



Funding Newsletter

The Berkshire East Funding Project is working across East Berkshire *“supporting the voluntary and community sector in obtaining funding”*

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MEET THE FUNDER EVENT IS A GREAT SUCCESS!

Meet the Funder Event proved a great success! Over 50 voluntary groups attended our first Meet the Funder Day that took place in early April at WAMDSAD, Maidenhead. Delegates were treated to detailed presentations from Lloyds TSB, BBC Children in Need, BAA/Heathrow Grants and Local Giving from Berkshire Community Foundation. The funders then held one-to-one sessions with groups seeking to find out whether they were eligible for grants and how to apply.



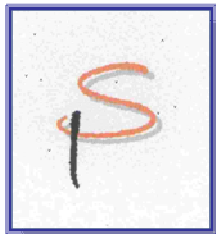
The feedback we received was very positive, with comments like: “I will definitely be applying to Children in Need, now I know our group meets their criteria” and “The one-to-one session was great! I’m now more confident about applying”. We hope to run a similar event in the future. Our next Funding Event is the East Berks Funding



Fair at Windsor Racecourse on Wednesday 28 September. If you are interested in attending, there are booking details in this newsletter on the back page .

Lloyds TSB one-to-one session

News! The team have been busy helping local community and voluntary groups research grant streams, giving advice and running workshops in the three local authority areas. There have been successes and here is a **good** news story. Please do let us know how you get on with your applications.



InnerSense Wins Lottery Funding

Arts & Disability charity InnerSense has received £10,000 from the National Lottery’s Awards for All scheme plus a generous grant of £2000 from Greggs the Bakers. The money will provide multisensory theatre workshops for more than 100 adults and children with severe learning and mobility difficulties. In addition to this, in November InnerSense was chosen as one of Waitrose’s local charities and staff at the Bracknell site have raised almost £7000 to help InnerSense develop a new term of themed sensory workshops. The awards mark the beginning of an exciting new stage for InnerSense who recently converted a former care home at Ravenswood in Crowthorne into a fully equipped theatre workshop studio.


Each week at the InnerSense studio, a team of artists design and build interactive theatre sets filled with texture, colour, instruments, props and costumes.

Facilitators take groups of 8 people with their support workers into this exciting theatrical environment, where; inspired by the resources around them, they are expertly encouraged to use music and drama to discover new ways of communication and help them to understand the world around them. InnerSense is looking for volunteers, if you would like to know more about them go to www.innersense.org.uk or contact Paul Wilkinson at innersensemail@gmail.com to arrange a visit to a workshop.



The Bakery – an InnerSense themed work-

Funding Opportunities

 **Awards for All has changed (England)** Awards for All, England has announced some important changes to its funding programme. Awards for All England is a simple small grants scheme making awards of between £300 and £10,000 to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. To achieve this, Awards for All will fund activities that:

AWARDS FOR ALL

- * Provide people with better access to training and development to improve their life skills
- * Build stronger communities with more active citizens working together to tackle their problems
- * Improve rural and urban environments which communities are better able to access and enjoy
- * Provides for healthier and more active people and communities

The changes announced means that organisations can now apply for £10,000 every year rather than every two years, and Awards for All will now fund repeat events and activities more than three years apart.

www.awardsforall.org.uk

Big Lottery Targets Slough

The latest deprivation index has meant that Slough has moved up the list of areas the Big Lottery want to increase their grants too. They are keen to increase the levels of Awards for All grants to Slough groups particularly those supporting Black and Ethnic Minority communities. To help with applications the Big Lottery will be holding a workshop in Slough specifically on Awards for All, this is likely to be in the first week in September invitations will be sent out by Slough CVS once a date is confirmed.



Reaching Communities Grants, these are larger grants provided by the Lottery, and there will be more chances of success in obtaining one of these grants. Big Lottery will be making themselves available to go through possible and completed applications, watch out for details in the next few weeks/

Improving Financial Confidence

A new initiative from the Lottery, aimed at organisations that help individuals with debt counselling and managing finances. These are large grants of £500,000 upwards targeted at Citizens Advice Bureaus and other counselling groups. **Slough** is one of the target areas in the South East. For further details see www.biglotteryfund.org.uk or their advice line phone number is 0845 4 10 20 30



The LankellyChase Arts Programme (UK)

The LankellyChase Foundation has announced that it is inviting applications from arts based organisations through their Arts Programme. Through this programme the trustees are focussing their grant making on:

- Promoting the use of the arts by people with severe mental ill health
- Encouraging vulnerable young people to participate in arts activities

Grants awarded are generally between £10,000 and £15,000 a year. In some exceptional cases the fund will consider larger grants. The foundation will only consider applications from registered charities, industrial and provident societies, exempt charities and community interest companies or organisations applying for charitable status.

Applications can be submitted at any time. Details at <http://www.lankellychase.org.uk/programmes/2>



The Nationwide Foundation has a number of objectives which it supports through its small grants programme under the headings of Money Matters; Homes Matter and Families Matter. Each has its own set of objectives with detailed information on the website.

The programme offers grants of up to £5,000 to registered charities with incomes of under £500,000. The application process has been made as easy as possible, and they operate a rolling programme for small grants and there are no deadlines. Details from: The Nationwide Foundation, Nationwide House, Pipers Way, Swindon SN38 2SN Tel: 01793 655113 Fax: 01793 652409 Email: enquiries@nationwidefoundation.org.uk Website: www.nationwidefoundation.org.uk/funding.asp

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Could extra cash help your community group?

Thousands of clubs, community groups and self-help organisations are benefiting from The Co-operative Membership Community Fund. Elected members across the UK get together to make small grants to community groups and charities in their local area. Since 1997, the Co-operative Membership Community Fund members have raised and awarded over £8 million to community groups.

Who can apply?

Community groups, self-help groups, voluntary groups and community charities (or local branches of national charities).

How much can I apply for?

The scheme can provide funding of between £100 and £2,000. If you are applying for more than £500 you must enclose the latest copy of your group's accounts, or a three month record of its income and spending signed by your group's treasurer.

Eligibility

To be eligible for funding, projects must be charitable, ie, benefit the wider community to be in line with our values and principles.

How to apply?

The online application process is quick and easy. To apply go to:

www.co-operative.co.uk/communityfund or for more information call on 0161 827 5879 or email at community.fund@co-operative.coop



The True Colour Trust provides grants to small, UK based organisations to carry out projects that provide help to disabled children, young carers and their families

on a daily basis. The trust has a small grants programme open to applications at any time, that provides grants of up to £10,000, usually for one-off projects and delivery programmes for children, their siblings and families. For more information visit the True Colours Trust website: http://www.truecolourstrust.org.uk/small_grants.aspx



Working for a healthier world™

Pharmaceutical company Pfizer who have offices in Maidenhead are looking to support groups in that area, particularly worth applying for is equipment, training and health related initiatives. Applications forms are available from linda.kelly@pfizer grants up to £5000 are available closing date 29th July 2011.

Datchet United Charities have grants available for groups in the Datchet area or for those organisations that support Datchet residents. Contact gwenahoward@btinternet.com to apply.



Veolia Environmental Trust supports groups who are within 10 miles of one of their recycling centres, certainly Slough and the Maidenhead corridor is within this area. Mainly environmental grants but projects like restoring old buildings, parks and pathways are included. Full details on their website

www.veoliaenvironmentaltrust.org.uk

Arts Bursaries in Windsor and Maidenhead Each year the Royal Borough makes bursaries available to young people involved in the Arts in order to give them a practical helping hand and encourage them to go on to even greater achievements. To qualify for consideration for grant aid, individuals must be resident in the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead. The Council will favour those applicants aged 25 or below as the scheme is designed to encourage and develop the talents of young people. Further information available from the Windsor and Maidenhead website: http://www.rbwm.gov.uk/web/arts_funding_grants.htm



Giving to charity will never be the same again

JustTextGiving by Vodafone enables charities of every size - as well as individual fundraisers - to collect donations by text using a unique code. Vodafone's partnership with JustGiving means charities from local schools to animal sanctuaries and hospices can

use the power of text messaging to raise money - free.

You don't even have to be a Vodafone customer to give or receive with JustTextGiving by Vodafone. Full details on their website: www.vodafone.co.uk/vodafone-uk/about-us/just-text-giving



Funding Central Funding Central is a free smart website for all third sector organisations, including community groups, providing access to thousands of funding and finance opportunities, plus a wealth of tools and resources supporting organisations to develop sustainable income strategies appropriate to their needs. If you are completely or relatively new to fundraising, Funding Central provides a guided search enabling you to identify the most appropriate funding and finance opportunities that best suit you and the beneficiaries that you support. It is free to use Funding Central, you just have to register on the website to find details of grants, contacts and trust funds. . Please see their website: www.fundingcentral.org.uk

Funding Events 2011



East Berkshire Funding Fair 2011

A one day conference for voluntary and community groups to access up to date funding sources and information.

Wednesday 28th September

9.00am - 3.00pm

Windsor Racecourse
Maidenhead Road
Windsor, SL4 5JJ

A booking form will be available from July 2011 at
www.sloughcvs.org.uk

“Find out About Funding” Workshop

The next will be held on Thursday 17 November 2011 at the Slough Council for Voluntary Service, 27 Church Street, Slough SL1 1PL.

Booking forms will be available from the end of September 2011



The East Berkshire Funding Project team

Funding Advisors:

Ray Emmans is the Funding Advisor for the Slough, Windsor & Maidenhead areas. He works four days a week. Ray will be based at the Slough CVS most Tuesdays and at Windsor & Maidenhead Voluntary Action on Wednesdays/Thursdays/Fridays. Ray will be available for funding advice and help on application form completion. Ray can be contacted at Slough on 01753 524176 or at Windsor on 01753 622433 or wmvafunding@hotmail.com



Carole Allen is the Funding Advisor for the Bracknell Forest area. Carole is based at the Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action offices at Amber House, Market Street, Bracknell for three days a week: Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Carole is available for funding advice and help on application form completion. Contact her on 01344 383523 or carole.allen@bfva.org

Procurement

Dave Furze is the Procurement Implementation Officer for the project. He is based at the Slough CVS offices at Church Street, Slough and is available on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. He can be contacted on 01753 524176 or by email to dave@sloughcvs.org.uk or 07803 897135



Further funding information: www.open4community.info/eastberkshire/ and on our websites:



Bracknell Forest Voluntary Action
Slough Council for Voluntary Services
Windsor & Maidenhead Voluntary Action

www.bfva.org
www.sloughcvs.org.uk
www.wmva.org

