES TUDOR FOUNDATION (UK)

The James Tudor Foundation is a grant-giving charitable organisation established for the relief of sickness and the provision of financial assistance to people suffering hardship or distress arising from age, ill-health or infirmity. The Foundation makes grants, gifts and loans to organisations who have been established for at least two years and that are registered charities within the United Kingdom, that can maximise the effectiveness of its donations. The grants are for charitable purposes across six programme areas; palliative care, medical research, health education, awards and scholarship, the direct relief of sickness, the UK independent healthcare sector and the fulfilment of their charitable objects by other means. The Foundation expects to make donations of up to £1 Million a year. Grants for under £5,000 will be made within one month, Grants that exceed £10,000 may take up to four months to process. Applications can be submitted at any time....
<http://www.jamestudor.org.uk/index.htm>
submitted by 2 November 2009.
<http://www.health.org.uk/>

£8.4M TO BREAK THE CYCLE OF YOUTH CRIME AND CREATE SAFER COMMUNITIES

The Ministry of Justice has announced that it is making available an additional £8.4m to reduce youth reoffending and create safer communities through improved resettlement and rehabilitation arrangements for young offenders leaving prison. Designed to ensure that young offenders make a positive contribution to society by developing essential skills and so turn their backs on a life of crime, this youth rehabilitation project will offer funding to help local areas establish and maintain the services necessary to provide practical alternatives to crime. Over the next two years, new programmes will be established across England and Wales to break the cycle of offending for young people leaving custody each year. As part of the youth rehabilitation project, Youth Offending Teams, alongside local providers of careers, training, education and accommodation advice will be encouraged to come together to develop comprehensive plans that will help these youngsters rebuild their lives. The most innovative, sustainable and effective plans will win part of an £8.4 million pot so that they can implement their ideas.. <http://www.justice.gov.uk/news/newsreleases/010809a.htm>

THE J PAUL GETTY JNR CHARITABLE TRUST ANNOUNCES WIND DOWN

The J Paul Getty Jnr Charitable Trust, one of the largest grant making trusts in the UK has announced that it is winding down the Trust over a period of between five and ten years. This means that the Trust will be increasing the level of annual spend and will be looking for opportunities to award a number of more substantial grants that will have an enduring impact. Since 1986 the Trust has awarded nearly £38 million to over 3,000 charities across the United Kingdom. The Trust aims to support projects which help to relieve poverty, support disadvantaged people, and effect long-term change where help is not readily available from the public or private purse. The Trust also provides funding for the arts, and towards the conservation of the natural and built environment. The Trust makes grants through two funding streams. Main grants can be between £10,000 and £250,000 over a period of 1 to 3 years. Small grants of up to £5,000 are also available for smaller charities. Applications can be submitted at any time.. <http://www.jpgettytrust.org.uk/funding.html>

REACHING COMMUNITIES PROGRAMME

The BIG Lottery Fund has announced that in response to the current economic crisis it is increasing the budget for its Reaching Communities programme in 2009 – 10 by £20 million to £80 million. Reaching Communities provides grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 to support projects that help people and communities who are most in need, and can really make a difference. This increase in funding is designed to act as a 'bridge' between BIG's current funding programmes and BIG's new Open Funding stream which will go live in 2010. Projects funded through Reaching Communities can be new or existing activities, or be the core work of an organisation. The type of projects supported in the past have included: A learning bus to reach hard to reach learners in Nottingham; A Day Centre for older people from the local African and Caribbean community that gives them a chance to get together, share stories and enjoy a variety of activities. The programme is open to registered charities, charitable or not for profit companies, statutory bodies, schools and social enterprises. Applications can be submitted at any time. http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/program_reaching_communities.htm

GOAL POST SAFETY SCHEME

Schools may apply for grants of up to £3,000 through the Football Foundation's goalpost safety grant scheme to replace unsafe goalposts. The grant which can cover up to 50% of the costs can be used to replace goals which fail to meet the British Standards safety requirements, as well as providing funding for new goals to ensure that all goals purchased for grassroots football meet British Standards EN 748. The goals eligible for replacement include; pre-1996 i.e. before British Standards were produced; metal cup hooks on posts and crossbars; wooden; freestanding; Mini-Soccer goals which are now incomplete; and corroded or rusted. To be eligible for funding the goals need to be purchased through Football Foundation approved suppliers. Applications to the scheme can be made at any time. <http://www.footballfoundation.org.uk/>

[our-schemes/goalpost-safety-scheme/](http://www.goalpost-safety-scheme.org/)

UNLTD SPORT RELIEF AWARDS

UnLtd, the charity that supports Social Entrepreneurs, is accepting applications under its Sport Relief Grants Programme. UnLtd Sport Relief Awards are funded by Comic Relief and 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, who are prepared to go the extra mile and 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. Applications can be submitted at any time... <http://unltd.org.uk/template.php?ID=110&PageName=spportrelief>

ESRC'S RESEARCH GRANTS SCHEME

The Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) is offering through their Research Grants Scheme awards ranging from £15,000 to £1.5 million to eligible institutions such as universities, colleges of higher education and independent research institutes, to enable individuals or research teams to undertake anything from a small project through to a large-scale survey and other infrastructure or methodological development. Research grants can be awarded for a period of up to five years and can be for basic, applied or strategic research. The ESRC seeks to ensure that the research it supports will be of general interest and significance and of relevance to an audience wider than that of the host institution. There are two funding streams; Standard Grants Scheme for applications of more than £100,000; Small Grants Scheme for proposals of less than £100,000. There is no application deadline. http://www.esrcsocietytoday.ac.uk/ESRCInfoCentre/opportunities/current_funding_opportunities/research/index.aspx<http://www.relu.ac.uk/>

VCASHPOINT RE-OPENS FOR APPLICATIONS FROM YOUNG VOLUNTEERS

v, the independent charity set up to encourage young people to volunteer, has announced that the next funding round of its vcashpoint scheme is now open for applications. Working in partnership with the HSBC bank, vcashpoint is a £1 million initiative that will provide grants of up to £2,500 to young people to set up their own volunteering projects within their community. The type of activities that could be supported could include: Running activities for children Transforming a community space; Supporting victims of bullying; Running workshops for young people; Setting up a local campaign ; Clearing up a beach; Running music art or sports events for disadvantaged people; Organising a festival to bring different cultures or communities together, etc. Examples of young people receiving support through vcashpoint includes: Valentina Wong, 24 from North West London, who was awarded a vcashpoint grant of £2,500 for her project, "CY on Air". Aimed at 16–25 year olds, CY on Air provides young British Chinese people with role models and training in the skills they need to pursue careers in broadcasting. Michelle Brodie, 21, and Laura Stanley, 22, received a grant from vcashpoint for their "Food, Farming & Fairtrade" project which enables children from two primary schools in Oldham to find out more about the countryside and where food comes from. The next application deadline is 12 noon on the 25th January 2010. <http://www.vgrantfunding.com/cashpoint/init.pl>

THE JOANIES TRUST (UK)

Registered charities working with young people aged 11 to 25 are eligible to apply for grants through the Joanies Trust. Each year, the Trust makes approximately 30 grants with an average value of £1,000 to support projects that offer intensive support to young people as well as those that promote preventative work, and especially those that are designed to lead to individual development through integration, work opportunities or accreditation. In particular the Trust is looking to support projects that show innovation and imagination as well as evidence of close consultation with

young people in developing their project. Grants awarded by the Trust include the Trinity Sailing Trust to use offshore sail training on traditional vessels as a way of engaging disadvantaged and disaffected young people; and the Derby Playhouse to fund a scheme, which distributes tickets to members of the community who may never have a chance to see a live performance due to financial circumstance! s or to social exclusion. The next deadline for applications is the 31st December 2009. <http://www.joaniestrust.org.uk/index.htm>

BARING ARTS FOUNDATION ARTS PROGRAMME - 2010 ROUND OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Baring Arts Foundation has announced that its Arts Programme is now open to applications. The Programme has a new theme of supporting arts organisations in the United Kingdom that are enabling older people to benefit from participating in arts practice. Annual grants of up to £25,000 for three years are available, although the size of grant will depend on the annual expenditure of the applicant organisation in 2008/9. Applications are welcomed from constituted, not-for-profit arts organisations in the United Kingdom that are already producing and presenting arts made by older people. The deadline for applications is 11 December 2009. <http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk/>

UNION LEARNING FUND (ENGLAND)

The Union Learning Fund (ULF) has announced that Unions are now being invited to apply for funding. Under the Learning Union Fund, Trade Unions or any national organisation representing trade are able to apply for financial assistance to open up a wide range of learning opportunities for their members. There is no maximum amount for bids in any one year, but ULF encourage unions to scope activity and objectives rigorously before identifying funding requirements. The amount requested in the bid should reflect a realistic level of activity and outcomes, and represent value for money. The type of activities that have been funded in previous years include amongst others; the training and development of Union Learning Representatives; projects that address low skills within the workplace; promoting e-learning opportunities; and developing sectoral approaches to union led learning. An expression of interest must

be submitted by 30 October 2009. The expression of interest will require details of the new or continued project and the associated costs. Approved expressions of interest will be invited to complete an application form which must be submitted by 18 December 2009..

<http://www.unionlearningfund.org.uk/prspectus.cfm>

EUROPEAN TRAINING GRANTS FOR SCHOOL EDUCATION STAFF

UK schools looking to develop the skills of their education staff have the opportunity to apply for funding through the European Commissions Comenius - In-Service training programme. This is part of the EU's Lifelong Learning programme and provides financial support to help improve the quality of school education by enabling staff to undertake training in a country other than that in which they normally work or live. In this way, participants are encouraged to improve their practical teaching/coaching/counselling/management skills and knowledge, and to gain a broader understanding of school education in Europe. The training activity must have a strong European focus in terms of subject matter and the profile of trainers and participants. The funding is available to school education staff (teaching and non-teaching), also unemployed teachers and teachers reentering the profession after a period away from teaching. Applications have to be made via the school and the level of funding available is up to ?1500 Euro 1 week, ?2000 Euro for 2 weeks and up to a maximum of ?2500 Euro for 6 weeks. A higher grant may be awarded where special needs or exceptionally high travel costs are involved. The next provisional closing date for applications is the 15th January 2010. <http://www.britishcouncil.org/comenius-professional-development-courses.htm>

BRITISH TELECOM (BT) COMMUNITY CONNECTION AWARDS ROUND 2

BT has announced that they are now accepting applications through their Connection Awards programme round 2. BT Community Connections is an award scheme which enables community and charitable organisations to get online and make use of information and communications technology (ICT). Organisations, working in any field of community benefit, located throughout the UK or Republic of Ireland can apply for a laptop and a year's free broadband connection. There are more than 1,000 award packages available to groups or clusters of groups who can demonstrate how an award will benefit their work and the local community. Award winners in the past have included: silver-surfers, cultural dance groups, conservation organisations, mountain rescue teams, family support groups, healthy living clubs, arts and music groups, sports teams and youth groups. The next deadline for applications is the 5th January 2010. <http://www.btcommunityconnections.com/>

GREEN SCHOOL AWARDS UK

Schools that are currently undertaking environmental projects within the UK are being invited to enter the Green School Awards. The awards aim to assist education and understanding about environmental issues and target the 5-11 age group. Any work primary school children are already doing on the environment at your school is likely to be eligible for entry to the Green School Awards. The Awards can be entered by groups of up to 30 young people, aged 5-11. (Groups of over 30 young people will be allowed to enter provided that they are in the same class). Groups can be classes, school clubs or teams created for the purpose of entering the TOTAL Green School Awards. There is no limit to the number of entries a school can submit. There are four award categories, each allowing group work on environmental topics in a diverse range of subjects including Art, English, History, Mathematics, Science, Technology and Geography. The UK Champion will receive a prize of £5,000. There are also three prizes of £1,000 and twelve prizes of £500. Entries must be received for judging by 7th May 2010. <http://tgsa.ypte.org.uk/index.php>

THE PETER CRUDDAS FOUNDATION

The Peter Cruddas Foundation is a grant making Foundation that aims to support charitable works that benefit disadvantaged and disengaged young people in the UK by ensuring that their funding reaches those most in need. The Foundations funding streams for 2009 are; pathways/support for young disadvantaged or disengaged young people into mainstream education; training or employment; crime diversion schemes; work experience/skills projects for young people; mentoring of young people in London; general youth work in London. To be eligible for funding an organisation must be a registered charity or an organisation / individual supported by a UK charity. There are no minimum or maximum grants and projects can be funded for more than one year. Applications can be made any time. http://www.thepetercruddasfoundation.org/about_us.html

COMMUNITY CASH AWARDS

Young people are being given the chance to claim a share of £1 million to help tackle the dangers of drugs, crime and play a positive role in their community. The Royal Bank of Scotland Community Cash Awards will see £1 million of grants being distributed by youth charity "The Prince's Trust" to young people who want to run community projects in some of Britain's poorest areas. The Awards, worth £250 to £5,000, are available to disadvantaged 14 to 25-year-olds who want to transform their area and learn practical skills. Projects could range from improving local youth facilities to sex education workshops in schools. Projects must be run and managed by people between the ages of 14 and 25; clearly benefit the local community; benefit the people running the project; and be a new or developing project. Previous projects supported include; an amateur boxing project to give young people greater confidence; and a media project to promote community cohesion and greater understanding between the local community and asylum seekers. Applications can be made at any time. http://www.princes-trust.org.uk/need_help/grants/community_cash_awards.aspx

ARTS COUNCIL LAUNCHES GRANT SCHEME TO HELP ARTS ORGANISATIONS THROUGH RECESSION

The Arts Council England has announced that its new £40 million grant scheme Sustain is now open for applications. Sustain is the Arts Council England's response to the impact of the recession on arts organisations whose sustainability is important in delivering their mission of great art for everyone. Sustain provides grants to arts organisations to help them maintain their artistic, financial and organisational viability during the recession and implement essential changes to ensure their long-term sustainability. Sustain will make one-off awards between £75,000 to £3 million (unless there are exceptional circumstances) to cover the period 2009-2011 and spending must commence within 12 months of the award being granted. Potential uses for Sustain funding include; resolving cash flow problems; maintaining the quality of artistic output; purchasing essential capital assets; continuing education, community and audience development work; completing building repairs and renewals ; and developing necessary organisational capability. Applications can be submitted at any time. <http://www.artscouncil.org.uk/funding/sustain.php>

APPLIED RESEARCH FUNDING PROGRAMME (UK)

The Carbon Trust has announced that the Applied Research Grants programme will re-open for applications on the 14th December 2009 and will have a closing date of the 18th February 2010. Through the programme, up to £500,000 will be available for eligible projects. Applied Research Grant funding is available to businesses, research institutions and other organisations and aims to support the development and commercialisation of technologies which have the potential to reduce UK carbon emissions. A minimum of 40% match funding is required. There are two stages to the application process: an initial proposal, followed by a full proposal. Funding for Applied Research Open Call applications from institutions or organisations based in Scotland for the 2009/2010 financial year is now fully committed.. <http://www.carbontrust.co.uk/technology/appliedresearch/>