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1. Nesta seeks investees for its newly launched 17.5m Impact Investment fund
Nesta Impact Investment is looking to invest in social ventures with innovative products or services that are addressing some of the UK’s most pressing challenges. In particular, the fund will make investments in innovative social ventures that address core social concerns in the areas of the:

- Health and wellbeing of an ageing population
- Educational attainment and employability of children and young people
- Sustainability of communities

Nesta Impact Investment are looking for organisations that have high potential social impact that can be evidenced, and a financially viable business model capable of producing a return on investment.

Applications may be submitted at any time [http://www.nestainvestments.org.uk/](http://www.nestainvestments.org.uk/)

2. Arts R&D Fund for Scotland Opens Second Round
The Digital Research & Development Fund for Arts and Culture Scotland is a partnership between Creative Scotland, the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and NESTA. The fund is looking to support arts and cultural organisations across Scotland who want to work with digital technologies to:

- Expand their audience reach and engagement; and/or
- Explore new business models.

A range of small and large projects will be considered, providing funding up to £100,000.

All arts and cultural organisations based in Scotland are eligible to apply, including:

- Performing and visual arts organisations.
- Arts and cultural archives.
- Literary organisations.
- Museums, libraries and galleries.

Applications may be accepted from commercial cultural and arts organisations and creative industry businesses providing the funded activity is self-contained and has a clear benefit to the public.


3. Legacy 2014 Active Places Fund Opens to Applications
Administered by sportscotland, the aim of the Legacy 2014 Active Places Fund is to support the Scottish Government's legacy ambitions for the 2014 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow. Grants of between £10,000 and £100,000 are available to support capital costs associated with building or upgrading local community sport and recreation facilities. Applicants must be able to show that their project will make a difference in terms of impact on physical activity or sports participation in the community. Eligible projects include:

- New bike or skate parks.
- Outdoor adventure facilities.
- Walking routes.
- New projects within school estates.


4. Funding for Children's Outdoor Recreational Activities
The Outdoor clothing company "North Face" has announced the launch of a new funding round of its Explore Fund. The Explore Fund supports not for profit organisations that encourage youth outdoor participation. Grants of up to €2,500 are available for projects that encourage community involvement; focus on breaking down barriers to getting youth outdoors; and projects that reach out to a specific community or place of interest. Only one Explore Fund financial support package will be given to an organisation in each calendar year and applications that can provide match funding will be viewed favourably.

5. **Innovation Vouchers**

The Innovation Voucher scheme has been set up to help businesses in the agrifood, built environment and space sectors to gain the knowledge required to innovate and grow. The vouchers are designed to link businesses with external experts for the first time by paying towards the cost of their services. Businesses will be able to obtain help from a range of expert ‘knowledge suppliers’ through this scheme, including:

- Universities and further education colleges.
- Research and technology organisations.
- Technical consultancies and Catapult centres
- Design advisers and intellectual property advisers.

Applications may be submitted at any time [http://www.innovateuk.org](http://www.innovateuk.org)

6. **Eurostars**

Eurostars is a European innovation programme. Its purpose is to provide funding for market-oriented research and development with the active participation of specifically R&D-performing small to medium enterprises (SMEs). European SMEs are an essential source of growth, employment, entrepreneurial skills, innovation and economic and social cohesion. It is, therefore, essential to unlock their potential through support for their R&D efforts. The Eurostars Programme will specifically enable R&D-performing SMEs to improve performance through its support of ‘in-house’ research; it will also enable companies to develop closer working relationships with the European research community. The objective of the Eurostars Programme is to bring increased value to the economy, higher growth and more job opportunities by supporting the R&D-performing SME.

**Deadline: 4th April 2013** [http://www.eurostars-eureka.eu](http://www.eurostars-eureka.eu)

7. **Graduate Funding for Advanced Manufacturing & Engineering Employers**

The scheme offers grant support towards the employment and training of graduates in UK advanced manufacturing and engineering businesses. The aim is to deliver genuine reductions in youth unemployment, taking up to 200 young people off the unemployment register and into paid and productive employment. The expectation is that in supporting new graduates into work, this will enable a number of young people to become economically active, thereby contributing to UK Plc. Currently; only 15% of small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in advanced manufacturing and engineering employ graduates. Semta’s ambition is to see this rise to 17% over the next three years. The fund will be equally divided across the countries of the UK with at least one third of funded activities taking place in the devolved nations – Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

**Deadline: 31st December 2012** [http://semta.org.uk/employers/funding/](http://semta.org.uk/employers/funding/)

8. **DG Enterprise and Industry - Grant Programme**

DG Enterprise and Industry works to ensure that EU policies contribute to the sustainable competitiveness of EU enterprises and facilitate job creation and sustainable economic growth. It plays a major role in implementing the Europe 2020 strategy for growth and jobs. In particular, attention is given to the needs of manufacturing industry, tourism, and small and medium sized enterprises, managing programmes to encourage entrepreneurship and innovation and ensuring that Community legislation takes proper account of their concerns. The annual grants programme revolves around the Objectives of the Enterprise and Industry Directorate General’s Annual Management Plan.

**Deadline: 13th November 2012** [http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise](http://ec.europa.eu/enterprise)

9. **Hilton in the Community Foundation Grants**

Organisations that work with young people have the opportunity to apply for grants through the Hilton Foundation. Organisations such as charities and other not for profits can apply for grants ranging from a few hundred pounds up to £30,000 per year for up to 2 years that meet one of the Foundation’s chosen areas of focus. These are: Disabled children; Children in hospital; Homelessness; and Life-limited children in hospices.

**Deadline: 12th February 2013** [http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/application.htm](http://www.hilton-foundation.org.uk/application.htm)

10. **Connecting Classrooms Partnership Grants**

The British Council has announced the Connecting Classrooms programme is open for applications. Through the programme UK schools that have existing partnerships with schools in Africa and South Asia can apply for funding to cover reciprocal visits and to support project work. Schools can apply for an annual grant of £1,500
for each school in the partnership. The grant must be spent on reciprocal partnership visits. If the entire grant is not spent, the remainder can be used for project resources and communication costs. To be eligible for funding partnerships must work towards three objectives. These are

- increasing global citizenship
- enriching education
- Developing an equitable and sustainable partnership.

**Deadline: 9th November 2012**


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11. **Fulbright Teachers Exchange Programme**

The British Council has announced that Teachers within the UK that would like the opportunity to trade places with an American teacher either for an autumn term or a whole academic year have the opportunity to apply to the Fulbright Teachers Exchange Programme. Exchanges involve elementary and secondary schools, including kindergarten and community colleges throughout the United States. For UK applicants the programme covers all levels from primary to further education and to be eligible for support, the applicant must be a qualified teacher or equivalent, with five years full-time teaching experience in the UK. Two of these years must be in the institution from which the exchange will take place. The costs of transport for the exchange are covered by the programme and participants will continue to be paid by their employer while on the exchange.

**Deadline: 7th December 2012**


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12. **The Reducing Reoffending Change Fund**

The Reducing Reoffending Change Fund is one of three change funds created by the Scottish Government to help drive a decisive shift towards preventative spending. The fund is worth £7.5m between now and March 2015, and has two key aims:

- to provide offenders with substantial one-to-one support through evidence-based mentoring schemes; and
- to promote strong, equal partnership working between third and public sector organisations.

Two types of funding are available: two year funding for partnerships of third and public sector organisations (from April 2013 to March 2015), and shorter term funding (from October 2012 to March 2013) either to support the development of partnerships or to support the expansion or enhancement of existing mentoring interventions. Please find here guidance for organisations interested in applying for awards from the change fund.

Any queries about the guidance or the application process -JoannaMcLaughlin@therobertsontrust.org.uk

**Deadline: 27th January 2013**


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13. **Sust**

Sust is a partnership programme between the Scottish Government and Architecture & Design Scotland Grant aid offers funding to help community groups put sustainable design into practice. It can support activities relating to

- innovation in design
- design analysis
- feasibility studies
- funding applications

**Applications can be made at any time** http://www.sust.org/index.php?view=43

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14. **Expo Fund - Made in Scotland**

The Made in Scotland Fund is open to applications from dance and theatre artists, companies or organisations based in Scotland for the presentation of productions as part of Made in Scotland at the Fringe. Applications can come from individual artists or from companies/organisations. The purpose of the Fringe Expo Fund is to raise the international profile of Scottish artists through promoting of Scottish work at the Edinburgh Festivals. Consideration will be given to the export readiness of the work and applications should demonstrate awareness of the appropriate market place for the work. Made in Scotland will:

- Support more Scottish dance and theatre companies to present their best work on an international stage.
- Raise the profile of the work of Scottish dance and theatre companies and offer them unique networking opportunities with promoters.
- Increase the number and diversity of international promoters coming to see Scottish work at the Fringe through a year-round promoter development programme.
- Nurture and encourage international creative dialogue and the development of international collaborations by Scottish dance and theatre companies.
- Support international touring opportunities for Scottish dance and theatre companies coming from performances at the Fringe.
- Offer a year-round programme of training, support and advice to companies so they can maximise the impact of their appearance in the showcase


**15. Media 2007 - Promotion including Festival Support**
The overall objectives of the programme are to:
- Strive for a stronger European audiovisual sector, reflecting and respecting Europe’s cultural identity and heritage.
- Increase the circulation of European audiovisual works inside and outside the European Union.
- Strengthen the competitiveness of the European audiovisual sector by facilitating access to financing and promoting use of digital technologies.

The MEDIA programme is implemented via annual work programmes.

**Deadline:** 16th November 2012

**16. Collabor8te Initiative for Short Film-makers**
Collabor8te is a platform for short film-making, designed to champion talented film-makers from the United Kingdom and Ireland. It will support script development through to production and distribution of new short films. The initiative will produce up to eight short films during 2013, with budgets up to £10,000. The funding provider will develop, fund and produce the selected films entirely, with no necessity for applicants to contribute finances from their own resources. Scripts at up to 15 pages in length and of any genre are eligible. Ten selected scripts will be developed by The Bureau and Rankin Film, with up to eight scripts going into production by Rankin Film. These short films will complete their run on the international film festival circuit before being exhibited on DazedTV. Collabor8te is particularly interested in funding narrative films, with strong stories and characters. However, a broad array of styles, mediums and genres can be funded and are actively encouraged. New and established film-makers and scriptwriters operating in the UK and Ireland may apply. Scriptwriters do not need to have any previous film credits nor does it have to be their first short film.

**Deadline:** 30th November 2012
[http://collabor8te.com/how-to-apply/](http://collabor8te.com/how-to-apply/)

**17. Music Funding for Individuals Organisations & Groups**
The Performing Rights Society (PRS) for Music Foundation, the UK’s leading funder of new music across all genres, has announced that its funding programme for individuals, organisations and groups is open for applications. Funding is available to any individual or not-for-profit organisation whose project or programme fits with all three of the PRS’s funding priorities. These are; to support the creation and performance of outstanding new music in any genre; to develop artists to their full potential; and to inspire audiences UK-wide.

**Deadline:** 4th February 2013
[http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/Funding](http://www.prsformusicfoundation.com/Funding)

**18. Funding to Promote Events in Scotland**
EventScotland, the national events agency, which was established in 2003 with the aim of strengthening and promoting Scotland’s events industry, has announced that the National Events Programme round 23 is open to applications. The National Events Programme complements the International Funding Programme and plays an integral role 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. The National Funding Programme is a development programme therefore it does not provide long-term or core funding. It is designed to support additional elements or new activity specifically to help events grow.

**Deadline:** 1st February 2013
19. **Funding for the Audio-Visual Sector**

The European Commission has issued three new calls for proposals under MEDIA’s development funding schemes. Media is the European Commission programme for supporting the European audio-visual sector. Grants totaling €18 million are available to experienced independent producers of fiction, animation, documentary and interactive projects. The Calls for Proposals cover three types of funding: Development – Single Project, Development – Slate and Development – Interactive, each of which have slightly different eligibility criteria and potential grant amounts.

**Deadline:** 23rd November 2012
http://www.mediadeskuk.eu/latest-news/general-news/2012/october/18m-of-grants-available-for-project-development/

20. **The Fidelio Trust Grants Programme**

The Trust offers grants of up to £5,000 in support of the Arts, in particular the dramatic and operatic arts, music, speech and dance. The Trustees aim to help individuals and groups such as Colleges, Arts Festivals and other arts organisations who would not be able to carry out a project or activity without financial support. Funding is available for tuition or coaching; to participate in external competitions; to be supported for a specially arranged performance; and to receive support for a special publication, musical composition or work of art.

**Deadline:** 1st February 2013
http://www.fideliocharitabletrust.org.uk/howtoapply.php

21. **Sky Arts Ignition: Futures Fund**

Sky Arts is once again offering five young artists £30,000 each to fund their work for a full year as part of the Sky Arts Ignition: Futures Fund – in association with IdeasTap. Sky Arts recognises that there’s an incredible amount of young talent in the arts today, but finding a way to get your work made is an ever-present challenge – so we’re on the lookout for five more artists to fund. The fund is designed to develop your creative practice and help take your work to the next level. We’ll pair you with a mentor from Sky to help you develop your networks, skills and knowledge in the arts and the commercial sector, and support you through Sky’s platforms.

**Deadline:** 19th December 2012
http://www.ideastap.com/Opportunities/Brief/9fb819f2-65d7-405d-8bc0-a0b700ea974#Overview

22. **The Arts Trust of Scotland**

The Trust's objective is to help working artists in Scotland fulfil their potential, realise their visions and enable those who value the contribution of Scotland’s arts, artists and creativity to national life, to contribute to their continued development. It subsequently aims to support work which:

- Is created by artists in Scotland.
- Adds to the growing reputation of Scotland's arts community.
- Helps individuals of talent to develop their skills and ideas.

The Trust therefore hopes to offer an opportunity for those who derive pleasure from the arts to recognise, in a tangible way, the enormous success of Scottish artists and arts organisations and provide for their future.

**Deadline:** 21st February 2013
http://www.artstrustscotland.org.uk/apply.htm

23. **Wellcome Trust Small Arts Awards**

The Small Arts Awards provides grants of up to £30,000 to projects that engage the public with biomedical science through the arts. This can include; dance; drama; performance arts; visual arts; music; film; craft; photography; creative writing; and digital media. The aim of the awards is to support arts projects that reach new audiences which may not traditionally be interested in science and provide new ways of thinking about the social, cultural and ethical issues around contemporary science. The scheme is open to a wide range of people including, among others, artists, scientists, curators, filmmakers, writers, producers, directors, academics, science communicators, teachers, arts workers and education officers.

**Deadline:** 25th January 2013
http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Funding-schemes/Arts-Awards/index.htm

24. **Grants to Help New, Innovative Visual Arts Projects**

The Elephant Trust offers grants to artists and for new, innovative visual arts projects based in the UK. The Trust's aim is to make it possible for artists and those presenting their work to undertake and complete projects when confronted by lack of funds. The Trust supports projects that develop and improve the knowledge,
understanding and appreciation of the fine arts. Priority is now being given to artists and small organisations and galleries who should submit well argued, imaginative proposals for making or producing new work or exhibitions. Arts Festivals are not supported.

**Deadline: 14th January 2013** [http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/intro.html](http://www.elephanttrust.org.uk/docs/intro.html)

### 25. Wellcome Trust Society Awards

The Wellcome Trust has announced it is seeking applications through its Society Awards. Each year, the Trust is looking to fund larger scale projects (above £30,000) that explore a specific theme related to biomedical sciences. For 2012 the theme is “Health in a changing world”. Through this themed call the Trust are looking to fund projects that encourage public audiences to think about the past, present and future consequences for human and animal health in relation to climate change and an expanding human population. Society Awards can fund the scaling-up of successfully piloted projects (whether funded through People Awards or through other means) or can fund projects that are more ambitious in scale and impact than is possible through a People Award. Society Award-funded projects would normally expect to reach audiences with a wide geographical spread across the UK and/or Republic of Ireland. They can also part-fund larger projects. Organisations and partnerships that can submit applications include Museums and other cultural attractions; Arts agencies; Production companies; Schools; Local education authorities; Universities and colleges; Youth clubs; Community groups; Research institutes; the NHS; and Science centres; etc.

**Deadline: 25th January 2013** [http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Funding-schemes/People-and-Society-Awards/](http://www.wellcome.ac.uk/Funding/Public-engagement/Funding-schemes/People-and-Society-Awards/)

### 26. Recognition Scheme

The aim of the scheme is to celebrate, promote and invest in the nationally significant museum and gallery collections around Scotland held outside the nationally-run institutions. Organisations that become holders of Recognised Collections of National Significance must commit to meeting the objectives of the scheme, which are to do as follows:

- Raise awareness of the Recognised Collections locally, nationally and internationally.
- Raise standards of collections management and care.
- Raise standards of public service delivery in those organisations that hold collections recognised through the scheme.
- Safeguard continuing levels of investment in the Recognised Collections from existing funding sources, including local authorities and universities.
- Increase public access to the Recognised Collections as sources of creativity, learning and enjoyment.
- Increase the social and economic impact of the Recognised Collections.
- Encourage the museums and galleries which hold Recognised Collections to make an increased contribution to the Scottish museums sector through collaboration and partnership working.


### 27. Guinness Launches New Round of its Business Equity Fund: 'EIS 4'

Guinness Asset Management Limited has launched a new round of its business equity investment programme - Guinness EIS Fund 4. The Fund has been established to provide investors with access to attract investment opportunities in the renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors in the UK that are eligible for Enterprise Investment Scheme (EIS) tax reliefs. The overall fund is set at £10 million. The minimum individual equity investment stands at £10,000. The investment objective of Guinness EIS 4 is to deliver tax-free investment returns of over £1.20 per £1.00 invested, net of all fees, in addition to £0.30 of EIS Income Tax Relief.

Benefits for investors include the following:

- 30% Income Tax Relief (increased from 20% in March 2011).
- No Capital Gains Tax.
- CGT Deferral Relief.
- No Inheritance Tax.
- Loss relief.

Investment opportunities are available in renewable energy and energy efficiency companies. Renewable energy investment opportunities include hydroelectric and biomass projects, while energy efficiency projects focus on reducing energy costs in office and commercial buildings. UK-based Sustainable Infrastructure companies will benefit through the tax-efficient EIS structure.

28. SME Implementation Support Programme

The SME Implementation Support Programme has been set up to support small and medium-sized enterprises in Scotland that are seeking to implement resource efficiency improvements within their business. The programme is designed to help SMEs take action to implement resource efficiency measures through the provision of capital support. Funding will be available to make process and operational improvements to reduce raw material use, waste production or packaging, or for employing a short-term skilled resource to undertake a particular project with a focus on waste prevention.

**Deadline: 18th January 2013**
http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/smeimplementationfund

29. Recovery from Waste - Call for Catalyst Grants

The Natural Environment Research Council is inviting bids for Catalyst Grants to its programme Resource Recovery from Waste. This £6.5m, five-year programme aims to deliver the strategic science needed to accomplish a paradigm shift in the recovery of resources from waste that is driven by environmental benefits and for human health, rather than by economics alone. The programme will also forge new thinking that goes beyond carbon' to understand waste as a resource from the perspective of ecological rather than carbon outcomes. This first call is for Catalyst Grants (£50,000 -100,000 per grant for six months) to create the interdisciplinary community and scope the science areas ready to respond to a later Research Grant call as part of the next phase of the programme. It is anticipated that approximately 10 to 20 Catalyst Grants will be supported in this call.

**Deadline: 12th December 2012**
http://www.nerc.ac.uk/research/programmes/waste/events/ao-2012.asp?cookieConsent=A

30. Scotland Launches £130 Million Renewable Energy Investment Fund

The Scottish Government has launched a new funding programme designed to complement existing funding from the Green Investment Bank (GIB). The Renewable Energy Investment Fund (REFI) will initially focus on supporting communities and rural businesses to develop their own local renewable projects, on supporting district heating, and on supporting wave and tidal developers with the development and deployment of array projects. Rather than replicating existing grant and loan support, the scheme will instead focus on investment by offering new and innovative instruments which complement existing funding routes. A total of £103 million has been set aside for the new scheme, which will be distributed as investment packages for individual projects. The fund will seek to leverage additional finance from other sources, and will be designed to have a legacy for many years to come as the money is repaid and reinvested. No minimum or maximum deal values are stipulated. For Marine Renewable Energy investments, deal sizes are expected to be in the order of several millions, whereas for community owned renewable investments deals could be as small as a £100,000 or less. The Fund is open to applications from businesses and community organisations operating in Scotland.

**Applications may be submitted at any time**

31. Plug-in Van Grant

The aim of the scheme is to reduce the cost of eligible electric, plug-in hybrid and hydrogen vans. The grant is part of a wider initiative – also including the development of low-emission vehicle technologies, establishment of a service infrastructure and provision of charging stations for electric vehicles – to promote the uptake of next generation, ultra-low emission vehicle technologies. By stimulating the uptake of electric, plug-in hybrid and hydrogen powered vehicles, the grant will contribute to reducing carbon and pollution emissions by road vehicles, helping to meet national targets for carbon reduction, and decrease the future manufacturing and purchase cost of ultra-low emission vehicles.

**Applications may be made at any time**
http://www.dft.gov.uk/topics/sustainable/olev/plug-in-van-grant

32. 10m for Innovative Energy Efficient Technologies for Buildings

The Government has announced the 2nd funding round of its £10 million, Invest in Innovative Refurb competition. The aim of the competition is to show how innovative technologies and processes can be used to make significant energy savings in non domestic buildings such as schools, shops, offices and hotels. Through the competition, building owners or occupiers, working with technology suppliers, will be invited to submit proposals to introduce innovative energy efficient technologies that can achieve significant energy savings and reductions in CO2 emissions. The competition will consist of two phases. The first is the design phase, from
which projects will be selected for the second delivery phase. Contracts in the first design phase will be up to £20,000 and in the second delivery phase £100,000 - £1m.

**Deadline:** for registration 21st November 2012. **Deadline:** for applications 28th November 2012

http://www.innovateuk.org/content/competition/invest-in-innovative-refurb.ashx

### 33. Launch of £3 Million Fund for Energy Storage, Research and Feasibility Innovation

Through this new scheme, organisations are invited to bid for grants to fund research, development and feasibility studies of grid-scale energy storage systems and their components. Funding is being provided to support:

- Component level research for storage technologies to improve particular components or materials within an energy storage system which could be deployed to meet grid-scale storage needs in the UK electricity network.
- Development and demonstration of technologies needed to enable deployment and integration of energy storage systems into the UK electricity network.
- System level feasibility studies to investigate deployment issues and operational aspects of electricity storage systems, including integration of storage systems into the UK electricity network.

The total capital budget for the scheme is up to £3 million. Grant awards for small-scale component research and development projects or feasibility studies are expected to be in the range of £200,000 to £1 million. Only capital funding is available and as such the funding may only be spent on expenses consistent with that definition. Individual private sector businesses or research organisations that are either legal entities or those operating through a collaborative agreement may apply. The Department of Energy & Climate Change welcomes individual applications as well as collaborative bids.

**Deadline:** 6th December 2012  
http://www.decc.gov.uk/

### 34. Innovation in Oil and Gas - Project Funding

According to the Scottish Government, one of the most significant challenges currently facing the oil and gas industry is ensuring the safe operation of ageing assets. Of the 6,700 oil and gas platforms currently active throughout the world, approximately 30% have been in operation for more than 20 years, with some now conducting business which falls outside the remit of their original design specifications. Increasing investment in the oil and gas sector is a key component of the Scottish Government’s Oil and Gas strategy, developed in conjunction with industry and published in 2012. This programme’s first Call is for projects looking at improving the integrity and reliability of assets in the oil and gas industry.

**Deadline:** 16th November 2012  

### 35. Greener Homes Innovation Scheme

The Greener Homes Innovation Scheme aims to deliver hundreds of eco-friendly homes and bring down heating bills for residents and owners of premises across Scotland. The scheme will support projects that meet the objectives of the Scottish Government's Sustainable Housing Strategy, which are as follows:

- To invest in greener technologies, modern methods of construction and modern materials by applying them to new-build homes and retrofitting them to existing homes in Scotland.
- To boost economic growth by supporting larger-scale projects, skill development and business opportunities.
- To modernise and invigorate house building in Scotland and reduce carbon emissions in housing.
- To reduce the impact of energy prices on households and the number living in fuel poverty.

**Deadline:** 20th December 2012  
http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/BuiltEnvironment/Housing/sustainable/largescale

### 36. VAF Community Grant

Voluntary Action Fund's popular small community grant programme has been extended to the end of March 2013. Aimed at Scotland's smaller community groups and voluntary organisations, the Community Grant provides grants of up to £1,000 and free training to groups with an annual income under £25,000. These small, volunteer-led community groups make a vital difference to their communities. Their activities keep communities
vibrant and encourage community empowerment and participation. They provide essential local services and contribute to social capital, resilience and wellbeing.

**Deadline: 14th January 2013** http://www.voluntaryactionfund.org.uk/5,1356/grants/community_grants/

### 37. The VOLANT Charitable Trust
The Scottish Community Foundation works with The VOLANT Charitable Trust, to make awards of up to £10,000 per annum on its behalf to charities and community groups in Scotland. The application process - from start to end - will be managed by the Scottish Community Foundation, and all enquiries should be directed to them. Please note that there is limited funding available. The VOLANT Charitable Trust, through the Scottish Community Foundation, will provide awards of up to £10,000 per year. The fund’s primary focus is to support women, children and young people who are at risk and facing social deprivation. Projects which tackle serious issues and help people to turn their lives around are given priority. There is limited funding available, so only those projects that closely match the above criteria are likely to be considered for support. Projects must demonstrate a strong focus on supporting women affected by hardship or disadvantage and on tackling the issues they face in order to make a lasting difference to their lives and life chances. For all applications up to £10,000 p.a you should send us an outline of your project in the first instance, using this [enquiry form](mailto:grants@scottishcf.org). This should be completed and emailed to grants@scottishcf.org or posted to us

**Applications can be made at any time.**
http://www.scottishcf.org/resources/funds/view/66/volant-charitable-trust/?from=V/1

### 38. Santander Foundation Launches Community Plus Fund
The Santander Foundation has launched a new £1.23 million fund. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to help with specific costs, such as the cost of salaries, equipment or materials, for projects that directly benefit disadvantaged people within the UK. The scheme is open to small local UK registered charities. National charities can also apply for local projects.

**Nomination forms may be submitted at any time** http://www.santanderfoundation.org.uk/

### 39. 2013 Starter for 6 Main Programme - Now Open to Applications
The Starter for 6 Main Programme is now open to applications for its 2013 round. This is an enterprise training programme that supports up-and-coming creative entrepreneurs across Scotland. It aims to turn creative ideas into successful businesses, thereby contributing towards the success of the Scottish economy and raising the awareness and profile of talented entrepreneurs throughout the country. The programme is weighted towards business ideas that come from across the creative industry sectors and that are genuinely pushing business boundaries in terms of creativity, innovation, design, new markets and product developments. Applications are welcomed from Scottish entrepreneurs over 16 years of age, who can put forward a new idea, product, service or experience that does not already exist, or at least an innovative spin on anything that does already exist. Support provided to successful applicants includes enterprise training sessions, peer mentoring from previous Starter for 6 participants, telephone coaching support, the opportunity to network and share ideas with like-minded entrepreneurs in training sessions and events and the opportunity to pitch for up to a maximum of £10,000 of grant funding at the end of the training programme.

**Deadline: 10th December 2012** http://www.culturalenterpriseoffice.co.uk/

### 40. Self Management Impact Fund for Scotland
Launched in 2009, the initial Self Management Fund allowed the sponsor to take forward the ‘Gaun Yersel’: The Self Management Strategy for Long-Term Conditions in Scotland. The aim of this strategy and hence the Fund is: "to stimulate change across Scotland so that people with long-term conditions have access to the support they need to successfully manage their lives". Alliance Scotland believes self management can be described as the successful outcome achieved for any person where all appropriate individuals and services work together to support him or her to deal with the very real implications of living the rest of their life with one or more long-term conditions. The Self Management Fund is available to voluntary organisations and community groups throughout Scotland to support work to encourage people living with long-term conditions to learn more about the management of their condition, and to become active partners in their own care. The Self Management Fund will encourage good practice to be shared and innovative approaches to be developed. Alliance Scotland works with those organisations that will receive funding to capture learning gained through the projects and share this widely across Scotland. Launched in October 2012, the Self Management IMPACT Fund has been designed to build
upon the impact of the projects supported under the initial Fund. £6 million is available to support projects able to demonstrate an impact on the self management agenda over the next three years.

**Deadline; 14th December 2012**

41. **Peoples Health Trust Active Communities Programme**
The Peoples Health Trust has announced the launch of its new Active Communities funding programme. Under Active Communities, local charities and community groups can apply for grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 to address health inequalities. The Active Communities Funding Programme aims to close the gap between those communities which experience the worst health in England, Scotland and Wales and the majority of the population.

**Deadline: 26th November 2012**
http://www.peopleshealthtrust.org.uk/index.php/apply-for-funding/active-communities-programme

42. **Healthy Hearts Grants**
Heart Research UK has announced the next funding round under its Healthy Heart Grants Scheme will open early January 2013. Healthy Heart Grants support innovative projects designed to promote heart health and to prevent or reduce the risks of heart disease in specific groups or communities. Grants of up to £10,000 are available to community groups, voluntary organisations and researchers who are spreading the healthy heart message. The types of projects supported in the past have included: Watford and District YMCA which received funding to work with local schools to encourage children to make healthy lifestyle choices through games and activities; and the Foresight Project in Grimsby which encourages visually impaired people to take regular exercise using tandem bicycles.

There are two applications rounds per year. Applications are only accepted during January and February for the May round of grants.

**Deadline: 28th February 2013**
http://www.heartresearch.org.uk/grants/healthyheartgrant

43. **Argyll & Bute Carers Network**
This fund is being managed by Argyll & Bute Carers’ Network to benefit carers and the people they care for. A carer provides unpaid care to a family member, partner, relative or friend of any age who needs help to manage a long term condition, disability, physical or mental health problem or addiction.

For more information contact tricia.carers@hotmail.co.uk or tel - 07788 501426

Applications can be made at any time. www.abcn.org.uk

44. **Shared Care Scotland**
This is a Scottish Government funded scheme to improve the provision of, and access to, quality short breaks for disabled children and their families, especially where children and young people have multiple support needs. Better Breaks provides grants to third sector organisations working in Scotland to develop additional, responsive and creative short break opportunities for disabled children, young people and their families.

**Deadline: 12th December 2012**

45. **Carers Programme Opens for Applications**
The Carers Trust has announced the launch of the second funding round for the Young Carers Can Programme. The programme is open to any Third Sector/not for profit organisation that wishes to provide support activities for young carers across the UK. Grants of up to £2,500 are available to provide fun, social and structured activities that will improve well-being and aspiration, through tackling social exclusion and improving the self-esteem of young carers living in their local area.

**Deadline: 9th November 2012**
http://professionals.carers.org/young-carers/articles/young-carers-can,7142,PR.html

46. **Help the Homeless**
Help the Homeless, a national Charity which aims to help homeless people throughout the United Kingdom to resume a normal life, is currently accepting applications from small and medium sized charities and voluntary organisations. Grants of up to £3,000 are available towards capital costs to support projects that assist disadvantaged individuals in their return to mainstream society, through residential or training facilities. Grants to
larger charities may be considered if the project is suitable innovative and only possible for a larger organisation to develop it.


47. **UK German Challenge Fund**
Primary, secondary schools and FE colleges as well as youth groups in the UK and Germany are able to apply for funding support through the UK – German Challenge Fund. This aim of the fund to develop curricular and extra-curricular projects between UK and German schools and youth groups. Grants provided through the UK-German Challenge Fund cover project costs, joint activities and reciprocal partner visits. The total amount of grant provided will be judged on a case-by-case basis, depending on the size, circumstances and numbers involved in the individual projects. The Challenge Fund provides grants of normally 50% towards the overall costs; in exceptional circumstances, the grant can cover up to a maximum of 75% of the total costs. Grants are available for both large and small projects and the amount can be to anything up to £5,000.


48. **Funding for European Study Visits for Education Professionals**
The study visits give education and training professionals the opportunity to visit one of 31 countries. Each visit is organised around specific themes. Examples of themes range from effective language teaching in primary schools, use of ICT in pre-primary and integrating and providing quality education for migrant families. A study visit usually includes presentations and on-site visits to places such as educational and training institutions, ministries and training sites. They provide a forum for discussion, exchange and learning on themes of common interest and on European and national priorities. In order to participate in the programme applicants need to show that they have a decision-making or senior specialist role within their organisation. This can include head teachers, deputy head teachers and heads of departments. If your application is successful you will receive a grant towards the cost of your travel and subsistence. The average grant for UK participants for the 2011-2012 academic year was 1500 euro.

**Deadline: 28th March 2013** [http://www.transversal.org.uk/page.asp?section=0001000100430001&sectionTitle=Participate+in+a+Study+Visit](http://www.transversal.org.uk/page.asp?section=0001000100430001&sectionTitle=Participate+in+a+Study+Visit)

49. **Starter Grants for Clinical Lecturers - First 2013 Deadline Announced**
This scheme provides modest 'start up' funds to enable clinical lecturers in the UK to pursue their research work. The first 2013 deadline has been confirmed as 4 March 2013. The aim of this scheme is to provide modest ‘start up’ funds to enable clinical lecturers in the UK to pursue their research work, gather preliminary data and further strengthen their applications for longer-term fellowships and funding. A maximum grant of £30,000 is available, spanning a period of one or two years. The grant can support new and directly incurred research costs such as consumables and equipment. It can also be used to contribute towards necessary technical support that is available within an applicant's institution. The scheme will fund research work of only the very highest quality and where it is clearly demonstrated that the findings will inform the applicant's future career aspirations and bids for larger-scale fellowships. Clinicians in the UK who have obtained an MD or PhD, and who currently hold a 'research active' clinical lectureship post, are eligible to apply.

**Deadline: 4th March 2013** [http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/](http://www.acmedsci.ac.uk/)

50. **People's Postcode Trust**
The People's Postcode Trust has announced that its small grants programme is open for applications. Through the Postcode Trust grants are available to small organisations and community groups operating in the areas of; Poverty Prevention; Advancement of Health; Community Development; Public Sports; Human Rights; and Environmental Protection. Projects supported can last for up to 3 months. Organisations and charities can apply for one of two funding streams, Grants for £2,000 and under; and grants over £2,000.


51. **Community Radio Fund**
Telecom's Regulator Ofcom, has announced that the Community Radio Fund will open for applications on the 10th October 2012. Under the fund, Community Radio Stations can apply for funding to support their core running costs. These can include management costs; administration costs; fundraising to support the station; community outreach work; and the costs involved in using volunteers. There is no upper limit of grant that can be
applied for, however applicants are asked to take note of previous grants awarded for an indication of realistic award figures. Grants can only be made to community radio licensees which are broadcasting under a community radio licence (and not an RSL, for example).


52. **Funding for IT Projects Supporting Disadvantaged Groups**

Funding is available to organisations with innovative IT related project ideas that can make a positive difference to disadvantaged and vulnerable groups. The funding, which is available through the Nominet Trust, aims to fund innovative Internet projects that make a positive difference to the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people. The Trust is particularly interested in funding projects that can be scaled up and replicated. There is no minimum grant application and applications for over £100,000 require an interview. Organisations wishing to apply, need initially to complete and online application form. Those organisations deemed successful will be invited to complete the Stage 2 application form. Previously projects supported through the Trust include Pottery Primary School, Belper, which received funding towards the costs of printed material to raise awareness to parents, children and the community of internet risks and safety measures; and Learning for the 4th Age, which received funding to increase the use of IT in care homes to benefit elderly residents and young volunteers alike.

**Deadline:** 12th December 2012 [http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/](http://www.nominettrust.org.uk/)

53. **Prototype Fund Re-Opens for Applications**

Abertay University in Scotland has announced the next funding round of its Prototype fund. Grants of up to £25,000 are available to small companies (based anywhere in the UK) that are developing their own games or other forms of interactive digital content. The aim of the fund is to foster economic growth, facilitate job creation, and improve skills development in the sector. Larger companies can also get involved in a commissioning role, providing an attractive route-to-market for a grant-funded smaller company. The grants are to be used to develop prototypes of original intellectual property, allowing companies to go on to seek further funding or investment to launch their product. Talented graduates and students will be provided with paid work experience on grant funded projects.

**Deadline:** 11th December 2012 [http://prototypefund.abertay.ac.uk/](http://prototypefund.abertay.ac.uk/)

54. **Aspiring Entrepreneurs Helped to Kick-Start New Businesses**

The Government has announced the expansion of the New Enterprise Scheme. The scheme provides support, including financial support to people on job seekers allowance (JSA) that wish to start their own business. People will now have instant access to support when they claim Jobseekers Allowance, ending the six month long wait people have to currently spend on benefits before they qualify for start-up money. People will be able to start working with a business mentor from their first day on JSA, instead of having to wait for three months. Those who produce a viable business plan will be able to get funding straight away. Currently jobseekers must wait six months for the financial support, which is worth more than £1,000 over six months to help with start-up costs.

**Applications may be made at any time**

55. **Intellectual Property Office Fast Forward Competition - 2013 Round Open**

The Intellectual Property Office has launched the 2013 round of the Fast Forward Competition, with a £750,000 fund on offer for projects to develop innovative best practice in the treatment of Intellectual Property relating to Knowledge Transfer. The Competition will award funding for innovative projects that further best practice in Intellectual Property management within the Knowledge Transfer process - with awards of between £10,000 and £100,000 on offer for projects undertaken by HEIs or PSREs in the UK that set, test, develop or embed best practice in the sector. The intended outcomes of the competition are to support innovative activities that:

- Improve management of Intellectual Property (IP) and knowledge exchange.
- Would not normally attract funding from within an institution.
- Place technology transfer activities in an institution on a sustainable long term footing, or that would not be viable without an element of external funding.
- Demonstrate a clear benefit to the institution and the wider higher education community to learn from the process and outcomes of the project.
Proposals are invited from higher education institutions, public sector research establishments and consortia. 

56. Emerging Talent Scholarship Scheme - 2013 Scholarships Open to Applications
The Emerging Talent Scholarship Scheme is a programme run by the Hospitality Industry Trust (HIT); a Scotland based charity which raises funds to support and encourage excellence in the hospitality industry. The scheme offers a number of local, national and international placements for Scottish individuals in the hospitality industry to update their skills, enhance their personal development and bring fresh ideas back to Scottish businesses in order to remain at the forefront of international innovations. The following scholarships are available to ambitious and talented individuals operating in the industry in 2013:

- Cornell Scholarship
- ILS Module Scholarship
- Lausanne (Executive) Scholarship
- Dubai Scholarship
- Disney Scholarship
- Advanced Revenue Scholarship
- Lausanne (Management) Scholarship
- ILM Level 4 Scholarship
- Introduction to Revenue Scholarship
- Outward Bound Leadership Scholarship
- Entrepreneurial Scholarship
- Green Tourism Scholarship
- Frank Mullen (bespoke) Scholarship
- Craft Scholarship
- Experience Scholarship

Specifically, HIT Scotland aims to award such scholarships to individuals who:
- Have already started their career in hospitality, leisure, tourism, travel and catering across Scotland, and who are showing promise in their current role and are ready to take the next step in their career; or
- Are nearing completion of a further or higher education course relating to the industry.

Deadline: 30th November 2012 http://www.hitscotland.co.uk/

57. New Fund for Scotland’s Entrepreneurs
Scottish Enterprise has announced the launch of a new £1 million fund to support and encourage entrepreneurial activity in Scotland. The Scottish EDGE fund is for ambitious entrepreneurs who wish to set up or grow their business. The businesses which show the most potential could win awards of up to £50,000. Winners will also receive a package of support from the Royal Bank of Scotland which may include free banking, security advice, or mentoring support. Further support in the form of investment or innovation advice will also be provided where appropriate. The fund is open to small, young Scottish businesses which have the potential to achieve or increase sales by £400,000 over three years (or £200,000 in the Highlands and Islands region) and which also have the potential to create new jobs.

Deadline: 23rd November 2012

58. PROGRESS - Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity
PROGRESS is the EU’s employment and social solidarity programme. It was established to support the implementation of the objectives of the European Union in employment, social affairs and equal opportunities, as set out in the Social Agenda. It also contributes to the achievement of the EU ‘Lisbon’ Growth and Jobs Strategy and the new Europe 2020 strategy. In January 2011, the administration of the Programme was divided between the DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion and the DG Justice (PROGRESS - Combating Discrimination and Promoting Equality), as follows:

DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- Employment
- Social protection and social inclusion
- Working conditions

DG Justice
- Non-discrimination
- Gender equality

The programme has the following general objectives:
- To improve the knowledge and understanding of the situation prevailing in the Member States (and in other participating countries) through analysis, evaluation and close monitoring of policies.
- To support the development of statistical tools and methods and common indicators where possible broken down by gender and age group in the areas covered by the programme.
To support and monitor the implementation of Community law, where applicable, and policy objectives in the Member States, and assess their effectiveness and impact.

To promote networking, mutual learning, and identification and dissemination of good practice and innovative approaches at EU level.

To enhance the awareness of the stakeholders and the general public about the EU policies and objectives pursued under each of the sections.

To boost the capacity of key EU networks to promote, support and further develop EU policies and objectives, where applicable.

**Deadline: 15 February 2013**

http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=630&langId=en&callId=367&furtherCalls=yes

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### Youth in Action

Youth in Action is a European Programme which supports activities relating to young people. The Youth for Europe strand encourages young people’s active participation and citizenship. The Youth for Europe strand has three main elements:

- **Youth Exchanges**
- **Youth Initiatives**
- **Youth Democracy Activities**

There is a rolling timetable for applications to Youth for Europe and more information can be found at [http://www.britishcouncil.org/youthinaction-about-youth-in-action.htm](http://www.britishcouncil.org/youthinaction-about-youth-in-action.htm)

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### Seventh Research Framework Programme (FP7)

The Seventh Framework Programme supports research-related activities under a common Programme focusing on the goals of growth, competitiveness and employment. The Broad objectives of FP7 have been grouped into 4 categories which are as follows: **Cooperation, Ideas, People and Capacities**. More information on the FP7 including themes and deadlines can be found at [www.cordis.europa.eu/fp7](http://www.cordis.europa.eu/fp7)

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### Integrated Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP)

The Lifelong Learning Programme supports projects that contribute to the development of the European Community as an advanced knowledge-based society. The LLP comprises the following six strands: **Adult Education, School Education, Higher Education, Vocational Education, Transversal Programme, European Integration**. The 2013 call for proposals was recently published. Details of eligible projects and deadlines can be found at [http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc78_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-programme/doc78_en.htm)

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### Culture Programme 2007-2013

The European Cultural Programme supports a range of cultural activities that promote European cooperation and the development of a shared European cultural identity. The 2013 call for proposals has now been published. Details of funding strands and deadlines can be found at: [http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/programme/about_culture_en.php](http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/culture/programme/about_culture_en.php)

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**Winners of the Health and Social Care Alliance Scotland (the ALLIANCE) Self Management Award in the category of Self Management Project of the Year.**

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