

# Funding News

## October 2008

### **Mind – Ecominds Programme Open for Applications (England)**

The Ecominds Programme has £7.5 million to distribute to new and existing projects focusing on mental health and the environment over the next five years. The programme is run by Mind, as an awards partner of the Big Lottery Fund, and is now open for applications.

Ecominds aims to help people with direct experience of mental distress become involved in environmental projects that improve mental and physical health as well as communities. The kind of projects Ecominds are looking to fund are those which:

- Have a mental health and environmental perspective
- Encourage diversity and social inclusion
- Involve people with direct experience of mental distress
- Demonstrate a genuine need
- Deliver within a designated timeframe
- Provide outcomes and milestones which will contribute to the aims of the fund

Over the lifetime of the five year programme approximately 125 grants will be awarded, ranging in value of up to £250,000.

Ecominds will fund constituted groups seeking to develop environmental projects which involve people with direct experience of mental distress at all levels. They expect to fund projects that last for 12 to 18 months, but funding for up to three and a half years may be considered if applications are made in the early funding rounds.

Potential applicants must be able to meet the following criteria:

- Demonstrate a genuine need for the project
- Be able to develop a detailed financial plan, budget and cash flow to account for the money applied for
- Have the resources to plan, develop and manage the project
- Have the resources to compile basic legal documents
- Have the skills to manage the project, develop a detailed timeframe including milestones, and deliver the programmes outcomes

Application forms can be downloaded from the Ecominds website and once completed must be submitted by post.

For guidelines and further information visit:

[www.mind.org.uk/ecominds](http://www.mind.org.uk/ecominds)

Alternatively an application pack can be requested from the Changing

Spaces Advice Line:

Tel: 08453 671 671

## Allen Lane Foundation (UK)

The Allen Lane Foundation makes grants to small, not for profit, voluntary organisations whose work encourages unpopular groups to share in the life of the whole community. The Foundation aims to reduce isolation, stigma and discrimination, and prefers to support work that will make a lasting difference rather than simply easing symptoms or current problems.

The Foundation is interested in supporting work which benefits people in the following groups:

- Asylum seekers and refugees (but not groups working with a single nationality)
- Gay, lesbian, bi-sexual or transgender people
- Gypsies and travellers
- Offenders and ex-offenders
- Older people
- People from black and minority ethnic communities and migrant workers
- People experiencing mental health problems
- People experiencing violence or abuse

Grants of between £500 and £15,000 can be applied for, and can be in the form of one-off grants or awarded over two to three years. The Foundation will make grants for start-up, core or project costs.

The kinds of activities funded by the Foundation include:

- Provision of advice or information
- Advocacy
- Befriending or mentoring
- Social activities or drop-in sessions
- Practical work, such as gardening or recycling, which benefits both provider and recipient
- Mediation or conflict resolution
- Self-help groups

- Work aimed at combating stigma or discrimination
- Work developing practical alternatives to violence
- Arts activities where the primary purpose is therapeutic or social
- Strengthening the rights of particular groups and enabling their views and experience to be heard
- Research and education aimed at changing public attitudes or policy

The Foundation encourages potential applicants to visit the website and check the eligibility page before applying. Those who are still unsure about eligibility are welcome to contact the Foundation.

A written application of no more than four sides of A4, alongside a registration form and latest annual report and accounts needs to be submitted to the Foundation. Application guidelines are available on the Foundation website or further information can be requested by contacting the Foundation.

Applications can be made at any time and are processed throughout the year.

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[www.allenlane.org.uk](http://www.allenlane.org.uk)

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## **Baring Foundation Funding for Arts Organisations Working with Refugees (UK)**

**Open to:** Constituted, not-for-profit Arts organisations with an annual expenditure of at least £50,000 who are already working with refugees and asylum seekers

The Baring Foundation was set up in 1969 and has since given over £95 million in grants to charities and voluntary groups pursuing charitable purposes. The Foundation has specific grants programmes concerned with strengthening the voluntary sector, the arts and international development.

The strengthening the voluntary sector and international development programmes are currently closed until 2009, however the Arts Programme 2009 is now open for applications.

The Arts Programme 2009 supports Arts organisations that currently work with refugees, asylum seekers, migrants or host communities, who can demonstrate the impact their work is making on the quality of life and artistic practice of these individuals or communities.

Arts work supported by the Foundation may include:

- Facilitating the integration of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants into their host community
- Challenging media stereotypes
- Creating opportunities for education, training or employment in the arts or another field
- Otherwise improving the quality of life of refugees, asylum seekers or migrants

The Foundation awards grants for core costs to develop and/or sustain activity

that is proven to work. The Programme will **not** fund one-off projects or new programmes of work.

The size of grants that can be applied for varies depending upon the annual expenditure of the organisation in 2007/08:

- Organisations with an annual expenditure over £250,000 may apply for a maximum of £25,000 per year for three years
- Organisations with an annual expenditure between £150,000 and £250,000 may apply for a grant equivalent to 10% of that expenditure per year for three years
- Organisations with an annual expenditure of £50,000 to £150,000 may apply for a maximum of £15,000 per year for three years

To make an application to the Foundation the submission of an application form, either electronically or posted, alongside a postal submission of a written proposal is required.

The deadline for applications is **12<sup>th</sup> December 2008**. Applicants will be informed if they have been short listed by 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009, with interviews for short listed proposals being undertaken March/April 2009. Final decisions will be made and informed June 2009.

For further information visit:

[www.baringfoundation.org.uk](http://www.baringfoundation.org.uk)

Alternatively contact:

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# Church Urban Fund Seeks Applications Under Mustard Seed Programme (England)

**Open to:** Churches and faith based groups

The Church Urban Fund was set up in 1987 by the Church of England and has since invested more than £60 million in local faith based projects in the poorest areas of England.

The Fund supports local organisations working to tackle the effects of poverty in their communities, and projects which make a real difference to the lives of those around them. In particular, the Church Urban Fund supports projects that:

- Tackle major problems in their area, such as poverty, unemployment, disaffected youth, lack of community facilities, loneliness and isolation, or lack of adequate housing and homelessness
- Equip communities to address local needs and issues and encourage people to take control of their lives
- Empower the Church to take an active role in wider community development, particularly through inter-faith and ecumenical developments
- Are innovative, will make a practical impact and can develop partnerships with other agencies

The Church Urban Fund is currently seeking applications under its Mustard Seed Programme, which offers grants of up to £5,000 for development work. The Programme has been designed to enable groups to turn their ideas into action and aims to support the initiation,

development and formulation of ideas and opportunities in preparation for undertaking larger pieces of work.

Mustard Seed Grants will fund specific activities but can **not** be used for on-going revenue expenditure, deficit funding or retrospective spending.

Examples of projects funded through the Mustard Seed Programme include:

- Leaving Crime Programme in Shoreditch which works with women before and after their release from prison
- Open Hands in Coventry which provides residential accommodation to help recovering male alcoholics to live sober lives
- Memorial Baptist Church Plaistow to undertake a community audit to gather ideas for redeveloping the church for greater community use

Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and can be made by the submission of a simple application form.

For further information visit:

**[www.cuf.org.uk](http://www.cuf.org.uk)**

Alternatively contact your local diocesan co-ordinator:

**Newcastle:** The Reverend Pam Ingham  
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## Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Grant in Aid Funding Programme (UK)

**Open to:** Third Sector Organisations

Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC) has £2 million available per year for the next three financial years (to 2011/12) aimed at funding Third Sector Organisations.

The Grant in Aid Programme aims to build funding relationships with the third sector so that they play an increased role in public service delivery, particularly socially inclusive services for those who are hard to reach or who do not engage directly.

HMRC have identified key strategic outcomes for 2009/10 and expect bids to reflect at least one of the following strategic outcomes:

- Deliver holistic customer education, awareness and support for vulnerable groups resulting in an increased take up of HMRC products
- Deliver holistic customer education, awareness and support to vulnerable groups that improves customer understanding and engagement with their financial responsibilities resulting in a reduction in their debt
- Building the capacity of the wider Third Sector to deliver long term and ambitious work programmes resulting in more advisors able to offer enhanced advice on HMRC products and wider financial issues

Grants of between £20,000 and £250,000 are available to help with the

costs of activity contributing to HMRC key aims, outcomes and priorities. Funding can be awarded for up to three years and HMRC expect bids to fall into the following funding brackets:

- Up to £20,000 – locally based or smaller organisations
- Up to £80,000 – for more significant projects involving work on a wider geographical scale
- Up to £250,000 – for a major programme of work on a national scale

Applications for 2009/10 are subject to a two stage application process. The first stage will involve the completion of a pre-bid application which must be submitted by **12<sup>th</sup> November 2008** in order to be considered for assessment.

HMRC are hoping to give notifications of successful and unsuccessful bids in January 2009.

For further information and programme guidelines contact:

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## The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust (UK)

**Open to:** Charitable Organisations

The Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust award grants to charitable organisations in the United Kingdom and overseas.

The Trust welcome applications from projects within the following areas for the next three years:

**2008** – Music and the Arts  
Deadline for applications **1<sup>st</sup> June** and **1<sup>st</sup> November 2008**

**2009** – Community and Disability  
Deadline for applications **1<sup>st</sup> June** and **1<sup>st</sup> November 2009**

**2010** – Children, Youth and The Elderly  
Deadline for applications **1<sup>st</sup> June** and **1<sup>st</sup> November 2010**

The Trust encourages applications from organisations whose work falls into one of the above categories, however applications must only be submitted during the appropriate year.

Grants are usually between £1,000 and £10,000, with the majority being £5,000 or less, and tend to be awarded for one year only. The Trust prefers to support national organisations.

Examples of previous grants awarded by the Austin and Hope Pilkington Trust include:

- imagine £3,000 to enable the participation of children with special needs in international children's theatre festival
- Live Music Now! £1,000 to stage concerts in unusual venues such as old people's homes
- Mind £5,000 towards a resource centre providing advice and training for workers dealing with

- mental health in rural areas
- National Family Mediation Centre £5,000 for children support project

The Trust will **not** fund:

- Individuals
- Religious charities, including repair of church fabric
- Animal welfare and conservation

To apply for a grant from the Trust the submission of a written application is required. The Trust need to receive the following information to consider an application:

- An A4 summary of the project
- Any necessary supporting information – to be kept to a minimum
- A detailed budget for the project
- Most recent accounts and annual report

The Trustees meet twice a year, generally four to six weeks after submission deadlines. A list of successful charities will be posted on the Trust website as soon as possible after these meetings.

The next deadline is **1<sup>st</sup> November 2008** and is for the Music and Arts category.

For further information visit:  
[www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk](http://www.austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk)

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Email: [admin@austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk](mailto:admin@austin-hope-pilkington.org.uk)

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## The Volant Charitable Trust (No Geographical Restrictions)

**Open to:** Registered Charities

The Volant Charitable Trust was established in 2002 by Harry Potter author J K Rowling. The Trust supports purposes, objects or institutions regarded as charitable in law, without any geographic restriction.

The Trust places a particular emphasis on women and children, and when considering the award of grants apply the following guidelines and criteria:

- The principal objective is to support charitable organisations whose purpose is to alleviate poverty and social deprivation, with particular emphasis on children's and women's issues
- The Trustees are prepared to support a charity with regular annual payments, but only in exceptional circumstances would grants exceed three years
- Disaster appeals will be supported as and when appropriate
- Applications from individuals will **not** be supported

The Trust wish to highlight the awarding of grants is entirely within their discretion. In some circumstances the Trustees, if considered appropriate, may make awards which do not fall precisely within these guidelines.

To make an application to the Trust a completed application form, plus any supporting material, needs to be

submitted to the Trust by post. Application forms can be requested by writing to the Trust or can be downloaded from the website.

Acknowledgment of all applications received will be made, however no further contact will be made unless an application is successful. The Trustees meet in March and September to consider applications and successful applicants will be notified immediately after meetings have taken place.

For further information visit:

[www.volanttrust.com](http://www.volanttrust.com)

Alternatively contact:

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The Volant Charitable Trust  
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## Youth Solutions 08: Solving Youth issues with unique Solutions

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November: 10am – 2pm  
Middlesbrough FC Riverside Stadium**

- Experience a unique way of working with young people
- Gain real insight into youth-led service delivery
- Learn from concrete examples of young people already enabling services to meet the Aiming High objectives

For more information and to reserve your place visit [www.just4youth.com/youthsolutions08](http://www.just4youth.com/youthsolutions08)

Or phone 0800 0833731

## Successful Commissioning: Preparing Your Children's Service Tenders

The way in which local authorities commission children's services is changing. NCB are offering a new series of training courses to support voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations.

This two-day training course will enable you to enter the new commissioning process with confidence, equipped with the tools to understand what commissioners want and how you can deliver within the Every Child Matters (ECM) framework.

The training will help participants to:

- Identify the key skills, characteristics and standards that organisations need to demonstrate when responding to Pre-Qualification Questionnaires (PQQs), Expressions of Interest (EOIs) and commission tenders.
- Identify the evidence they will need to support their application within local commissioning arrangements.
- Provide a checklist for writing a successful commissioning tender.

This training provides the opportunity for participants to explore the commissioning requirements, as well as undertake practical exercises around commissioning applications. The course will also offer the chance to meet colleagues, exchange experiences and share knowledge with others working in the children's services field.

There are a number of reserved free places for voluntary and community sector organisations on each course. To be eligible, your organisation must have an annual turnover of less than £200,000 and no more than 5 paid employees (unpaid volunteers do not count as paid employees).

The training is designed for strategic managers and infrastructure support organisations that have a role in commissioning children, young people and family services. Training is suitable for organisations of all sizes, and will benefit voluntary and community sector (VCS) organisations, local authorities and other organisations involved in commissioning.

Please book your place online by visiting [www.vcsengage.org.uk](http://www.vcsengage.org.uk) or email [vcstraining@ncb.org.uk](mailto:vcstraining@ncb.org.uk)

If you do not have access to the internet, please call the NCB Training Team on 0207 843 6084 and we will make the booking for you.

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