

BEDS-SPREAD

June 2009

Funding Fayre Edition

Welcome to this special edition of **Beds-Spread** to mark the Bedfordshire's biggest-ever Funding Fayre for voluntary and community groups. The Fayre takes place on Wednesday 17th June at Bedford Corn Exchange and has attracted an array of funders, together with the largest audience for such an event in the county.

This special edition contains details of those funders attending, along with details of fresh funding streams, plus a few snippets of other information.

Please remember that we are here all year round to assist with your organisation's search for funding.



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Local Funders at the Funding Fayre

The Bedford Charity



The Bedford Charity (also known as **The Harpur Trust**) is one of the 200 largest charities in the UK. It funds voluntary and community groups that either promote education, the relief of those who are sick or in need, or those in hardship or distress; it will also fund groups which provide recreational facilities

with a social welfare purpose within the Borough of Bedford (which includes the whole of North Bedfordshire). Each year the responsive grants programme distributes £500,000 and since 2005 they have also distributed funding through additional themed grants programmes that include 'Excellence in Education', 'Homelessness' and 'Child and Adolescent Mental Health'. The Charity welcomes organisations contacting them for informal guidance on the grant-giving programmes, the application process and timescales. There is a two-stage application process. Forms and detailed guidance notes are available from the Charity and can be downloaded from their website. Applications can be submitted online via the website. Contact **Lucy Bardner** on **01234 369500** or Email grants@harpurtrust.org.uk. Website www.bedfordcharity.org.uk

Bedfordshire and Luton Community Foundation

Beds and Luton Community Foundation raises funds to give local communities an improved quality of life by supporting a wide range of projects for the benefit of local people. At the moment locally it is handling the **Grassroots Grants** on behalf of Government and this provides small grants to local voluntary groups up to 2011. The aim of the scheme is to increase immediate grant funding and capacity building support to small voluntary groups throughout the area, enabling them to continue or expand their work. Grants of up to £5000 are available in total up to 2011, providing the group meets their funding criteria. To find out more contact **Mark West** on **01767 626459** or email administrator@blcf.org.uk. Website: www.blcf.org.uk/grants/grassrootsgiants.php. Application deadlines: June 29th, August 31st and October 26th.



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The Big Lottery



The Big Lottery (www.biglotteryfund.org.uk) is one of the biggest funders in the UK. It offers an array of different funds to voluntary and community groups that include:

Awards for All: Grants of between £300 and £10,000 to help improve local communities and the lives of people in need. Website: www.awardsforall.org.uk

Reaching Communities: Grants of between £10,000 and £500,000 to respond to the needs identified by communities.

NEW! **The Secret Millionaire Fund:** Grants of between £300 and £10,000. **The Big Lottery Fund** and the **Channel 4** programme 'The Secret Millionaire' have teamed up to give viewers of the programme a chance to act on the charitable inspiration fuelled by the show. On the **Secret Millionaire** website (at http://secretmillionaire.channel4.com/fund_info.shtml) you can nominate a community project and the **Big Lottery** will then contact the organisation to see if it is eligible to apply for this small grants scheme and send out the relevant information. You can also apply directly, if you have an idea for a project that can bring real improvements to the lives of communities, and can pass a simple eligibility test. **The Secret Millionaire** website will be live until 21st December 2009. If your application to **The Secret Millionaire Fund** is successful, **Channel 4** might choose you to film a clip that will appear on the **Secret Millionaire** website and possibly in future editions of **The Secret Millionaire**.

Children in Need

This grant programme is open to organisations working with disadvantaged children and young people who are 18 years old and under. Your organisation and project must be based in the UK and you need to be a registered charity or other not-for-profit organisation. The next general grant deadlines are 15th July and 15th October. In

addition **Children in Need** have just launched a new grants programme, **Fun and Friendship**, which focuses on disabled young people aged 12 - 18 years old. **Children in Need** are looking to fund groups that can provide opportunities for friendship, and identify and address the barriers young people face as teenagers grow up, such as a lack of opportunities to socialise that lead to feelings of loneliness and isolation. **BBC Children in Need** intends to award up to 12 three-year grants of up to £300,000 each. The deadline for applications is 31st July 2009 and projects can apply online at www.bbc.co.uk/pudsey/grants/funandfriendship.shtml



Heritage Lottery

The **Heritage Lottery Fund** sustains and transforms our heritage, from museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions. Their current grant programmes include:

Your Heritage (grants of between £3,000 and £50,000)

Young Roots (grants of between £3,000 and £25,000 for young people celebrating heritage)

Townscape Heritage Initiative (grants of between £500,000 and £2,000,000 that help communities to regenerate the historic parts of their towns and cities)

Parks for People (grants of between £250,000 and £5million for projects involving urban or rural green spaces designed for informal recreation and enjoyment)

For more information visit www.hlf.org.uk

Download the Updated Fundraising Toolkit



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Landfill Tax Credit Scheme Funders



WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Limited)

Grants are available in Bedfordshire from the landfill tax money of the environmental body **WREN**. If your project is near to their Stewartby landfill site or their transfer station in Luton, then you may be eligible. The grants made under the **Landfill Tax Credit Scheme** look to improve community life by enhancing existing facilities as well as providing new facilities.

There current schemes are as follows:

Small Grant Scheme - Funding applications between £2,000 and £15,000 will be considered with the total project cost under £50,000.

WREN Grant Scheme - The **WREN Grant Scheme** offers funding of between £2,000 and £50,000 to projects which fall within **WREN** policy and the **Landfill Communities Fund**.

Biodiversity Action Fund - The **WREN Biodiversity Action Fund** provides funding of between £75,000 and £250,000 to deliver biodiversity improvement projects

Contact details: **Emma Brooks**. Telephone **01234 772370**. Email: emma.brooks@wren.org.uk. Website: www.wren.org.uk

Biffaward

Biffaward is the other notable landfill tax credit funder that provides funding for organisations in Bedfordshire. It operates the following funding schemes:



Main Grants (Community) - £5,000 to £50,000 for projects that provide and improve community facilities

Main Grants (Biodiversity) - £5,000 to £50,000 for projects that conserve wildlife species and habitats

Local contact details: **Sue Norman, Beds Rural Communities Charity**. Telephone: **01234 832614**. Email: suen@bedsrcc.org.uk. Check www.biffaward.org for eligibility

Launch of Consortico Limited



The Funding Fayre will see the launch of **Consortico Limited**, a company limited by guarantee, wholly-owned by its member organisations. Its primary purpose is to identify public service contract opportunities, secure and then deliver them through sub-contract arrangements with its members. It is a 'sector three' (all types of not-for-profit organisations) consortium response to the larger and more complex contract opportunities that are now being offered by government agencies, contract opportunities that would otherwise not be accessible to smaller-to-medium-sized 'charities'.

Please visit the **Consortico Limited** stand at the Funding Fayre to explore how the **Consortico Limited** consortium works and could benefit your organisation or contact them directly on info@consortico.com



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Training Opportunities

An Introduction to Sustainable Funding

Tuesday 7th July 2009 - 9.45am to 4.00pm - at Corn Exchange, Bedford - £20 per delegate

This workshop will enable your group to adopt a sustainable funding mix through gaining an understanding income diversification and considering generating income through contractual work and trading goods and services.

We also have places on the following workshops:

- **Considering Incorporation** - 24th June 2009
- **Monitoring and Evaluation** - 2nd July 2009



Contact: **Jan Warnier** on **01234 354366** or email jan@yourcvs.org to book your place

Pandemic Flu - Information for the Voluntary and Community Sector

Throughout this possible pandemic, third sector organisations may receive additional requests for help, particularly from health and social care partners, who need to be freed up to provide critical care. You may wish to consider how your services or activities may be utilised, enhanced or expanded to help, and what support volunteers and staff may need to take on new, enhanced or expanded roles.

If your organisation wishes to assist with the possible pandemic you should contact your local authority's Emergency Planning Office. Organisations in Bedfordshire and Luton should contact **Mark Conway**, Emergency Planning Officer at **Central Bedfordshire Council** via email mark.conway@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk or telephone **0300 300 4439**.

A useful leaflet entitled '**Disasters and Emergencies – How you can help in Bedfordshire**' has been produced by the **Bedfordshire and Luton Emergency Volunteers Executive Committee (BLEVEC)**. The role of **BLEVEC** is to co-ordinate local co-operation between local authorities, voluntary organisations and community groups, during disaster and emergency situations. The leaflet provides brief information about becoming a volunteer to assist with tasks and activities during an emergency, and the support a volunteer would receive while doing so and who to contact. You can download this leaflet and other related literature from www.yourcvs.org.

In order to help you access the most appropriate information for you and your organisation as easily as possible, here are a few useful links:

Directgov (www.direct.gov.uk/swineflu) - the primary government website for essential cross-government swine flu messages

NHS Choices (www.nhs.uk) - the primary public-facing health information and advice service

Department of Health website (www.dh.gov.uk) - the home of content relating to health and care professionals

Business Link (www.businesslink.gov.uk/swineflu) the home of business-related information

A swine flu information line has also been set up on **0800 1 513 513**

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