

National Marine Aquarium Grants Programme.

National Aquarium Limited, a sister charity to the National Marine Aquarium, makes small grants available for interesting projects that will make a difference. These projects may be science-based but could equally be based around arts or drama – indeed, the more innovative the better, as long as they make a contribution to raising awareness of the marine environment. Grants awarded so far have been in the region of **£1,200-£5,000** and it is likely that future awards will be of similar amounts. Applications will be screened by the National Marine Aquarium for compliance with the criteria set out in the grant guidelines before passing to the Trustee Board for consideration. The Trustee Board meet twice a year and there is a strict deadline of 3 weeks prior to Trustees meetings for applications to be received.

Previous funding awarded: Leaper: A Fish Tale – a new play for children, written by a critically-acclaimed children's puppetry company, highlights the importance of river and marine eco-systems around the UK against destructive fishing methods and plastics pollution. The project aims to gently encourage change by the delivery of performances in theatres, schools and aquariums throughout the UK

Closing date is the 1st May 2018

<http://www.national-aquarium.co.uk/marine-conservation/grant-opportunities/>

Funding for Environmental Projects (Scotland)

The Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) has announced that the CSGN Development Fund has re-opened for applications.

Through the fund, grants are available for environmental projects in Scotland that enhance woodlands and green infrastructure, boost active travel and encourage community growing.

Funding is available for projects that:

- deliver or lead to woodland creation, management or enhancement, especially for community use;
- formal or informal food growing projects with a focus on community lead activities or engaging local communities and encouraging the Good Food Nation ethos;
- feasibility studies for new routes or major sections, and capital works in urban areas for route enhancement and development;
- and improving or creating functional access routes passing through or leading to the development of green networks, greenspace or countryside and associated green infrastructure.

Projects funded are likely to be located in or immediately adjacent to communities in the 15% most deprived datazones (nationally) according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation.

The application deadline is 5pm, Monday 5th February 2018.

<http://www.centralscotlandgreennetwork.org/resources/funding/csgn-development-fund>

The Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust (UK)

Funds available in support of horticultural education; for the advancement of research in any branch of horticulture and the publication of the results of such research; to assist the creation, development, preservation and maintenance of gardens accessible to the public; the promotion of the cultivation and wide distribution of plants which have value to mankind; promotion and cultivation of new plants;

assisting the publication of books or other works relating to science or horticulture.

The types of activities that can be funded include:

- Gardeners' training schemes run by appropriate organisations
- Restoring gardens of historic interest
- Developing new gardens for public access and enjoyment
- Exhibitions, book publications, research and educational programmes relating to horticulture
- Expeditions to collect and protect plants of scientific and horticultural value
- Study-visits by horticulturists or botanists with strong horticultural links.

The next deadline for applications to the Stanley Smith Horticultural Trust is the 15th February 2018.

<http://www.grantsforhorticulturists.org.uk/Smith.html>

Learning through Landscapes

The scheme offers schools the opportunity to apply for up to £500 worth of equipment from the product catalogue on the Learning through Landscapes website to help schools undertake environmental improvements. The scheme is only open to schools; learners must be aged 5 and upwards. Successful applicants will have demonstrated that they are passionate about making environmental improvements and, ideally, will have included the children and their local community in decision making about the project and the choice of equipment. All schools in England, Scotland and Wales have a list of 72 products to choose from; the list includes items such as bird boxes, bee hotels and den making kits. Awards include a two-hour training session to help schools get the most out of the equipment provided.

The next deadline for schools to apply to the Local School Nature Grant Scheme is the 1st December 2017.

<https://www.ltl.org.uk/naturegrants/index.php>

National Lottery Awards for All Scotland (Scotland)

A joint awards programme from the Big Lottery Fund, Creative Scotland and Sportscotland, Awards for All offers grants of £300 to £10,000 to mainly smaller organisations with turnovers of under £250,000 per year (except for schools). Voluntary or community organisations including registered charities, constituted groups or clubs, not-for-profit company or Community Interest Companies, social enterprises, schools and statutory bodies (including town, parish and community councils) are all eligible to apply.

The programme has recently been overhauled to make the application process more straightforward and **applications welcome at any time**.

<https://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/global-content/programmes/scotland/awards-for-all-scotland>

Funding to Support the Education of Young People who have a Physical or Learning Disability (Scotland)

The Trust awards grants for educational purposes to children and young people under the age of 21 who have a physical or learning disability or who are socially disadvantaged. Whilst the Trust operates primarily within Edinburgh and the Lothians, it may also award grants Scotland-wide to eligible

individuals and organisations that include schools, established charitable organisations and other groups supporting disadvantaged young people.

Grants can cover expenses such as dyslexia tuition, bus passes, school expenses such as books and equipment or laptops where there is a special education need. Schools may also apply for help towards school trips or outings for eligible pupils. In exceptional cases, where personal circumstances make boarding necessary, school boarding fees may qualify for a grant.

The John Watson Trust has announced that the first application deadline for 2018 will be the 29th January.

<http://www.wssociety.co.uk/charities/jwt/>

Funding for Community Projects (Scotland)

WREN offers grants of between £2,000 and £100,000 under the Scottish Landfill Communities Fund. All types of projects can be considered as long as they fall within one of the following categories:

- Land Reclamation
- Community Recycling
- Public Amenities and Parks
- Biodiversity
- Historic Buildings.

Charities, community councils, church or community organisations and voluntary groups can apply for funding as long as they are operated on a not-for-profit basis and have a formal constitution and bank account; Local Authorities can also apply. Eligible applications will be for projects costing less than £500,000 in total and that are targeted on a specific site at a single location.

Round One for 2018 opens on Wednesday 6 December 2017 and closes on 28 February 2018.

<http://www.wren.org.uk/apply/fcc-scottish-action-fund>

Support for Environmental Outreach Education for Disadvantaged Young People (UK)

The Kids Fund is part of the Field Studies Council (FSC). It aims to:

- bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by attending a course at an FSC learning location.
- help disadvantaged young people to attend a course who may otherwise be excluded due to some form of disadvantage - health, mobility, deprivation or financial.

Who is it for?

Groups who meet one of the following criteria will be eligible:

- Disadvantaged young people aged 4-18 years (or up to 25 years for those with special needs).
- Voluntary youth groups (either run by voluntary leaders, managed by a voluntary organisation, a registered charity)

OR

- School groups may apply if they are aiming to provide benefits which are additional to the statutory school curriculum or clearly show added value, depth and breadth to the taught

curriculum. FSC Kids Fund will not pay for young people to attend standard curriculum-focused FSC courses.

The next closing date for applications is the 1st March 2018.

<http://www.field-studies-council.org/about/fsc-kids-fund/applying-to-fsc-kids-fund.aspx>

John Watsons Trust (Scotland with pref. for Edinburgh and the Lothians)

The trust awards grants primarily within Edinburgh and the Lothians for educational purposes to children and young people under the age of 21 who have a physical or learning disability or who are socially disadvantaged. Grants may be awarded Scotland wide depending on each individual case. Both individuals and organisations may apply for funding and examples of the types of activities that can be funded include:

- Dyslexia tuition
- School trips (must be applied for by the school and not individuals)
- Bus passes
- Books and equipment
- Laptops where there is a special education need.

The John Watson's Trust has announced that the next closing date for applications is the 26th January 2018.

<http://www.wssociety.co.uk/charities/jwt/>

Funding to Promote Events in Scotland (Scotland)

EventScotland, the national events agency which aims to strengthen and promote Scotland's events industry, has announced the National Events Programme round 38 is open to applications.

The National Events Programme complements the International Funding Programme and is important in developing domestic tourism across Scotland. Through the programme funding is available to support events (outside of the cities of Edinburgh and Glasgow) that showcase Scotland and help to generate tourism.

Previous events supported through the programme include: The Wigtown Book Festival which received a grant of £12,205 to create a new infrastructure for the event to increase audience capacity and grow the event and the Spirit of Speyside Whisky Festival which received a grant of £25,000 to target visitors from outside Scotland to help grow their audience numbers.

The closing date for applications is the 2nd February 2018.

<http://www.eventscotland.org/funding/national-events-programme/>