

# Capacity Building Bulletin

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This bulletin is designed to inform local Camden voluntary sector organisations of upcoming funding and training opportunities and of other resources. It is drawn up and sent by the council's Communities and Third Sector team.

Please note that the '**Funders Directory**' section of this newsletter has now been moved out of the bulletin but is available as a PDF on our site. This directory provides a list of funders and trusts which have rolling programmes with no deadline or regular annual deadlines. Alternatively, click on [this link for access](#).

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# FUNDING NEWS

## New- [Camden Community Festival Fund 2017](#)

Camden Council is supporting this grants programme in recognition of the contribution made by community festivals and events to strengthening Camden communities and in developing a rich culture and economy within the borough. The fund is to sustain and develop Camden's rich culture, its strong communities and dynamic partnerships by supporting quality, creative events, projects and activities. This year the fund is managed by Voluntary Action Camden (VAC). Applications are welcome for grants of £200 to £5000 for:

- Small-scale events with a capacity of under 500 people, the maximum amount that can be applied for is £500. A copy of the application form can be downloaded [here](#)
- Larger-scale events with a capacity of 500 people or more the maximum that can be applied for is £5,000. Please note the average is £1,000. A copy of the application form can be downloaded [here](#).

A copy of the detailed guideline can be downloaded [here](#). **Deadline for completed applications: 23:59 on Tuesday 28th February 2017.**

## New- Deadline 8 February -[Team London Small Grants](#)

The Mayor of London recognises that small charities and community groups serve a critical role for all communities in London. **In 2016/2017, Team London are investing a further £100,000 in London's third sector.** The focus of the grant round is to:

- Increase volunteering amongst 59-69 year-olds who are about to leave the workforce or have just left it. This volunteering will encourage them to use their skills for the benefit of the community. And/or:
- Increase the number of volunteers who support older people to access the community services and support that they need.

The small grants will provide a source of income for smaller organisations to meet local needs which may not meet the criteria for larger-scale funding. The Team London Small Grants from £5,000 to £10,000 are for projects which should be completed by the end of March 2018.

**Deadline for applications: 8 February. Please click on the above link for further information.**

### **New – Deadline 10 February - [Postcode Local Trust](#)**

The Postcode Local Trust has changed its funding themes and application process for 2017. The Trust has introduced a two stage application process. Expressions of interest are currently being accepted for the first round. This year, the Trust will provide short-term, designated funding for good causes across Great Britain which benefit wildlife, enhance biodiversity, or renovate/create new green habitats. Consideration will also be given to sustainable energy projects benefitting local areas. Grants range from £500 to £20,000. **Deadline for Round 1 Expressions of Interest: 10 February 2017. Please click on the link above for further information.**

### **New – Deadline 10 February - [Postcode Community Trust Community Grants](#)**

The Postcode Community Trust provides short-term, designated funding to grass-roots community sports, arts, recreation, physical and mental health projects taking place in England, Scotland and Wales. The Trust seeks to help groups participate more fully in activities within their community, especially for those who may feel isolated through disability or age. The Trust wants to help them overcome these barriers in creative and sustainable ways. Projects should help people gain better access to community facilities, community activities and strengthen communities in ways that are different, sustainable and reach a wide number of people. Grants range from £500 to £20,000. **Deadline for Round 1 Expressions of Interest: 10 February 2017. Please click on the above link for further information.**

### **New –Deadline 10 February- [People’s Postcode Trust Opens Small Grants Programme](#)**

In 2017, the Trust’s Small Grants Programme is inviting applications for projects that focus on the prevention of poverty, promotion of human rights, equal rights (conflict resolution) for some of society’s most vulnerable groups in England, Scotland and Wales. Projects must have a clear charitable purpose and last no longer than 12 months. **Deadline for Round 1 Expressions of Interest: 10 February 2017. Please click on the above link for further information.**

### **New – Deadline 13 February- [Sport England Active Ageing Fund](#)**

Sports England have opened the first phase of their Inactivity Fund, which will focus on projects that help older adults (55+) to get active. £10 million of National Lottery funding is available. Sports England anticipates bids ranging from £250,000 to £500,000, but smaller or larger scale projects will be considered. Contact Sports England to discuss your ideas. Expressions of interest must be submitted by noon on 13 February

2017. Please note that Camden's sports team is developing a borough bid if you are planning to apply to avoid duplication check with Deborah Bush, [Deborah.Bush@camden.gov.uk](mailto:Deborah.Bush@camden.gov.uk) by 5<sup>th</sup> February.

### **New - [Money Saving Expert \(MSE\) Charity](#)**

Funding is available for projects that assist people to improve their quality of life through knowledge and understanding of how to manage and take control of their own financial situation. They must include an element of education/improving financial literacy. Projects must address the theme set out by the charity:

- Raising the Next Generation projects should focus on children, youth, and families. **Applications will be accepted from 1 February 2017 to 3 March 2017.**
- Life Changing Transitions projects should focus on bereavement, redundancy, retirement, relationship breakdown, homelessness, offenders and resettlement. **Applications will be accepted from 1 September 2017 to 29 September 2017.**

Most grants will be for less than £5,000. **Please click on the link above for further information.**

### **New - [BBC Children in Need Main Grants Programme 2017 Deadlines Announced](#)**

Large grants of over £10,000 are available to support projects for up to three years. Not-for-profit organisations in the UK can apply if they are supporting children and young people of 18 years and under who are experiencing disadvantage through:

- Illness, distress, abuse or neglect.
- Any kind of disability.
- Behavioural or psychological difficulties.
- Living in poverty or situations of deprivation.

Organisations must be working to combat this disadvantage and make a real difference to children and young people's lives. Organisations that already hold a grant from Children in Need can apply for further funding providing the current grant is coming to an end within the next 12 months. Applicants will need to be able to provide convincing evidence of the differences the grant has made to the lives of the disadvantaged children and young people the organisation has worked with.

**Small grants** of up to £10,000 are available per year for up to three years (£30,000 total request) to not-for-profit organisations in the UK, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands that are supporting children and young people of 18 years and under who are experiencing disadvantage. Organisations must be working to combat this disadvantage and to make a real difference to children and young people's lives. Projects achieve these differences by either working directly with children or seeking to improve their social and physical environments. Priority will be given to projects where a relatively small amount of money can make a big difference for children and young people. **2017 Deadlines for applications: 1 June, 1 September, and 1 December 2017. Please click on the above links for further information.**

### **New – [Sports England Community Asset Fund](#)**

Sports clubs and community organisations will be able to apply for investment from the Community Asset Fund – a new capital fund dedicated to enhancing the spaces in the local community that give people the opportunity to be active. It does not have to be a traditional space – or a traditional sport. For instance, there are thousands of outdoor spaces up and down the country – like canal towpaths, woodlands and open spaces – all with potential to be used and enjoyed as part of an active lifestyle. Any organisation with a great idea can apply for our support. You might be:

- Looking to take over an underused sports facility or one under threat of closure. You might need support to bring a building back into use or need improvements to a recreational space
- Wanting to expand or improve the sporting experience you offer your customers. You could be looking to improve a changing room or installing new toilets, heating system or social space
- Responding to an emergency or unexpected event that is stopping people from being active. You might need to fix a roof that's been damaged or repair an area after flood damage
- Or simply have a great idea for a project. You might want to make improvements to a building or open space that's clearly needed in the local community.

There are a range of investments available:

- Small-scale investments typically ranging from £1,000 to £15,000. These will address emergency works due to something like storm or flood damage, or something totally unexpected that is stopping people from being able to stay active right now.
- Medium-scale investments typically ranging from between £15,000 to £50,000, These will address more substantial changes. This might be an upgrade to an existing facility or developing a new space in the community.

- By exception, larger investments ranging from £50,000 to £150,000 will be considered. This will be when organisations can demonstrate a considerable impact or are targeting under-represented groups. They are also unlikely to have received funding from Sport England previously.

If your project is still at an early stage and you're not completely sure what you want, please read the accompanying resource [Developing your idea](#), which has useful tips and case studies about projects that have been delivered. Get in touch either by email [funding@sportengland.org](mailto:funding@sportengland.org) or call 03458 508 508. **Applications are welcome at any time. Please click on the above link for further information.**

### **New - [Big Lottery Fund Simplifies Guidance for Reaching Communities Fund](#)**

Voluntary or community groups can apply for grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 to cover the costs of projects which improve communities by using local knowledge, strengths and assets to test and implement the ideas which matter most to communities, as well as sharing learning about what went well, and what did not.

Projects need to support:

- Lasting and sustainable changes to places and spaces
- Communities to develop happier and stronger relationships with each other
- Taking action to focus on the root causes of social problems to tackle them at the earliest possible stage

Grants are available to cover all of the costs associated with delivering a project, including staff salaries, training, volunteer expenses, management costs, equipment, premises costs, monitoring and evaluation and overheads. Smaller grants (of up to £100,000) are available for small scale capital work, such as refurbishment, the purchase of vehicles, land or buildings. **Applications may be made at any time. Please click on the above link for further details.**

### **New - [Scottish Power's Energy People Trust](#)**

The Energy People Trust, with funding from Scottish Power and voluntary donations from independent supporters, provides grants to grassroots organisations that help people who are on low incomes, live in poor housing or suffer ill health. Since its formation in 2005 the Trust has given more than £13 million in grants to projects.

Charitable organisations can apply for grants of up to £50,000 to support projects or schemes covering the following:

- Energy efficiency measures - improving home energy efficiency through draught proofing, insulating and/or other practical measures.
- Income maximisation - providing funding to front line charities that carry out benefits advice to households missing out on financial help that they are entitled to through welfare benefits and tax credits.
- Fuel debt assistance - providing assistance, or funding the provision by other persons of assistance, to reduce or cancel debts for household electricity or gas supply, where such assistance is provided as part of a package of measures aimed at providing customers with long-term relief from fuel poverty.
- Any combination of the above.

A maximum of 30 fully completed applications will be presented to the Trustees at any one meeting and applications are considered on a first come, first served basis. Any eligible and complete applications not dealt with will be carried forward to the next meeting. **2017 Deadlines for applications: 18 January, 24 May and 4 October. Please click on the above link for further information.**

### **[New - VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance 2017-18 Invites Applications \(England\)](#)**

The Department of Health is changing the way it funds the voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) sector. The Strategic Partner Programme is being replaced by a new national partnership, the VCSE Health and Wellbeing Alliance, and applications for membership are invited. Through the Alliance, the Department of Health (DH), NHS England and Public Health England (PHE) will work with VCSE organisations to promote equality and address health inequalities and help people, families and communities to achieve and maintain wellbeing.

Applicants must demonstrate how their organisation, as an Alliance member working across the health and care system, can contribute to the priorities of DH, NHS England and PHE to help address the needs of those who are most disadvantaged and excluded. Rants of up to £60,000 are available. **Deadlines for applications: noon 22 February 2017. Please click on the link above for further information.**

### **[New - Football Foundation's Grow the Game](#)**

Grow the Game aims to increase participation in football by helping clubs to provide opportunities for new players, or by training volunteers to support new players and teams. The following types of team are eligible for a grant in 2017:

- Male teams from the under-14 age bracket and above.
- Female teams from the under-7 age bracket and above.

- Disability teams.

Organisations can receive a £1,500 grant per team created over two or three years with the funding being reduced in the second or third year of the project. The funding can be used towards a combination of essential costs associated with providing new football activity. **Deadline for applications: 29 March 2017. Please click on the link above for further information.**

### **New - [Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust Restructures Grants Programme](#)**

Funding available for 2017 is as follows:

- Round 1: The Elderly. The application period is 1 - 28 February. Grants of £1,000 will be available for charities with an operational income of minimum £50,000 and maximum £1 million.
- Round 2: Music and the Arts. The application period is 1 - 31 April. Grants of £5,000 will be available for charities with operational income of minimum £1 million.
- Round 3: Music and the Arts. The application period is 1 - 31 July. Grants of £1,000 will be available to charities with an operational income of minimum £50,000 and maximum £1 million.
- Round 4: The Elderly. The application period is 1 September to 31 October. Grants of £5,000 will be available to charities with operational income of minimum £1 million.

Charities can only apply for one round per calendar year. The Trust requests that applications are submitted as early as possible before the deadline so that the Trust has plenty of time to request any additional information if required. **Deadline for Round 1 applications: 28 February 2017. Please click on the link above for further information.**

### **New - [Carbon Trust Green Business Fund](#)**

The Carbon Trust's Green Business Fund is intended to help small and medium-sized companies in Great Britain with a financial contribution towards energy saving initiatives. The Fund is expected to help between 1,000 and 2,000 small businesses to deliver new energy efficiency projects. As part of the service, the Carbon Trust is also offering energy saving training, cost saving assessments, implementation advice, and capital support for the installation of energy efficiency equipment. The programme has an overall budget of £7 million. Eligible companies can apply for a capital contribution to cover up to 30% of an energy efficiency project or equipment replacement cost, up to a maximum of £10,000. This is an increase from the original offering of 15% since April 2016. The programme will fund the purchase costs of energy saving capital

equipment that will enable businesses to become 'greener'. Eligible projects could include undertaking energy efficiency upgrades, such as improvements to lighting, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and building control systems. Small and medium-sized businesses in England, Scotland and Wales may apply. **Support is being provided on a first come, first served basis. Interested parties are advised to register at their earliest convenience.** Please click on the link above for further information.

### **New - [Barchester Healthcare Foundation](#)**

Barchester Healthcare Foundation is accepting applications from small community groups and small local groups helping adults aged over 18 with mental and physical disabilities, and older people aged over 65. The Foundation's priority is continued from 2016: connecting or re-connecting people with others in their local community. Applications that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged will receive the highest priority throughout the year. Grants of between £100 and £5,000 are available to groups in England, Scotland and Wales. **Applications can be submitted online at any time. Please click on the above link for further information.**

### **New - [Big Issue Invest Impact Loans](#)**

Registered charities and social enterprises are invited to apply for loans of between £20,000 and £150,000 as part of Big Issue Invest's £5 million Impact Loans England scheme. The loans are available to help organisations grow and continue to do more of the good work which they already do. The funding can be used to:

- Buy new equipment.
- Hire new talent.
- Progress with business development plans.

Impact Loans funding is provided by Access – The Foundation for Social Investment, with finance being provided by its partners, BIG Lottery fund and Big Society Capital. The Impact Loans England programme is a continuation of what Big Issue Invest has been doing over the past few years in other schemes and is aimed at helping social enterprises grow, often by accessing finance for the very first time. **Expressions of interest can be submitted at any time. Please click on the above link for further information.**

## **New – European Funding Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme,**

New calls for proposals have been published under the Rights, Equality and Citizenship Programme:

- The call for proposals to educate and raise the awareness of girls and boys about gender-based violence (**deadline 8<sup>th</sup> March**)
- The call for proposals promote the access to justice and support of victims of gender-based violence and the treatment of perpetrators (**deadline 8<sup>th</sup> March**)
- The call for a pilot projects promoting diversity and unity in Europe (**deadline 28<sup>th</sup> February**). Please see the briefing notes attached.

Visit **Access to Europe Network website** [here](#) for more information on these and other open calls.

## **New - [National Vegetarian Week 2017 Event Grants](#)**

For 2017, the Vegetarian Society has introduced large grants of up to £2,000 and four application rounds. Small Grants of up to £200 or Large Grants of up to £2,000 are available for events and activities that attract those beginning their vegetarian journey, meat-reducers and the veggie-curious, but are inclusive of the wider vegetarian community. The funding is for events and activities that:

- Take place during National Vegetarian Week 2017 (15-21 May) or in the two weeks before.
- Promote National Vegetarian Week exclusively as the primary purpose of the funded activity.
- Celebrate and promote vegetarianism.
- Are exclusively vegetarian or vegan. (Events cannot have non-vegetarian food or drink).

Examples of events and activities, could include, but are not limited to: cookery demonstrations; communal meals; recipe exchanges; tasting. The grants could be used for: room hire; equipment hire; transport costs; cookery demonstration material.

Applications will be accepted from:

- Not for profit organisations in the UK (e.g. community groups, schools, social housing schemes, youth clubs, Cubs, Brownies, Scouts or Guides).
- Informal groups of friends, parents or students.
- Vegetarian groups, local network groups and student vegetarian and vegan societies (whether they are formally part of the Vegetarian Society network or not).

**2017 Deadlines for applications: Large Grants - 22 January and 26 February. Small Grants - 26 February and 30 April. Click on the link above for further information.**

### **New - [Arts Award Access Fund \(England\)](#)**

The Arts Award Access Fund is designed to help registered Arts Award centres that are experiencing a lack of funds. The programme is active in arts centres, colleges and schools, community projects, libraries, galleries, local authorities, theatres, youth clubs and youth justice settings.

Grants of between £100 and £1,500 are available. The grant can be used for the following:

- Discover or Explore logs.
- Bronze, Silver or Gold guidance booklets.
- Fees for workshops with a professional or specialist.
- General art materials, printing costs, etc.
- Tickets for events.
- Travel to and from a venue.
- Contribution towards the costs of Gold leadership projects.
- Hire of specialist equipment or specialist venue.
- Adviser/project management/staff time.
- Discover certificates.
- Moderation costs for Explore, Bronze, Silver and Gold awards.

Applications from all registered Arts Award centres based in England are accepted but priority will be given to the following centres which:

- are working with disadvantaged young people;
- are taking part in Arts Award for the first time;
- are not receiving regular public funding; or

- are using the grant to access an Arts Award Supporter.

**Deadline for applications: 3 March 2017. Click on the link above for further details.**

### [#iwill Fund](#)

The #iwill Fund aims to transform the culture of community engagement and social action among 10-20 year olds. Funding is available for regional and national organisations that develop opportunities for young people to participate in social action.

The first three match-funders have been announced that will distribute the funds from a central investment pot created by the Government and Big Lottery Fund. To find out more about applying check out the organisations below.

- [Pears Foundation](#) will be supporting activity within education, health and social care as well as scaling and supporting successful models to grow or sustain.
- [UK Community Foundations](#) will create small grants for local social action opportunities through their network of 43 Community Foundations across England.
- [Comic Relief](#) will develop opportunities for young people from areas and backgrounds currently least likely to participate; working in co-production with young people over the next few months to design the initiative to launch in spring 2017.

### [Transform Foundation UK Website Grants](#)

The Transform Foundation is a registered charity whose money comes from philanthropists and trusts with an interest in improving the not-for-profit sector's use of digital. The Foundation's first grant opportunity is aimed at UK registered charities and other not-for-profit organisations with a social mission that require investment 'to build an amazing web presence'. The technology partner for the Website Grant programme is Raising IT who will design and build the website on the Raising IT platform. Grants of £18,000 are available to cover strategy, design and development to build an 'amazing' website. The grants will cover 100% of the upfront costs which means that grant recipient will only need to fund ongoing costs.

UK registered charities and not-for-profit organisations in the UK are welcome to apply. The Foundation is particularly keen to receive applications from outside London as it has already received a 'disproportionately high number of applications from within London' and it wishes 'to ensure it supports a geographically diverse range of charities'. Small to medium-sized charities and other not-for-profit organisations with a social mission (including, for example Community Interest Companies) based and working in the UK can apply. To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have an income of between £400,000 and £20 million. (Organisations outside of this income range may apply, but depending on the nature of the project, a preliminary discussion may be required to determine whether it is appropriate.)

- Be able to show that their website is getting in the way of their fundraising and marketing.
- Have the potential for a bigger income by raising more money and impact by reaching more supporters.

There is a two-stage application process. **Stage 1 applications will be accepted on a rolling basis until at least the first half of 2017. Please click on the link above for more details.**

### **New – [Jack Petchey Foundation](#)**

**Achievement Award -This is open to educational establishments and youth organisations.** Once on this programme, participants can also access the Leader Award, Small Grant Funds and Educational Visits Grant. [More info](#)

**Leader Award** - The Leader Award enables schools and youth organisations to honour the dedication and commitment of staff and volunteers - particularly those who 'go the extra mile' to support young people. [More info](#)

**Small Grant** -The Small Grants Fund allows our participants with a recently approved Leader Award to apply for a small grant of up to £750 to enhance their work with young people. [More info](#)

**Educational Visit-** Organisations on our Achievement Award Scheme can apply for two grants of up to £300 each (£600 per year in total) to enhance their visit programme. [More info](#)

**Individual Grants for Volunteers-**The IGFV is specifically for young people aged 11-25 who volunteer their free time to help others. This programme enables you to apply for a grant of up to £300 towards the fundraising target for your volunteering project. [More info](#)

### **Deadline 26 February - [Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund](#)**

Local charities, community groups, schools and individuals from across the UK and Ireland are invited to apply for an award to help support sporting or leisure activities or hobbies that are beneficial to individuals or communities. To date, the Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund has given out awards to help over 150,000 people. This winter, five separate awards of £300 will be given out each week from 7 November 2016 until 26 February 2017. One of these awards will go to the project that has received the most public votes online each week, while the other four will be selected by a panel of judges who will judge each entry on:

- The extent to which the proposed initiative will help the local community
- Extent of the proposed initiative's reach

- The perceived local need for such hobbies, sporting or leisure activities.

**Deadline for entries: 11.59pm on 26 February 2017. Please click on the link above for further information.**

## **Deadline 28 February - Integration of Third Country Nationals**

The European Commission has published a call for proposals on the Integration of Third Country Nationals. €17 million is available under the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund for projects that:

- Promote active participation of third country migrants in society including educational and social activities, culture, volunteering, sport, and decision-making
- Deliver pre-departure and post-arrival support for the integration of people in need of international protection who are being relocated within the EU or resettled from a third country

The grants awarded for individual projects will be between €450,000 and €750,000. The EU will cover 90% of the total eligible costs of the action. **Deadline for applications: 28 February 2017. Please see [Access to Europe](#) for more details.**

## **Deadline - 3 March- [Greggs Foundation's Local Community Projects Fund](#)**

The Greggs Foundation's Community Projects Fund provides grants of up to £2,000 to not-for-profit organisations in England, Scotland and Wales for projects or for providing equipment for people in need at the heart of local communities.

These include people who are:

- Disabled or suffering chronic illness.
- Living in poverty.
- Voluntary carers.
- Homeless.
- Isolated older people.
- Living with other demonstrable significant needs.

Eligible projects should improve resilience within a community of interest and can include sessional activities/respite support, equipment for sessional activities, trips and residential breaks. The Foundation is also interested in new approaches and innovative ideas as well as sustainable approaches to supporting the community of interest. Eligible projects should also be able to demonstrate that they have achieved at least one of the following Key Performance Targets for their beneficiaries:

- Decreased social isolation.
- Improved health and wellbeing.
- Improved resilience/coping mechanisms.
- Improved life skills.
- Improved opportunities.

The Local Community Projects Fund is administered by seven charity committees throughout Great Britain. **Deadline for applications: 3 March 2017. Please click on the link above for further information.**

### **Deadline - 3 March [Greggs Foundation's Environmental](#)**

Using money from the 5p levy on carrier bag sales in Greggs' shops, the Greggs Foundation has established the Environmental Grants scheme, offering grants for projects which make a difference to local areas. Preference will be given to projects which include one or more of the following aspects:

- Improving the local environment.
- Ensuring involvement of local communities.
- Delivering a sustainable and measurable difference.
- Supporting people in need.

Not-for-profit organisations with a turnover of £300,000 or less as well as schools in England, Scotland and Wales can apply now for grants of up to £2,000. Organisations that are based near Greggs' shops will be given priority. **Deadline for applications: 3 March 2017. Please click on the link above for further information.**

## Crowdfunder and Origin Housing

Crowdfunder is working with Origin Housing to bring people together and build stronger communities in North London. They have £13,500 of funding to distribute to projects that make neighbourhoods great places to live. They have recently partnered with Crowdfunder to provide match funding of up to £1000 for community projects, when they run a Crowdfunding campaign through <http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/originhousing>

Crowdfunding is a great way to raise support for projects, and when you take part in our campaign you'll not only get match funding, but also access to one-to-one fundraising coaching from our super-star support team and a whole heap of resources.

As soon as you reach 25% of your funding target on Crowdfunder, Origin Housing automatically pledge 50% match fund (of up to £1000). If you're interested in getting involved and would like to discuss this further, then please contact Rosa on: 020 7209 9246 or 07841912960 or email at [rosa.parker@originhousing.org.uk](mailto:rosa.parker@originhousing.org.uk) or if you're keen to get started please visit: [www.crowdfunder.co.uk/originhousing](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/originhousing)

## Feminist Review Trust 2017

The Feminist Review Trust was set up in 2001 with funding from the Feminist Review journal. Feminist Review is a peer reviewed, interdisciplinary journal setting new agendas for feminism. The journal is committed to exploring gender in its relationship to other axes of power including race, class and sexuality.

Individuals and organisations in the UK and internationally can apply for grants of up to £15,000 for projects including:

- **Hard to fund** projects. Some types of projects are difficult to fund. Typically these projects have no other obvious sources of funding. This might mean, for example, that traditional academic sources are either not interested in the area or that it is an activist project or that it is too feminist for most conventional funding sources.
- **Pump priming** activities. This means that the Trust will provide a small amount of funding to help start an activity in the hope that it will then be able attract sufficient funding to continue.
- **Interventionist projects** which support feminist values. It is often difficult for projects around core feminist concerns such as abortion rights and domestic violence to find funding.
- **Training and development projects:** funding for projects which provide training in relevant areas.
- **One off events:** the Trust supported Cine25 as part of the celebrations of 25 years of Women's Studies at the University of York (UK); a seminar for the Lileth Project (a violence against women housing related project), and a workshop on the gender dimensions of Bulgarian Immigration Policy.

- **Dissemination:** the Trust will fund the production and distribution of relevant material. Too often work has had a more limited impact than it should because it was not well distributed.
- **Core funding:** the Trust realises that many groups struggle to raise core funding. The Trustees are willing to offer core funding to cover staff costs, accommodation etc.
- **Other projects:** the Trust may still support an application that does not easily fit into any of the above categories.
- In 2017 and 2018, the Trust particularly welcomes applications from non-OECD countries in the following areas:
  - Lesbian and transgender rights.
  - Violence against women and girls.
  - Disabled women and girls.

The Trust receives a very large number of applications; far more than it can fund. The current success rate for applications is about 5%. There are three funding rounds per year. **Deadlines for applications: 31 March 2017, 20 April 2017 and 30 September 2017.**

### [Trust for London 2017 Applications](#)

Trust for London aims to tackle poverty and inequality in the capital by funding small to medium-sized voluntary and community organisations that are undertaking charitable activities.

The purpose of the funding is to benefit people who are living in poverty. This includes work to increase their income as well as addressing other issues that may affect them such as inequality, discrimination or violence. Work can benefit a large number of people living in poverty e.g. a campaign to make housing more affordable in London; as well as specific issues affecting smaller numbers e.g. work to prevent female genital mutilation. The Trust's funding programme has the following aims:

- **Employment** - The Trust's emphasis is on activities which government and mainstream training and employment funders will not or are unlikely to support, including developing new and innovative ideas to help people into work and remain employed.
- **Advice** - The Trust will fund direct advice work and representation in areas which are particularly underfunded and which it has previously supported. This work includes good quality early advice for cases that merit support, preventing problems becoming more serious, complex and costly. The Trust is particularly interested in supporting legal advice work which has the potential to have wider impact on the lives of disadvantaged Londoners.

- **Social Justice** - The Trust anticipates major changes to policies over the next few years, and these are likely to have a significant impact on those living in poverty. Therefore, the Trust wants to encourage and resource voluntary and community organisations to share their knowledge and expertise with policy-makers and others, so that the design and implementation of these changes bring real and significant improvements to the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged Londoners. This includes work to influence public attitudes, establish an evidence-base, as well as enhancing skills in campaigning and lobbying to bring about improvements.
- **Violence** - The Trust's focus is on supporting those who have limited financial resources as this can often mean that they continue to live in violent situations or take longer to find appropriate help. The Trust recognises the need to fund work that highlights good practice, provides specialist support as well as prevention work.
- **Small Groups** - The Trust is keen to fund small community groups, with an annual income of under £100,000, that have an emphasis on user involvement and self-help. The Trust will fund activities that tackle poverty and inequality in London by empowering people to advocate for themselves and which build stronger communities.

There is no minimum or maximum size of grant and the amount requested should be the amount needed. However, the average grant (not including funding under the small groups priority) will be around £75,000 in total and will not normally exceed £125,000. Grants made under the small groups' priority will not normally exceed £50,000 with an average grant being £25,000 in total, although many grants will be less than this.

**Deadlines for applications: 6 February 2017 (1pm) and 31 May 2017 (1pm). Please click on the above link for further information.**

### [Esmée Fairbairn Foundation Funding Stream for Young People Leaving Care](#)

10,000 young people aged over 16 leave care each year in the UK, a third before their 18th birthday, compared to the general population where 50% are still living with their parents at 24. A half of care-leavers believe they are made to do so too early and say they receive very poor preparation and support for the challenges of adult life. In response to this, the Esmée Fairbairn Foundation will spend over £2 million a year for at least five years to support young people leaving care to sustain healthy relationships and to receive more consistent and high quality support from the state. The aim is to:

- Ensure care leavers are more easily able to form healthy relationships that help them make a successful transition to adulthood.
- Ensure young people leaving care receive a consistently high standard of statutory support that has been informed by their views.

Through funding and non-financial support, the Foundation wishes to see care leavers supported by the system and by their networks to feel emotionally stable and be financially secure, ultimately making a successful transition to independence. Funding is available to support charitable work in the following areas:

- Work that develops long lasting, supportive relationships for young people in and leaving care.
- Work that has a positive impact on the support that care leavers receive from their local authority and other statutory services.

There is no minimum or maximum level of grant and no specified length of time for funding. In 2015, the Foundation's median average grant was £100,000 over three years. Most support is likely to be in the form of grants, but requests for social investments will be considered.

Applications are accepted from organisations carrying out charitable work to support young care leavers. The Foundation provides funding for a range of organisations, but in practice the majority of organisations funded will be registered charities or non-profit organisations. **Applications can be submitted at any time. Please click on the link above for further information.**

### **[Compete For](#) - Contract Opportunities in Camden and the rest of London**

This is a good site to search for forthcoming procurement opportunities from the public sector. Register through the website for free access to supply chain opportunities and daily email alert.

### **Camden 4 Community and Business – online funding database to help you search directly for specific funding**

Camden organisations and residents can register on the following two websites to search for funding opportunities

- [www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/camdencommunity](http://www.idoxopen4community.co.uk/camdencommunity)
- [www.idoxopen4business.co.uk/camdenbusiness](http://www.idoxopen4business.co.uk/camdenbusiness).

### **[Access Europe Network](#)**

Access Europe Network is a service to help London boroughs and London-based third sector organisations access EU funding and provide support in finding partners. Please click on the above link to find out more,

### **[Voluntary Action Camden's Fundraising Support and Resources](#)**

VAC seeks to help local civil society organisations to secure a sustainable future through income generation and fundraising. We do this by providing up-to-date information on: current and rolling funding programmes (as relevant to Camden organisations), where to look for funding,

toolkits and resources to improve your success in applying for funding or generating income, and support to achieve a recognised quality mark – something that is often desired by funders. **Click on the link above for further information.**

### **[Donations for local charities](#)**

The Communities and Third Sector Team are maintaining this page for charitable donations – please get in touch if you would like us to add your charity details. Local charities which have an online donation facility have been listed in the site and categorised into groups according to their type. It means anyone visiting the page can donate quickly and easily to an organisation which is based in the local community. The value of the donation can be increased by allowing donors to claim Gift Aid. If you want to be included, or want support developing an online donations facility, please contact [vcs@camden.gov.uk](mailto:vcs@camden.gov.uk)

# POLICY AND RESOURCES

## **New - TEAM UP**

Volunteer Centre Camden has three days a week dedicated to matching businesses with community groups. We are looking for any and every need your organisation has that a business may be able to help with - whether this can be done by a team - or an individual. Full details are [on our website](#). Or contact Catherine by phone 020 7424 9990 (Tuesdays - Thursdays) or email [catherine@volunteercentrecamden.org.uk](mailto:catherine@volunteercentrecamden.org.uk)

## **A Healthy Workforce means a Healthy Workplace**

The London Healthy Workplace Charter, backed by the Mayor of London, provides clear and easy steps for employers to make their workplaces healthier and happier. Get one-to-one support to become the next Healthy Workplace Employer.

It is aimed at small business, voluntary and community sector charity, large corporation or public sector organisation the Charter can help:

- address crucial issues like: recruitment and staff retention, sickness absence and employee productivity
- get buy-in from senior management to improve health and wellbeing
- make positive changes in workplace environments and attitudes
- gain a reputation as a leading London employer, devoted to their staff

To find out more about the one-to-one support available to Camden and Islington based organisations contact Emma Corker - Public Health Camden and Islington on 07734 670 300 or [emma.corker@islington.gov.uk](mailto:emma.corker@islington.gov.uk)

## **New – [UCL Global Citizenship Programme - Host a team volunteer placement](#)**

As Volunteering Services Unit partners, you are eligible to participate in the UCL Global Citizenship Voluntary Sector Programme, taking place 30 May – 9 June 2017. Nearly 50 London charities have already registered their interest in hosting UCL student volunteer teams as part of our summer 2017 programme. . If you are thinking of taking part in GC Voluntary Sector, please [register your interest in the programme and book](#)

your place now. Find out more about the programme at the seminar, including its specifications, the benefits and ideas for what your placement could look like. **Please click on the link above for further information.**

## **GrantNav**

GrantNav is a free tool which brings together open, comparable grants data for the first time – so you can easily see who is funding what, where and how much.

## **Charity Commission - Making digital work**

The way we access and exchange information, use services and communicate with each other is changing, and the pace of change keeps increasing. If you don't know where to start with digital technology, or want to take stock of where you are, the Charity Commission's guidance - Making digital work: 12 questions for trustees to consider - can help. It will help your board think about how digital can help you run your charity more effectively, communicate with supporters, beneficiaries and regulators, and reach more people with your services. It will also help you to identify and manage some of the main risks

## **Updated financial guidance from the Charity Commission CC12**

The Charity Commission has been more proactive in reviewing charities that are experiencing financial difficulties. As well as an update to their guidance in CC12, there is a report on their website. What should you do if you are concerned about your charity's financial position? Here are a few pointers:

- Make sure you are getting reliable financial reports regularly. These need to tell you the current financial position and look forward
- Speedy updates containing reasonable estimates are better than perfectly reconciled accounts that are slow to produce
- Monitor cash flow closely, updating it weekly at least
- Consider the nature of your funding and talk to funders early. If your funding is restricted, you need to get permission to use it for unrestricted purposes
  
- Funders may well be supportive and may agree to support a restructuring plan, but you need to talk to them early and be completely open with them

- Be warned that redundancies cost *more* in the short-term because of pay-offs so savings will only come in the future financial year
- To retain capacity and make short-term savings you might be able to talk to staff about reducing hours, secondments or sabbaticals
- Make sure you have properly understood the underlying issues before you make decisions

## Camden Care Choices

A new website that aims to make Camden resources for older people easier to find [camdencarechoices.camden.gov.uk](http://camdencarechoices.camden.gov.uk)

## [The Charity Social Media Toolkit](#)

Skills Platform have published a charity social media toolkit, which provides a grounding in the fundamentals, and tactics of social media, sharing case studies from across the sector. It covers fundraising, advocacy, campaigning, analytics, and how to grow your social network.

## [The Camden Advice Partnership](#)

The Camden Advice Partnership is a group of independent advice agencies in Camden providing free, confidential, unbiased advice and information on a range of issues such as welfare benefits, housing, employment and debt and money management. The Camden Advice Partnership explains the various benefits, grants and services that are available, and contact details for local support services that can provide further support. All factsheets are updated and information about Loan Sharks and Universal Credit is now available.

<http://www.camdenadvice.org/benefits/housing-benefit/>.

**Other useful resources – including where to get DBS checks and where to recruit volunteers and websites can be found [here](#).**

# TRAINING & EVENTS

## **New - Camden Providers to Children, Young People and Families Conference**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 9:30 am – 12:30 pm**

The 2016/17 Camden Council provider conference is to:

- update you on key developments and programmes within the local authority and Camden Clinical Commissioning Group (health)
- enable providers to network, share information and good practice to ensure we effectively build family and community resilience in Camden
- promote partnership opportunities between providers and with the council
- As with previous years, there will be a combination of presentations and workshops followed by a networking lunch. Please click [here](#) to register

## **New - Improve your career prospects with a Camden Scholarship**

Would you like to improve your career prospects this year? If you have a burning desire to get a degree or return to university but can't face the financial burden, we can help. Negotiated through the Planning process, we offer a range of part and fully-funded undergraduate and post-graduate scholarships with Camden-based LCA and Hult International Business Schools. The offer includes a 50% funded MBA International and a fully-funded Master of International Business (MIB) degree (worth £90,000). The Hult scholarship offer also includes the opportunity to study overseas for up to three months in: Shanghai, Boston, Dubai or San Francisco. We are looking for highly-motivated Camden residents of all ages who are keen to transform their future prospects. To apply, visit: [www.camden.gov.uk/camdenscholarships](http://www.camden.gov.uk/camdenscholarships) **Deadline: Spring 2017** (Confirmed date on website soon)

## **Free - HR training workshops for Camden voluntary and community groups**

The Communities and Third Sector team at Camden Council are pleased to be able to offer Camden voluntary and community groups a series of HR training workshops. **The workshops are for managers and trustees of voluntary and community groups based in Camden. To book a place on each of the workshops that you would like to attend, please click on the Eventbrite links.**

- **Managing Sickness Absence, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017**

The aim of this workshop is to increase managers' confidence and ability to manage staff absence [Click here to register](#)

- **Managing Restructure, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Many voluntary and community organisations are considering some kind of restructuring in response to the current economic climate. This might include closing a team, amalgamating core functions, general downsizing or some sort of relocation. [Click here to register](#)

- **Managing Difficult Conversations at Work, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2017**

Most of us dislike confrontation; we sometimes avoid it which can often lead to even more difficulty, misunderstandings and possible conflict. In the current climate of continued economic uncertainty, we may find ourselves working with reduced budgets, constant organisational change and ongoing performance issues, as people try to make sense of all this. As a supervisor, team leader, manager, director or trustee you may find yourself faced with having to conduct a number of difficult conversations either with your entire team, or with individuals within it. This practical, participative workshop will allow you to discuss those issues in a confidential and safe environment, where you will have opportunity to try out different approaches and techniques with your colleagues to get the best outcome. [Click here to register](#)

The workshops will be run by Shirley Briggs. Shirley is an independent HR consultant. Her background is in social housing where she worked as a HR manager for a number of large housing associations. She managed the PEACe (HR) service at LVSC from 2006-2016 supporting many hundreds of voluntary and community organisations with HR and employment law advice, consultancy and training. She is also a trained workplace mediator.

## [Mental Health First Aid - Camden and Islington](#)

Rethink Mental Illness offers two day Mental Health First Aid courses that are FREE to anyone who lives, works, studies or volunteers in Islington or Camden. We also run one day Mental Health Awareness courses for public service workplaces - free in Islington and Camden for most non-mental health professional public facing staff. **Please click on the link above for further details or contact [training@rethink.org](mailto:training@rethink.org)**

## [CFG Small Charity Finance Training 2017](#)

We have partnered with [Charity Finance Group](#) (CFG) to help them deliver a [Small Charities Finance Training Programme](#) that will run from January 2017 – July 2017. The financial training for small charities will cover the following:

- How to prepare your annual reports.
- Gift Aid - how to claim it, trading and VAT.
- Budgets, management accounts and cash flow forecasting.
- Introduction to paying people.
- Bank accounts, outsourcing, accounting principles and managing risk.

The purpose of this programme is to develop the knowledge and financial capabilities of small charities, helping them to inform their decision making, improving their resilience and increasing the difference they make in their communities. [Book here](#). These are half day workshops that will cost **£20** to attend. Part of this fee will also be used towards a travel bursary for those who live far away and need help to cover the cost of travel. CFG has a regular [small charities finance update E-bulletin](#) that is free and has further information about the programme details. Simply follow the [link](#) to sign up. **If you have any questions about the programme or want to feedback your thoughts please email [nicholas.faraday@cfg.org.uk](mailto:nicholas.faraday@cfg.org.uk)**

### **[Camden Training and Development Service](#)**

Camden TDS offers a range of part or fully funded courses for network members - TDS network members are those organisations/departments which work directly with Camden residents or support those who work with Camden residents. These may be: Private, voluntary, community, and independent organisations (or relevant departments within these organisations)

Organisations would need to contact [TDSOnline@camden.gov.uk](mailto:TDSOnline@camden.gov.uk) to arrange to be set-up as a Network Member. Click on the link above for further information.

**If you would like to be on the mailing list to receive this bulletin, please contact the CTS team on 020 7974 3492 or email: [vcs@camden.gov.uk](mailto:vcs@camden.gov.uk)**