

Funding Update

The information provided in the Funding Update is only intended as a guide. Please contact the funders direct to check for eligibility to the funds.

Throughout this update you will find links to external websites. Although we make every effort to ensure these links are accurate, up to date and relevant, Natural Resources Wales cannot take responsibility for pages maintained by external providers.

Latest Funding News...

Biofuel boost

The UK green fuels industry will take a significant step forward with the launch last month of a £25 million competition to build advanced biofuel plants. The Department for Transport funding is supported by significant private sector investment and will enable the construction of up to 3 demonstration biofuel plants, the first of their kind in the UK. The fuel produced by the chosen technology must show a minimum of 60% greenhouse gas emissions reductions compared with fossil fuels. Advanced biofuels are made from waste materials such as agricultural residues like straw, using complex processing techniques. They can produce a wide range of transport fuels for roads and aviation.

Sustaining Wales

Cynnal Cymru is this month set to launch 'The Sustain Wales Fund', a unique opportunity for any person or organisation to be part of the sustainable development solution. The Fund is fully covered by Cynnal Cymru's charitable status and will be run by an independent advisory committee. The Fund will be initially focussing on four areas concerned with sustainable development. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bkqes>

Hydrogen cars on the move

The arrival of hydrogen cars on UK roads is a step closer as the Business Minister Matthew Hancock announced up to £11 million of funding. Government and industry will prepare the UK for the roll-out of hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles (FCEVs). The £11 million investment will: help establish an initial network of up to 15 hydrogen refuelling stations by the end of 2015 and will include £2 million of funding for public sector hydrogen vehicles. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bkqet>

Green Growth Wales

Funding to encourage projects to make better use of Wales' natural resources has been announced by Welsh ministers. The Green Growth Wales fund, with an initial £5m, will back initiatives such as renewable energy and waste schemes that help cut carbon emissions. For further information go to: <http://digbig.com/5bkqer>

Funding for Village Hall from Biffaward

Old St Mellons Village Association, Cardiff has secured a £9,000 grant from Biffa Award; a multi-million pound fund that helps to build communities and transform lives through awarding grants to community and environmental projects across the UK, as part of the Landfill Communities Fund.



Guide to this Update

This Update is designed to provide you with a quick and easy source of reference to funding sources that support projects to sustain natural beauty, wildlife and the opportunity for outdoor enjoyment in Wales. Below is a key to the different priorities for funding that we look out for in our research. We hope that this provides you with an easily accessible 'at a glance' guide to what might be available for your particular project.

■ CS – The Countryside

■ AE – Access to the Environment

■ CV – Conservation

■ LS – Landscape

■ CE – Coastal Environment

■ WE – Wider Environment

■ SD – Sustainable Development

■ GH – Geological Heritage

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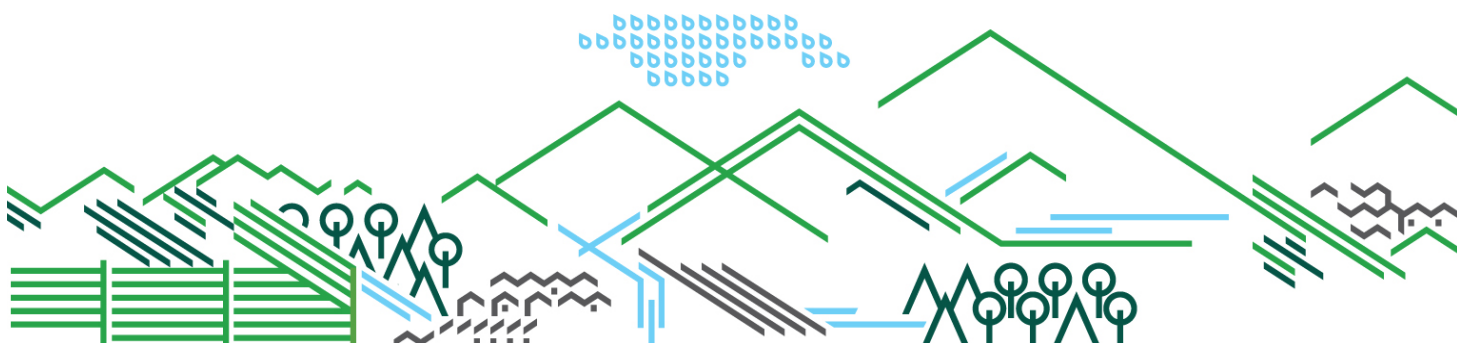
What's New?

BIG Lottery Fund – Community Asset Transfer Programme ■ WE ■ SD

The Big Lottery Fund has launched a second Community Asset Transfer Programme (CAT2) in Wales. The CAT2 programme will provide both capital and revenue funding to support the transfer of assets, such as land and buildings, from individuals, public or private sector organisations to community ownership. CAT2 programme will be delivered via two competitive funding rounds. Both rounds will be delivered via a two stage application process. Organisations will be required to complete a stage one application but will only be required to develop and submit a stage two application (a project plan and capital project delivery plan) if their stage one application is successful. Development grants are available to support the development of stage two applications. Grants of £300,000 - £1,150,000 are available and the total funding pot is £9M. Round 1 is now open for applications and the deadline is noon on **Wednesday 20 May 2015**

The Listed Places of Worship: Roof Repair Fund ■ WE

The Listed Places of Worship: Roof Repair Fund is for urgent repairs to public places of worship across the UK. It is intended to ensure historic places of worship can remain open for commemoration, services and other community functions and events. Grants are available from £10,000 to £100,000 to help meet the costs of urgent repairs to roofs (e.g. coverings, timbers, ceilings and vaults) and rainwater disposal systems (e.g. gutters, valleys, hoppers, downpipes, gullies, drains and soakaways). There is only one opportunity to apply. The closing date for applications is **12pm (noon) Friday 30 January 2015**. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bkqek>



Galaxy Hot Chocolate Fund ■ WE

The Fund is looking to help small, local community groups and charities across the UK and Ireland by donating cash awards to support warm hearted people and projects. The Fund will distribute five £300 awards to deserving recipients every week and is open for entries until **February 23rd 2015**. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bkqeq>

Competitions and 'one offs'

Advanced biofuels demonstration competition ■ CS ■ WE ■ SD

£25 million funding will be made available over 3 years. The competition will be run in 2 stages with a detailed expression of interest stage for potential bidders open until **13th February 2015**, followed by full proposals in June 2015. The competition expects plants backed by this funding to be operational by December 2018 and produce at least 1 million litres of biofuel a year. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bkqen>

Art Fund – Museum of the Year 2015

The Prize identifies the finest museums in the UK and awards £100,000 to the very best – the 2015 Museum of the Year. The judges will present the 2015 Prize to the museum or gallery that has best met some or all of the following criteria:

- Undertaken projects that will provide a lasting legacy or have a transformative effect on the museum.
- Demonstrated excellence, innovation and imagination.
- Brought its collections to life for audiences – engaging, inspiring and extending public understanding
- Delivered an original education and outreach programme.
- Clearly won the support and enthusiasm of its visitors and users.

The deadline for applications is 12 noon on **4th February 2015**. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bkqem>

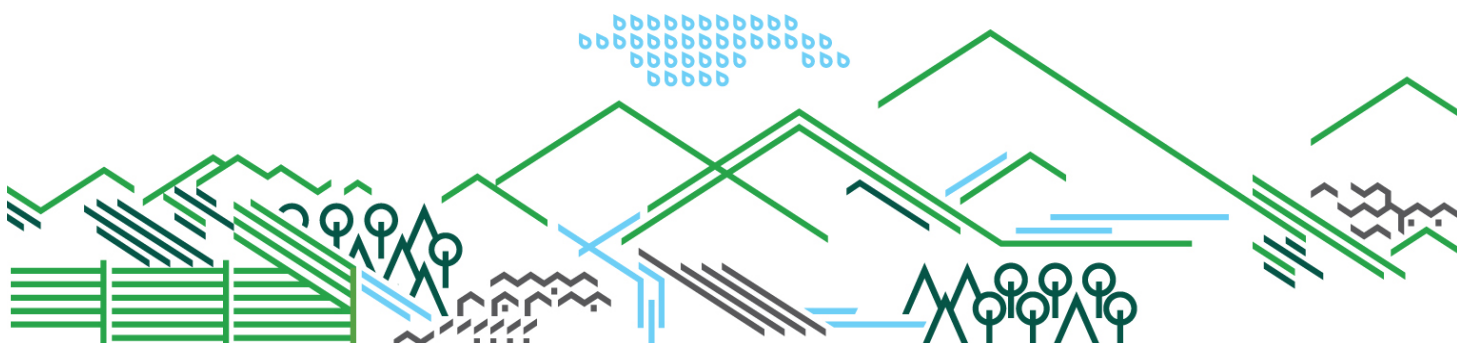
Guardian Sustainable Business Awards ■ SD

The Guardian Sustainable Business Awards recognise those businesses that are undertaking 'innovation and impact' in communicating sustainability and engaging with employees to make sustainability relevant for them and the wider society. The Awards also champion business commitment to the fundamental issues relating to sustainability – the environment, energy, recycling and the industrial supply chain and the achievements of consultants. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bkqep>

Charities, Trust funds and Foundations

Alice McCosh Trust ■ WE

The object of the Alice McCosh Trust is to advance education by providing or assisting with grants for work or study related to natural history and / or the environment. It is anticipated that the Trustees will award a grant in the region of £300 to £1000. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5besqt>



Arthur Rank Centre ■ SD

The Arthur Rank Centre is committed to supporting the rural community, and has set up the 'Computers for Rural People' scheme to provide computers at very low cost to encourage people to take the first step. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bfdng>

The Asda Foundation ■ WE

The Asda Foundation was set up in 1988 to support local good causes chosen by their staff, and is funded by profits from the mid-week national lottery. There are no specific priorities and each application is considered on its own merits. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bbrys>

The Ashden Awards ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ WE ■ SD

Established in 2001, the Ashden Awards are a globally recognised measure for excellence in the field of green energy. The deadline for the 2015 Awards has now passed, but you are now able to register for a 2016 award. Previous award winners are highlighted on the Awards' Website. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bkptn>

B&Q Waste Donation Scheme ■ WE ■ SD

Community groups, schools and charities may seek assistance from their local B&Q store through the B&Q waste donation scheme. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bgdtt>.

The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation ■ WE

The Foundation provides grants to registered charities only with most grants being for less than £10,000. The majority of grants are directed at assisting community projects, the disadvantaged and where there is a focus on environmental issues. Application is in writing to the Director only Applications are considered regularly. Contact details: The Bernard Sunley Charitable Foundation, 20 Berkeley Square, London, W13 6LH Tel: 020 7408 2198 Email: office@sunleyfoundation.com

The Brecon Beacons Trust ■ CS ■ CV ■ WE

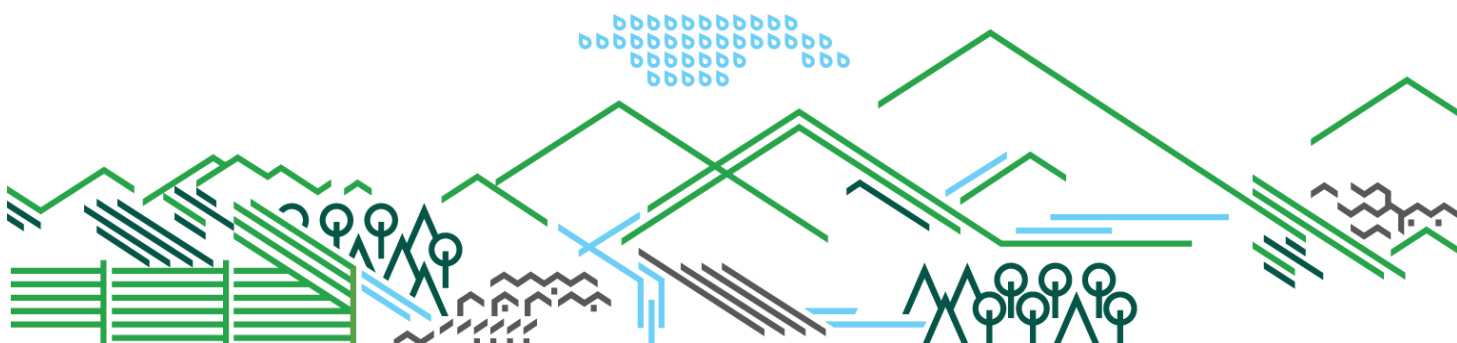
The Brecon Beacons Trust is a charitable company established to help people, communities and voluntary organisations achieve positive environmental conservation and enhancement **within the Brecon Beacons National Park**. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bacgk>

British Ecological Society (BES) ■ AE

The Society provides grants to promote excellent ecological research, help fund training and travel and to communicate the science of ecology as widely as possible. In recent years, over £300,000 per annum has been awarded through the various Society grants. The next grant deadline will be **midnight on Friday 27 March 2015**. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xnqj>

Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation ■ WE

The UK branch of the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation supports a small number of truly exceptional ideas and / or projects that contribute to meeting their identified objectives, one of which is concerned with the environment – the marine environment in particular. Grants are designed to support research and development activity and generally range between £10 - 30,000. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5benkk>



Canoeing Foundation ■ WE

The Canoeing Foundation is working to have a positive impact in five key areas: Young People, Equality, Facilities, International work and Heritage. Applications are invited that support groups, provide equipment which can be used by a range of individuals. The usual grant is up to £1,000. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhnnq>

Charles Hayward Foundation ■ WE

The Charles Hayward Foundation makes grants to registered charities only. Grant sizes are typically from £10,000 to £25,000. Emphasis is placed on funding projects that are developmental or innovative. One of the Foundation's areas of interest is the purchase of land (or reclamation of recently purchased land) to be used for nature reserves or inner-city gardens, parks etc. Another area of interest is industrial heritage. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bfdna>

The Chestnut Fund ■ CV

The Chestnut Fund is an independent charity, making grants available to encourage and enable community groups to carry out conservation activities. The grants are administered by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV). The grants fall into two categories: Start-up grants of up to £150 and Support Grants of up to up to £350. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bjdmr>

The Clothworkers' Foundation ■ WE

The Clothworkers' Foundation was set up by The Clothworkers' Company in 1977. It is the independent charitable arm for the Company's charitable work. Since its establishment, the Trust has made grants totalling £100M. The Foundation aims to improve the lives of people and communities, particularly those that face disadvantage. It seeks to achieve this by funding a range of capital projects which meet its grant eligibility criteria. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bfwts>

Coalfields Regeneration Trust ■ SD ■ WE

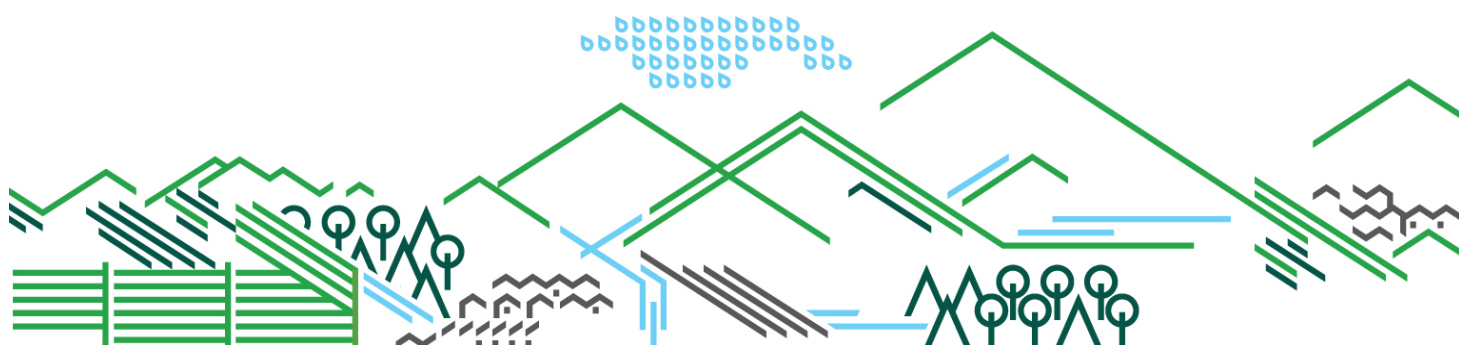
The Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) was established to improve the quality of life in Britain's coalfield communities. The aim of the Trust is to make coalfields sustainable, prosperous, viable and cohesive without support. *Note!* Competition for funding in Wales is high. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhqji>

Community Generation Fund ■ SD

The Community Generation Fund is a national fund created to provide a catalyst for the widespread development of community-owned renewable energy infrastructure. The Fund aims to provide access to capital at project stages or scales where funding is needed most but is not readily available. The fund is not a grant or "low / nil cost" scheme. The Fund will consider project sizes from 25kWp capacity upwards, subject to assessment of technical viability, financial viability and social impact. The level of project typically is likely to involve total feasibility / pre-planning costs of £20,000 - £150,000 maximum (depending on technology and scale) and construction costs of £250,000 - £2,000,000 maximum. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bftsji>

Country Land and Business Association (CLA) ■ CS ■ AE

The CLA Charitable Trust awards grants in the region of £2,500 for projects that seek to promote education about and improve access to the countryside, for disabled and disadvantaged people. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bjmaf>



CWM Community and Environmental Fund - Wales

The CWM Community and Environmental Fund enables CWM to work in partnership with GrantScape an enrolled Environmental Body to undertake projects which create significant environmental benefits and jobs as well as improving the lives of communities within **Carmarthenshire**. There are 2 funding rounds each year, and deadlines are usually in March and August. Grants will be awarded for amounts between £5,000 and £50,000. Specific funding criteria for the CWM Community and Environmental fund can be accessed on the Grantscape website: For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bkqeh>

D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust ■ WE

The D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust disburses grants of £500 - £5,000. Current grant priorities include; preservation of the countryside and its woodlands - with emphasis on the encouragement of voluntary work and active involvement in hands-on activities; protection of species within the United Kingdom and their habitats under threat or in decline. Charities wishing to apply for a grant should write to the Secretary with an outline proposal or telephone if guidance is required. Contact: Mrs Jane Thorne, Secretary, 1 Savoy Hill London WC2R 0BP Tel: 020 7420 2600

Dulverton Trust ■ CV ■ WE

The Community Foundation in Wales is now administrating minor grants on behalf of The Dulverton Trust which operates within the following main areas of activity: Youth Opportunities, General Welfare, Conservation and Preservation. Grants of £500 to £5000 will be awarded to small charities and organisations normally with an annual income of under £200,000. The next deadline has just passed! For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bjmag>

Edge Fund ■ WE ■ SD

Edge Fund seeks to support communities, campaign groups and activists struggling for social, economic and environmental justice, especially those who are facing discrimination and injustice or working for systemic change. The fund gives priority to small, unfunded groups. The types of activities that will be supported are: campaigning, research, awareness raising, promoting equal opportunities and environmental projects. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhgit>

The Ernest Cook Trust ■ CS

The Ernest Cook Trust offers a wide-ranging programme of land-based learning for children and young people. Work which encourages or ensures the continuation of rural skills and crafts is of particular interest to the Trustees. Note! All applications are expected to link in with either the National Curriculum or with recognised qualifications. Grants are available for up to £4,000 (small) and over £4,000 (large). For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhtqx>

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation ■ CV ■ WE

The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation is a major grant giver. Its main grants programme seeks to fund, among other things, projects with a particular focus on the natural environment. The Foundation also runs funding programmes outside the Main Fund focused on specific themes. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bbryk>



The February Foundation ■ WE

The February Foundation makes grants to selected charitable causes. A number of areas are funded, including 'charities which protect the environment'. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4ydga>

Field Studies Council – Kids Fund ■ WE

The Kids Fund is funded by donations. The fund aims to bring environmental understanding to disadvantaged young people by helping them to attend a course at a Field Studies Council centre. Applications are welcome at any time but will be held until the next decision round. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bfdnj>

Finnis Scott Foundation ■ WE

The Trustees of the Foundation can make grants for any charitable purpose, but their present policy is to focus grant-making in the areas of horticulture and plant sciences, as well as art and art history. Grants generally range £500 - £10,000. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhcaay>

Ford Britain Trust ■ WE

Ford Britain Trust is committed to supporting the communities near to their car production plants. For Wales this means the area in 'close proximity' to their facility in Bridgend. The Trust pays special attention to projects focusing on education, environment, children, disabled people and youth activities. There are two types of grants available. 'Small' grants up to £250 (four times a year) and 'Large' grants up to £3,000 (twice a year). For further details go to: <http://digbig.com/5bfwt>

The Foyle Foundation ■ WE

The Foyle Foundation is an independent grant-making trust that distributes grants to UK charities. Since it became operational in November 2001, The Foundation has disbursed some £49M in grants via its Main Grants Scheme supporting charities whose core work covers Arts and Learning and a Small Grants Scheme covering small charities in all fields. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bghqh>

Mrs D M France-Hayhurst Charitable Trust ■ WE

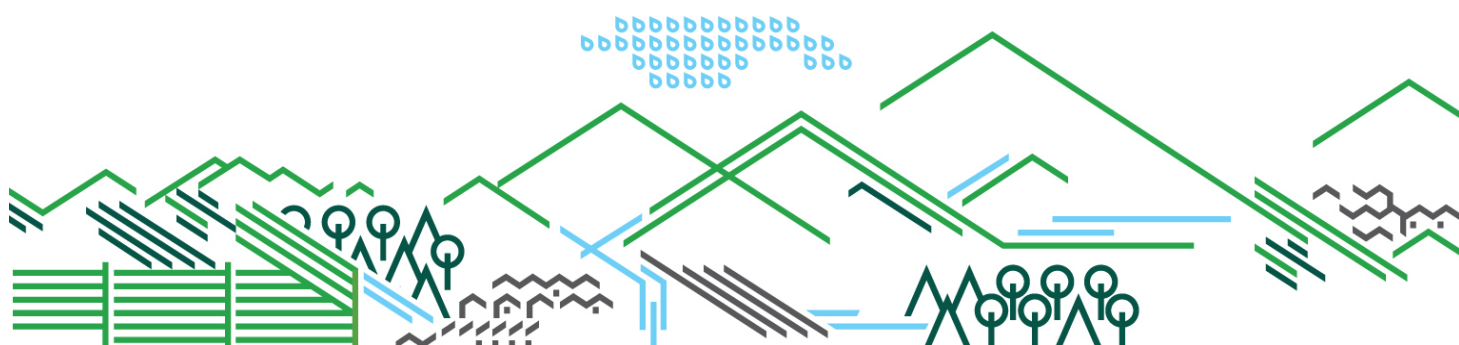
The Trust is a grant-making charity primarily providing grants to registered charities concerned with animal welfare. Grants of up to £10,000 are available, more in exceptional cases. The Trustees meet quarterly to review applications which are via application form available to download from the Trust's website. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bkdeg>

Free Tree ■ WE

FreeTree provides local individuals, community groups and schools or other educational establishments with free trees, either broadleaf deciduous or fruit/nut trees to plant in their gardens, community space or woodland. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5benmw>

Gannett Foundation ■ WE

The Gannett Foundation provides funding to support local organisations in the area where Newsquest operates in the UK. This is mostly in South Wales, and in particular – Caerphilly, Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and The Vale of Glamorgan. Applicants should, however, check their geographical eligibility in advance. The Foundation supports projects which take a creative approach to fundamental issues such as; education and neighbourhood improvements, economic development, youth development, local problem solving, assistance to



disadvantaged or disabled people, *environmental conservation* and cultural enrichment. Typically grants are made of between £5,000 and £10,000. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5besqn>

The GD Charitable Trust ■ WE

The GD Charitable Trust prioritises its grant making in a number of charitable areas including the preservation of the environment. It is not a large fund and past grants have ranged significantly in scale. Note! There is no website. Further details are available from G D Charitable Trust, 50 Broadway, Westminster, London SW1H 0BL. Tel 020 7227 7000.

The Garfield Weston Foundation ■ WE

The Garfield Weston Foundation is large UK based general grant-giving charity, making awards mainly to registered charities. Recent rounds of funding have helped projects in the following categories: Arts, Community, Education, Welfare, Medical, Social, Religion, Youth and *Environment*. For further details go to: <http://digbig.com/5benkq>

HIPPOWASTE Grants up for Grabs awards ■ WE

The 'Grants up for Grabs' scheme awards free waste disposal help to applications from charities, community groups and organisations from across the UK that inspire respect for the environment or have a positive effect on the community. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5benms>

The Idlewild Trust ■ CV

The Idlewild Trust is a grant making trust supporting registered charities concerned with the encouragement of excellence in the performing and fine arts and the preservation for the benefit of the public of buildings and items of historical interest or national importance. Occasional support is given for *conservation of the natural environment*. Grants are in the region of £1,000 to £2,000. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4ydmd>

Imagine Foundation

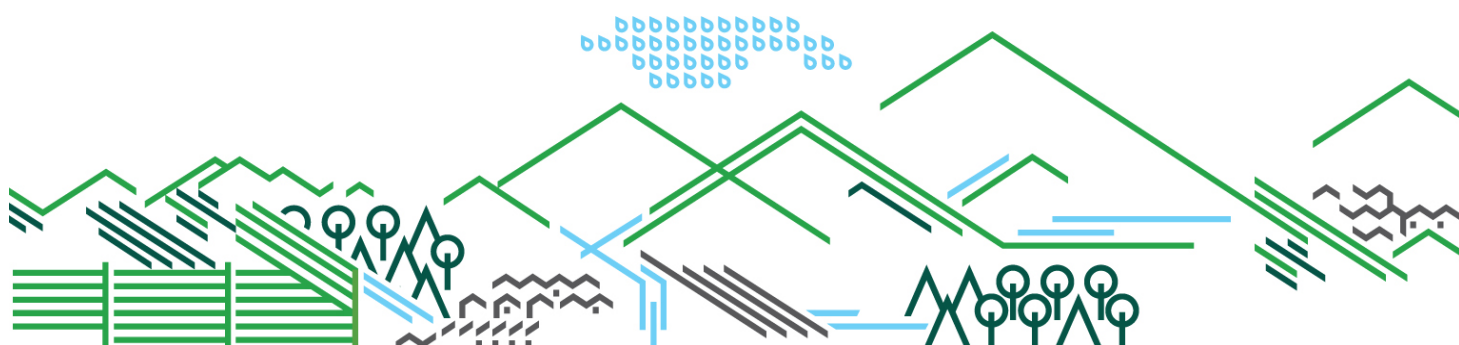
Imagine Foundation (IF) is a grant-making foundation, which aims to support charities and projects that are particularly focused on building community and on empowering participants to reach their potential. Because of the relational approach that the Trust takes in building its partnerships, they actively seek projects to support, using their network of contacts. However, if a project is a strong fit with the Trust's primary objectives then uninvited applications will be considered. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bkder>

Inland Waterways Association ■ WE

Inland Waterways Association (IWA) makes grants from its Restoration Grants Fund to organisations promoting the restoration of navigable or formerly navigable inland waterways in England and Wales. Grants of up to £3,000 are usually the norm, although grants of up to £15,000 are available and even larger grants may be made by the IWA in exceptional cases. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bfdnc>

Jerwood Charitable Foundation ■ WE

The Jerwood Charitable Foundation (JCF) is dedicated to imaginative and responsible funding of the arts. The Trust invests around £1.5M each year in the development of talented and dedicated individuals at transitional stages of their careers, and is delivered primarily through partnerships with outstanding arts organisations throughout the UK. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhcba>



The JJ Charitable Trust ■ WE ■ SD

Part of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts the JJ Charitable Trust funds environmental education projects in the UK, particularly those finding practical ways of involving children and young adults; sustainable agriculture and bio-diversity; and sustainable transport, energy efficiency and renewable energy (some grants in this area are made jointly with The Mark Leonard Trust). For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bckye>

The Jephcott Charitable Trust ■ CS ■ CV ■ WE ■ SD

The Jephcott Charitable Trust has funding available for 'the natural environment'. The Trust gives priority to one-off payments to projects that are experiencing difficulty in getting started or obtaining funding elsewhere. Grants are typically £2,000 - £10,000. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xngf>

The John Ellerman Foundation ■ CV ■ SD ■ WE

The John Ellerman Foundation makes grants in three categories Arts, Environment and Welfare. At present the focus of funding is on UK-based charities working nationally throughout the UK. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5banat>

The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

The Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT) is deeply concerned about climate change and its effects, and believes that addressing this issue will require long-term political, economic and social change. Within this area of interest, the Trust makes grants to a range of organisations and to individuals. The overall focus is on developing and promoting sustainable, low-carbon alternatives through support for projects that; explore 'better economics', address 'consumerism' and support marginalised groups and young activists to have a 'voice'. JRCT usually makes around 100-120 grants per year, with a total value of around £6m, giving a nominal average grant of £50,000. The Trust only accepts applications submitted online and the next deadline is **13th April 2015**. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bkdqg>

Lloyds Bank Foundation ■ WE

The Lloyds Bank Foundation (formerly the Lloyds TSB Foundation) funds local, regional and national charities working to tackle disadvantage across England and Wales. The focus is on supporting small and medium underfunded charities that can make a significant difference to the lives of disadvantaged people by helping them to play a fuller role in the community. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bkdbx>

Lord Barnby's Foundation ■ WE

The Foundation makes grants for charitable organisations and religious establishments, primarily for environment, conservation and heritage projects. Grants are generally between £1000 and £5000. The application process is ongoing and potential applicants can apply any time. Application should be made in writing and include a brief description of the organisation and project and a copy of the organisation's most recent accounts to PO Box 71, Plymstock, Plymouth, Devon PL8 2YP.

Lush Charity Pot ■ CV ■ WE ■ SD

The Lush Charity Pot is funded by the ethical cosmetics manufacturer Lush. 100% of the purchase price of a specially created product (less taxes!) goes towards supporting humanitarian, environmental and animal rights causes in the UK and around the world. Since its launch in 2007, Charity Pot has donated close to two million pounds. The majority of funding is allocated to small, grassroots groups that are often best placed to make a real difference with limited resources and often struggle to find funding. Support ranges from a few hundred



pounds to a maximum of £10,000 per project. The average grant is around £4,000. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhqjw>

The Mark Leonard Trust ■ WE

Part of the Sainsbury Family Charitable Trusts this Trust focuses on grant-making to support environmental education, particularly those projects that find practical ways of involving children and young adults; sustainable agriculture and bio-diversity; sustainable transport, energy efficiency and renewable energy. Some grants in this area are made jointly with the JJ Charitable Trust (See page 6 of this Newsletter). For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdxax>

Marine Stewardship Fund ■ CE

The Marine Stewardship Fund was established to provide support to initiatives and programmes which contribute to the development of best practice, and make a significant contribution to the good management and stewardship of the Crown Marine Estate. There are five key priority areas for our funding: Accessibility, Awareness, Biodiversity, Environment and Management. *Note!* Projects from community groups must have a clear link to Crown Estate land and there is a strong emphasis placed on working in partnership with the Crown Estate to initiate and develop project ideas. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhcam>

The Mercers' Charitable Foundation ■ WE

The Charity's principal object is to make grants and donations for the benefit of a wide range of charitable purposes including welfare, education, the arts, heritage and religion. For further details please visit <http://digbig.com/5bjstb>

Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust ■ CV ■ LS ■ WE

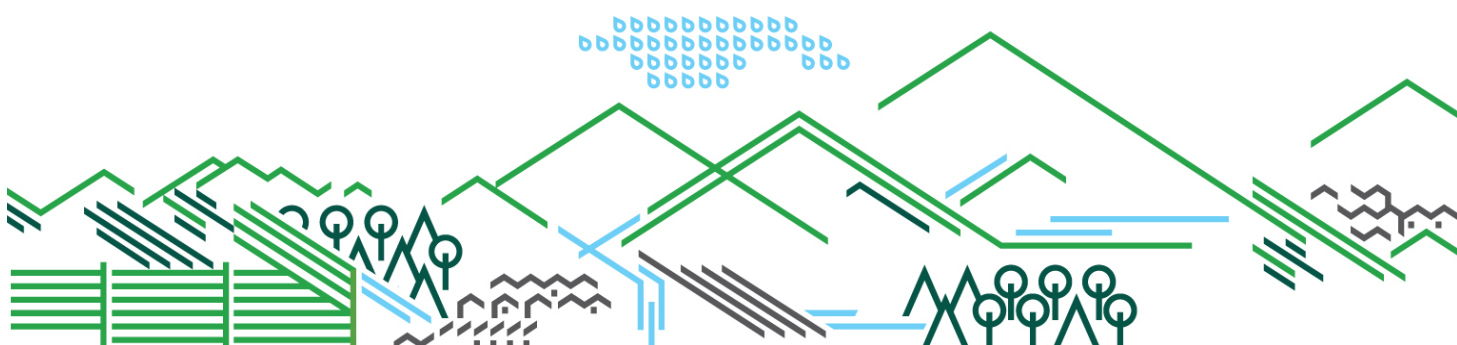
The Millennium Stadium Charitable Trust encourages applications relating to; recycling, developing green spaces, the development and promotion of green practices and the promotion of public transport schemes. The Trust issues funding related to the size of geographical area that an organisation has a remit to cover; local up to £2,500, regional up to £7,500, national up to £12,500. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhqjm>

Moto in the Community Trust ■ WE

The Moto in the Community Trust funds a *Community Grant Scheme*, one of the priorities of which is practical conservation projects such as clearing ponds, river banks, overgrown areas, tidying footpaths, creating playgrounds and community gardens. Grants generally in the range of £150 to £1,000. *Note!* Priority is for projects located within 25 miles of Moto sites, in Wales this means the M4 junctions 47 (Swansea) and 33 (Cardiff). For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhnr>

Mynydd y Betws Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund ■ WE ■ SD

Funding is for projects and initiatives that create vibrant and sustainable communities, drawing in additional external funding and addressing local need. The Community Benefit Fund is for projects delivered in the following geographical wards: Ammanford, Betws, Garnant, Glanamman, Llandybie, Pontamman, Penygroes, Saron, Tycroes, Quarterbach. The total amount of money available is an initial £665,000 plus £86,500 per annum for the next 25 years. The fund is being managed by Carmarthenshire County Council. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhnr>



National Churches Trust ■ WE

The National Churches Trust supports a wide variety of projects through its Grant Programmes. Repair Grants of £10,000 - £40,000 for the most urgent structural repairs of projects costing over £50,000. Partnership Grants of £2,500 - £10,000 for urgent repair projects with estimated costs of less than £50,000. Community Grants of £5,000 - £25,000 towards the cost of installing essential facilities, such as kitchens and toilets, improving access for people with special needs / disabilities. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhccb>

The Naturesave Trust ■ WE

The Naturesave Trust seeks to encourage the adoption of sustainable development, especially within Small and Medium Sized enterprises (SMEs). The Trust has funded projects including; renewable energy initiatives, wildlife conservation and management, recycling and sustainable transport schemes. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bjmah>

The Newport Fund ■ SD

The Newport Fund supports community groups, local charities and social enterprises in Newport, South Wales. The themes supported include education, health and well-being, young people, and community projects. The fund is managed by the Community Foundation in Wales. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjmaj>

Oak Foundation ■ WE ■ SD

The Oak Foundation is a major international grant giving organisation. Since its establishment, the Foundation has made over 2,700 grants to not-for-profit organisations across the globe, disbursing £97.5M in grants in 2012. The Foundation commits its resources to address issues of global social and environmental concern, particularly those that have a major impact on the lives of the disadvantaged. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhtsw>

The Oakdale Trust ■ WE

The Oakdale Trust gives funding preference to Welsh charities involved in social, medical and *conservation* projects. No web site for this one, so phone them 01832 226386 or email oakdale@tanh.demon.co.uk

The Pilgrim Trust ■ WE ■ SD

The Trust's aim is to preserve and promote Britain's historical and intellectual assets and to provide assistance to vulnerable members of society. The Trust has two principal areas of interest: preservation and scholarships; and social welfare. Grants are made via two schemes: the main grant fund (above £5,000) and the small grant fund (£5,000 or less). Applications are accepted at any time during the year and are assessed as part of a rolling programme. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhnrj>

Patagonia Environmental Grants ■ CS ■ CV ■ CE ■ SD

Patagonia is a privately held American outdoor clothing and gear company that is based in the United States and operates internationally in a number of different countries, including the UK. It offers grants to non-profit grassroots environmental groups in the countries where it works. Patagonia funds only environmental work. It is most interested in making grants to organisations that identify and work on the root causes of problems and that approach issues with a commitment to long-term change. Most grants are in the range of \$3,000 to \$8,000. There are two funding rounds per year with deadlines at the end of April and August. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bqpdq>



The Paul Hamlyn Foundation ■ WE

The Paul Hamlyn Foundation (PHF) is one of the larger independent grant-making foundations in the UK. It does not fund countryside or environmental projects as part of its core priorities but may accept applications that can show the wider impact of projects that also have objectives related to its interest in; The Arts, Education & Learning and Social Justice. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhtqy>.

People's Health Trust – Active Communities Programme ■ SD

The Active Communities Funding Programme aims to close the gap between those communities which experience the worst health and the majority of the population. The programme focuses on people living in the poorest neighbourhoods. Grant support provided is suitable for projects that are: requesting between £5,000 and £25,000; last up to 18 months; are based and operate within one of the of the programme's identified 'local society' areas; and are run by local charities and community groups with an annual income of less than £200,000 a year. The programme operates in a large number of the local society areas, in rotation. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhqjp>

People's Postcode Trust ■ WE ■ SD

The People's Postcode Trust is an independent charity which provides grants and seeks to make a real difference for small organisations, bodies and community groups across the country. Funding is available for individual projects ranging from £500 up to £5,000 (in Wales). Grants are made for various purposes, one of which is to promote and advance environmental protection or improvement. Successful projects must demonstrate that they have a clear charitable purpose and are able to show visible results within 6 months of receipt of grant payment. The project itself must last for no longer than 3 months. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5benmn>

People's Trust for Endangered Species ■ WE ■ CV

The People's Trust for Endangered Species welcomes applications from voluntary conservation organisations for financial support for work that relates to the conservation of mammals. Acceptable fields of work for funding include scientific research, practical habitat management work, re-introduction and monitoring programmes and educational projects. Average grants are around £9,000. Applications are considered by an advisory group in December each year. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bkdca>

Peter de Haan Charitable Trust ■ WE

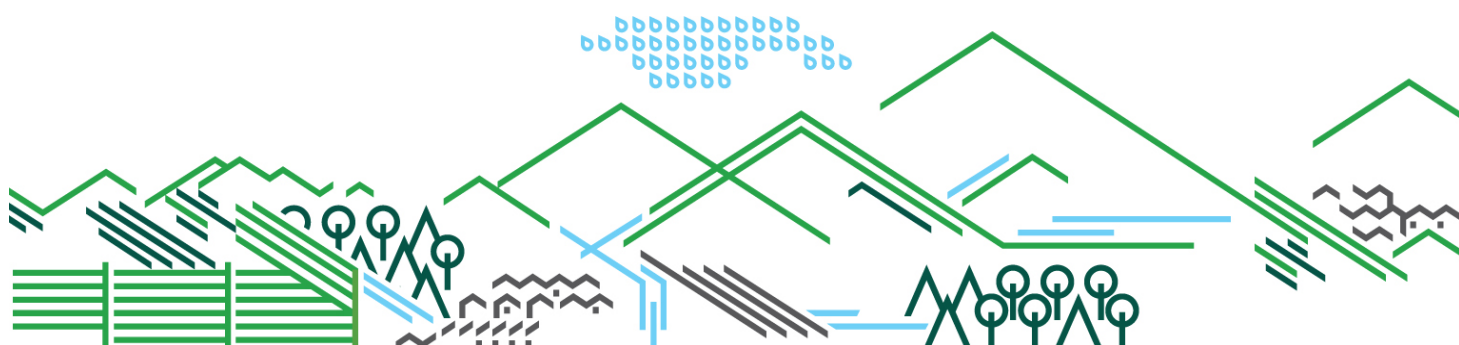
The Trust awards grant funding to organisations which aim to improve the quality of life for people and communities in the UK in the following three areas: Social Welfare; *The Environment*, and The Arts. The focus of the Environment programme is to support UK projects that combat or mitigate climate change. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bghnx>

The Plunkett Foundation – Village Core Programme ■ WE

The Plunkett Foundation provides dedicated support to communities looking to set up and run a community-owned rural shop. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhcan>

Polden Puckham Charitable Foundation ■ SD ■ WE

The Polden Puckham Charitable Foundation funds organisations in UK that are working to influence policy, attitudes and values at a national or international level including national initiatives in the UK which promote *sustainable living*. The Foundation gives particular consideration to small pioneering headquarters organisations.



Grants are usually between £5,000 and £15,000 per year, for up to three years and support organisations for whom this would represent between 5% and 50% of their annual income. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5banax>

The Prince's Countryside Fund ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ LS

The Prince's Countryside Fund supports projects that fits one or more of the Fund's three goals; to improve the sustainability of British farming and rural communities, targeting the areas of greatest need; to reconnect consumers with countryside issues; and to support farming and rural crisis charities through a dedicated emergency funding stream. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcgwj>

The Pfizer UK Foundation ■ SD

The Pfizer UK Foundation was established in 2005 to support healthcare organisations in the UK working at a local level to address health inequalities resulting from social, economic, cultural and demographic factors. Please note that the Foundation is making significant changes to its grants programme. Details about the new-look programme—will be available on their website sometime soon. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bqdwk>

The Santander Foundation ■ WE

The Santander Foundation has two grants programmes to help disadvantaged people in the UK: Community Plus provides grants of up to £5,000. The scheme is open to small local UK charities or local projects of national charities with funding available to cover salaries, equipment or materials. The Central Fund offers grants of up to £10,000. The scheme is open to charities and Credit Unions anywhere in the UK for project related to education, training or financial capability. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5benks>.

The Stuart Halbert Foundation ■ WE

The Stuart Halbert Foundation is a new trust fund that will consider applications for support under four broad categories, one of which is 'Animal Welfare'. The fund is maintained by private individuals and business that believe help at the appropriate time and place can make a major difference to society. The Trustees of the Stuart Halbert Foundation meet regularly to assess all requests for support. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjdnm>

SwansAid ■ WE

SwansAid is a small grants scheme run by the Trustees of Swansea City Football Club Community Trust. This season (2014-2015) the SwansAid trustees want to use the money to provide help to charities and community groups (in **Swansea, Neath Port Talbot, Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire and Ceredigion**) which: Support children and young people (aged 0-18) to reach their full potential. Support people (adults and children) with disabilities, and their families. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjmdc>

Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards ■ WE

The Tesco Charity Trust Community Awards Scheme provides one-off donations of between £500 and £4,000 to local projects that support children and their education and welfare, elderly people and adults and children with disabilities. Larger Grant Applications range between £4,000 and £25,000 and are to support local, national or international projects in areas where they operate. For further details of deadlines and application processes please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhcar>



Trusthouse Charitable Trust ■ SD ■ WE

The Trusthouse Charitable Trust has priorities which relate to; Community Support, Arts & Education, Disability & Healthcare. Small grants: up to £10,000 (capital and revenue), £10,000 to £30,000 (capital only). For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bkqej>

The Tudor Trust ■ WE

The Tudor Trust is an independent grant-making trust which supports voluntary and community groups working in any part of the UK. The Tudor wants to help smaller, community-led groups which are supporting people at the margins of society. The Trust doesn't have any specific funding programmes, preferring to allow the groups that they support to lead the agenda. There is a two-stage application process. The first step is to send the Trust a brief first-stage proposal. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjstj>

The Wakeham Trust ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ LS ■ CE ■ WE ■ SD ■ GH

The Wakeham Trust provide grants of up to £750 for community projects. They do not favour any particular activity, but instead prefer to fund small projects which are unable to obtain funds elsewhere. Applicants must be a registered charity, or work with a charity which is able to accept funds on the behalf of the applicant. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xngc>

Waterloo Foundation ■ LS ■ WE

The Waterloo Foundation (TWF) is an independent grant-making Foundation created in 2007, and based in Cardiff. The Foundation is most interested in projects that help globally, particularly in the areas of the disparity of opportunities and wealth and the unsustainable use of the world's natural resources. In Wales the Foundation supports projects with three funds entitled - Caring Wales, Working Wales and Community Energy in Wales. The focus of the Community Energy in Wales Fund is to provide small amounts of funding for early-stages, feasibility studies, technical assistance etc. for renewable energy projects benefiting communities in Wales. The average grant available under this programme is £5-10k. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bgdwf>

Waitrose Community Matters ■ SD ■ WE

This scheme gives each branch £1,000 (or £500 in our convenience shops) to share out between three local good causes each month – such as welfare organisations, community groups, schools or local divisions of national charities. Customers vote for their preferred cause using a green token each time they shop and the money each cause is given is directly proportional to the tokens they receive. Under the scheme, customers nominate organisations, with the final decision made by PartnerVoice forums (Waitrose's local democratic bodies). For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bjdmw>

Wilkinsons – Helping Hands ■ WE

Helping Hands is a new community initiative from the high street trader Wilkinsons, where each local store has been given a budget to distribute to projects and schemes within the store's local community. Application forms are available from your local store. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjmap>

The Will Charitable Trust

The Will Charitable Trust supports 'Care of the countryside including its flora and fauna'. Around 8 charities are supported each year with grants varying from around £5,000 to £20,000. Charities which exist primarily for conservation purposes are most likely to succeed. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5baref>



The Woodroffe Benton Foundation ■ WE

The Woodroffe Benton Foundation is an independent grant making Foundation for the benefit of UK Registered Charities. Small grants of £250 – £2,000 are available under four categories one of which is 'Environment & Conservation'. For further information please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjdnn>

The Woodward Trust ■ WE

The Woodward Trust favours small-scale, locally based initiatives. Funding is primarily for one-off projects, but the Trustees are willing to consider funding for core costs. Funding priorities are not environment-related, but environmental projects with a strong education element may be considered. Grants £100 to £10,000. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4yshj>

The Wolfson Foundation ■ WE

The Wolfson Foundation is a charity awarding grants to support and promote excellence in the fields of science and medicine, the arts and humanities, education and health and disability. There is a two stage application process. Details of eligibility and what the Foundation funds is contained within the various funding programme pages on their website. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjstg>

Central Government and European Funding

Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund for Wales ■ CS ■ CV ■ LS ■ WE ■ SD ■ GH

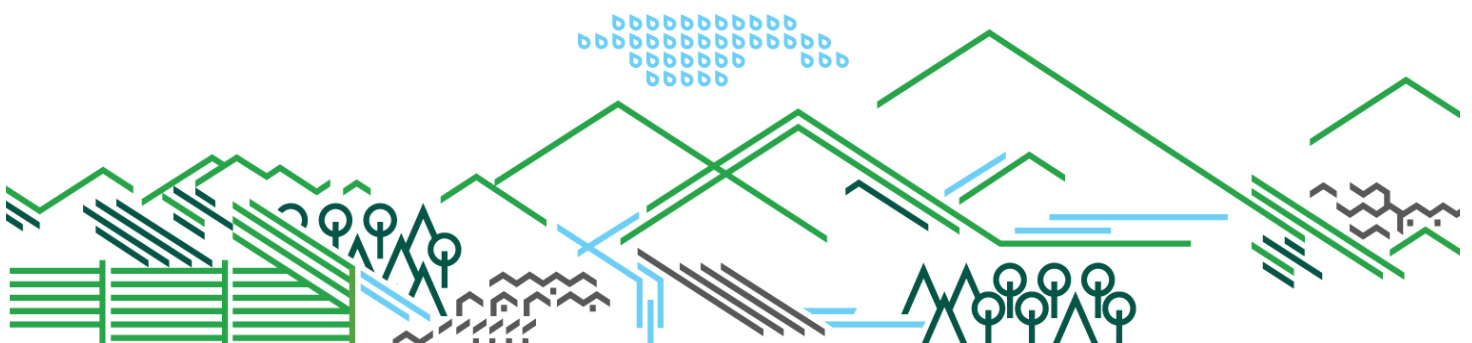
The Aggregates Levy Sustainability Fund has the aim of addressing the environmental costs associated with aggregate extraction. In Wales the fund is used to address the following issues: the legacy of old minerals permissions; promoting the use of alternative materials to aggregates; reducing the impact of aggregate extraction; environmental and amenity benefits to communities affected by aggregates extraction; conserving sites of special interest; and educational projects. For further details please contact Welsh Government, Planning Policy Branch, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ Tel: 029 2082 3261 or 029 2080 1492 Planning.Division@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Business in the Community – Employee Volunteering ■ WE ■ SD

BITC's Employee Volunteering programme operates across Wales and offers a range of opportunities for businesses to effectively support employee development and engagement goals through volunteering in communities. Give and Gain Day is part of this programme and is due to take place on Friday 15th May. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bkrap>

Cadw Grants ■ WE

Cadw offers grant to owners and others as a contribution towards the costs of repairing and restoring historic assets. Priority is given to projects which will stimulate regeneration opportunities or to assets at risk. Grants are available for the repair and restoration of historic buildings which have particularly important architectural or historic interest and for works to scheduled ancient monuments. There are grants of up to £5000 to match fund local community heritage projects and funding to local authorities to contribute towards area schemes which encourage regeneration through the conservation of historic buildings. Cadw often works in partnership with



other funders to ensure the protection of the historic environment of Wales. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bgdty>

Community Facilities Programme

The Community Facilities Programme is a capital grant fund that replaces the former Community Facilities and Activities Programme (CFAP) and which aims to develop and improve community facilities, which in turn provide services that communities need in order to tackle poverty and its effects. The Programme will be open to projects throughout Wales. Applications will need to demonstrate that the facility to be improved is:

- Needed and used by the community and offering services not duplicated in the surrounding area;
- Providing services which prevent or mitigate poverty and its effects;
- Reintroducing or preventing the loss of community services;
- Supported by and developed along with the local community;
- Strategic and can demonstrate this by evidencing it has the support of the local authority, local County Voluntary Council, Local Health Board or similar partner; and
- Sustainable over the medium to long term.

The Programme is community based, and will be open to community and voluntary sector organisations, including social enterprises. Capital grants will typically be available to a maximum of £500,000. Applications will be invited from community led projects fitting the published criteria. The Community Facilities Programme will be a rolling grant programme which means that applications can be submitted at any time; there will be no formal funding rounds. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bkqew>

Energy Savings Trust - Ynni'r Fro ■ SD

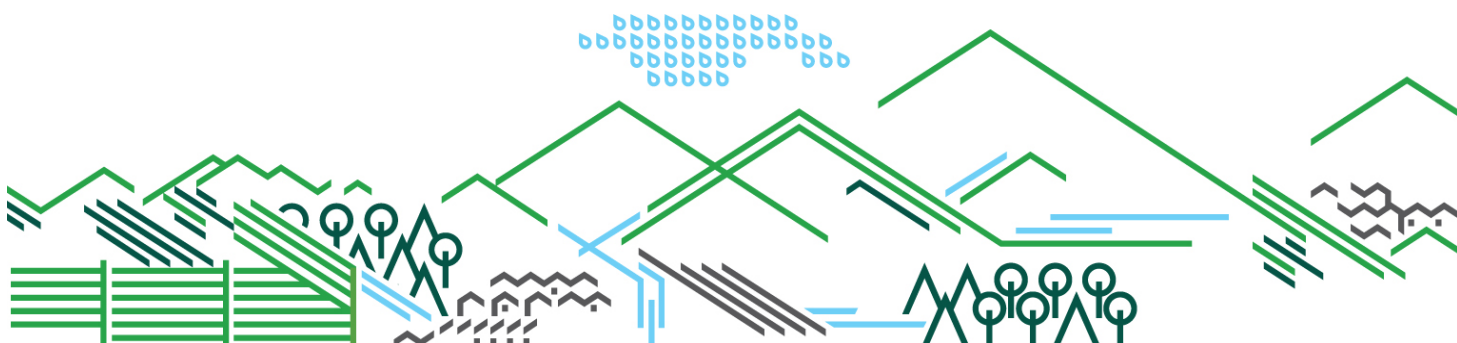
The Welsh Government's Ynni'r Fro Programme uses European Structural Funds to provide support and funding to encourage the development of community scale renewable energy schemes across Wales. A network of locally-based technical development officers is in place across Wales to help groups develop their projects and access the Ynni'r Fro funding streams. Grant funding is available towards feasibility studies and other preparatory costs. Up to £30,000 is available to fund early stage activities without which the projects would not be able to go ahead, such as environmental surveys, planning applications and community engagement activity. A further grant of up to £300,000 is available towards the capital costs of a renewable energy project. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bkqex>

Environment Wales Grants ■ CS ■ CV ■ LS ■ WE

Environment Wales (EW) is a Welsh Government initiative which contributes to sustainable development by supporting and encouraging voluntary action for protecting and improving the Welsh environment. It is a unique partnership between the Welsh Government and nine organisations in the voluntary sector. EW has five grant streams, designed to aid projects in each step of their development. EW encourages you to discuss your ideas or project at an early stage with your local Development Officer. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/4xnhd>

Glastir Woodland Grants ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ WE ■ LS

Glastir is the sustainable land management scheme for Wales funded through the latest Rural Development Plan (2014-20). Through the scheme Welsh Government offers financial support to farmers and land managers. The Glastir Woodland Management and Glastir Woodland Creation schemes, replace the Better Woodlands for Wales (BWW) scheme. Under **Glastir Woodland Creation** there are three grants available. Two associated with; establishing new woodland and fencing to prevent newly planted trees from livestock. The third for those



that hold an existing Glastir Woodland Creation contract. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bkrar>. **Glastir Woodland Management** offers grants to manage existing woodlands that are 0.5ha or more in a single block. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bkrat>

Gwirvol ■ WE

The aim of the GwirVol Youth Volunteering Grants scheme is to support the delivery of a wide range of new volunteering opportunities in Wales and overseas that will support the step change in access to volunteering for young people aged 14-25 and especially for disadvantaged young people. Grants are available in three strands, Creating Opportunities up to £10K, Millennium Volunteers up to £10K and International up to £30K. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bhcat>

Keep Wales Tidy ■ CS ■ CV ■ LS ■ WE

Keep Wales Tidy (KWT) endeavour to make Wales a 'Clean, Safe and Tidy' place for everyone. KWT works in close partnership with local authorities, schools and community groups to encourage participation and input from the public. Keep Wales Tidy runs a range of initiatives, some of which enable access to small grants and in-kind support. The **All Wales Small Grant Scheme** is open to environmental groups and volunteers across Wales, with grants of £100 - £500 available to help them with their green initiatives. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bkraX>. **Natural Buzz** aims to raise awareness of the importance of pollinators for the local environment and urges the public to take action to help support them and their natural habitat. Eligible groups can apply for between £50 - £500 worth of National Garden Centre Vouchers. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bkraw>

Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme ■ WE

The Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme makes grants towards the VAT incurred in making repairs and carrying out alterations to listed buildings mainly used for public worship. The Government recently announced changes to the scope and operation of the scheme, extending its remit to cover additional items of expenditure. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bkqey>

EU - LIFE+ ■ CS ■ CV

The LIFE programme is the EU's funding instrument for the environment. The general objective of LIFE is to contribute to the implementation, updating and development of EU environmental policy and legislation by co-financing pilot or demonstration projects with European added value. LIFE began in 1992 and to date there have been three complete phases of the programme. During this period, LIFE has co-financed some 3104 projects across the EU, contributing approximately €2.2 billion to the protection of the environment. The current phase of the programme, LIFE+, runs from 2007-2013 and has a budget of €2.143 billion. Calls for proposals are issued annually and the total budget available for this year's call is €276.7 million, of which over €21.5 million has been allocated to the UK. Proposals must be eligible under one of the programme's three components: LIFE+ Nature and Biodiversity, LIFE+ Environment Policy and Governance, and LIFE+ Information and Communication. For further details and application criteria please visit: <http://digbig.com/4yxsv>

Plug-in Van Grant Scheme ■ WE

This Central Government initiative enables motorists purchasing a qualifying ultra-low emission van to receive a grant of 20% towards the cost of the vehicle, up to a maximum of £8,000. The plug-in van grant has been designed to help make the whole-life costs of a qualifying van more comparable with petrol or diesel equivalents.



Both private consumers and businesses can benefit from the plug-in van grant. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bgsmy>

Snowdonia National Park Authority - Small Community Projects Fund

The Small Community Projects Fund is aimed at helping people living within the National Park to start projects which will benefit both their communities and local environment. Any projects which will improve the local environment or community and meet the aims and objectives of Snowdonia National Park Authority will be eligible for funding. The grant awarded will usually be between £50 and £1000 and will not be more than 50% of the total cost of the project. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdnke>

Sport Wales Grants ■ WE

Sport Wales is the national organisation responsible for developing and promoting sport and physical activity in Wales. The organisation is the main adviser on sporting matters to the Welsh Government and is responsible for distributing National Lottery funds to both elite and grassroots sport in Wales. Sport Wales offers a range of grants that are all geared to helping improve sport within communities in Wales. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bgsng>

Young Entrants Support Scheme (YESS) ■ CS

This Scheme is set to provide assistance to facilitate the establishment of young farmers (under 40) who possess adequate skills and competence and are setting-up as head of the holding for the first time. The assistance package will include all or part of the following: A one off grant payment, access to a dedicated Young Entrants' Business Enabler Service, access to funded mentoring services from established farmers. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bgsgh>

Landfill Communities Funds

Biffa Award ■ CS ■ AE ■ CV ■ LS ■ CE ■ WE ■ SD ■ GH

Biffa Award is a multi-million pound fund that helps to build communities and transform lives through awarding grants to community and environmental projects across the UK. The fund's money comes from landfill tax credits donated by Biffa Waste Services. Biffa Award is managed by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts (RSWT) on Biffa's behalf. The Biffa Award grants programme comprises:

- **Small Grants** - £250 - £5,000. For projects that enable communities to improve local amenities and to conserve wildlife.
- **Main Grants** - £5,000 - £50,000. For projects that work towards one of the four following themes: Cultural Facilities, Rebuilding Biodiversity, Community Buildings and Recreation
- **Flagship Grants** - £150,000 - £500,000. For regionally significant projects which improve biodiversity or cultural facilities.

For further details of how to apply & deadlines please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bfwwq>

The CEMEX Community Fund ■ WE

The CEMEX Community Fund is a dedicated grant resource for enabling and assisting communities local to CEMEX quarry and landfill sites to carry out projects which improve or enhance local community facilities and places of interest. The fund is able to support a small number of projects with grants ranging from £1,000 to £15,000 for projects which: Provide and maintain public parks and amenities when the work protects the social,



built and / or natural environment. Repair, or restore buildings or structures which are of religious, historical or architectural interest. The fund operates under the Landfill Communities Fund (See below). For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bdckp>

Cory Environmental Trust in Britain ■ CS ■ CV ■ WE

Cory Environmental Trust in Britain (CETB) was established in 2003 as an Environmental Body, under the terms of the Landfill Tax Regulations 1996. The focus of the Trust's support in Wales is for community based projects in the **Wrexham** area. CETB now has awarded grants to over 240 projects, with a total value of £9.1 million, funding a broad range of projects, from climbing walls to bumblebee surveys. All applicants are required to identify an independent 3rd party who is willing to contribute the 10% 3rd Party Funding, which must be paid directly to Cory Environmental Management Limited on project completion. For further details please go to: <http://digbig.com/5bhttc>

The Landfill Communities Fund ■ WE

The Landfill Communities Fund (LCF) – formerly the Landfill Tax Credit Scheme is an innovative scheme that enables operators of landfill sites to contribute money to enrolled Environmental Bodies (EBs) to carry out projects that meet environmental objects contained in the Landfill Tax Regulations. The ENTRUST organisation regulates the LCF on behalf of HM Revenue & Customs. Organisations wishing to apply for funding through the scheme need to be registered with ENTRUST go to: <http://digbig.com/5bjmaq>. There are six main areas of work that can be undertaken when utilising LCF monies, these are called the 'objects'. The relevant objects are as follows:

- The remediation or restoration of land which can not now be used because of a ceased activity that used to take place there.
- The reduction, prevention or mitigation of effects of pollution that has resulted, or may result, from an activity which has now ceased.
- The provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park or other general public amenity.
- The conservation of a specific species or a specific habitat where it naturally occurs.
- The repair, maintenance or restoration of a Place of Worship or a Place of Architectural Importance.

Funding can range from £500 - £500,000 and depends entirely on the individual scheme applied for. The most common way to receive funding is to approach a Distributive Environmental Body (DEB). A list of DEBs for each local authority area in Wales is available on the ENTRUST website (see above)

SITA Enhancing Communities Programme

Enhancing Communities is the name of SITA Trust's funding programme for community improvement projects. The fund is supported through the Landfill Communities Fund (See page 13 of this Newsletter). It supports projects that make physical improvements to community leisure facilities and historic buildings & structures. Not for profit organisations, community groups, parish councils, local authorities and charities within the **Haverforwest area** can apply. The programme offers two schemes a Core Fund for grants up to £60K and a Fast Track Fund for grants up to £20K. The next deadline for the Core grants programme is 5.00pm on **23rd March 2015**. There are 6 funding rounds each calendar year for the Fast Track fund and the next deadline is 5.00pm on **16th February 2015**. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcsss>



Veolia Environmental Trust ■ CS ■ CV ■ WE

The Veolia Environmental Trust provides support and funding through the Landfill Communities Fund to projects across the UK. The Trust seeks to support the following kinds of projects; community buildings, parks and paths, play and recreation facilities, nature reserves and projects that support biodiversity. Over £3M was disbursed by the Trust last year, although the proportion of funding to projects in Wales is relatively small and each applicant will need to check their geographical & other eligibility criteria before applying. For further details please go to:

<http://digbig.com/5bhwnj>

Lottery Funding

For every £1 that the public spends on Lottery tickets 28 pence goes to the Lottery good causes. These are the arts, charities and voluntary groups, heritage, health, education, the environment and sports. Lottery funders are the organisations that distribute the good causes money to local communities and national projects. For general advice on lottery funding please see: <http://digbig.com/5bgsqj>. The Lottery funders that might provide funding for projects to sustain natural beauty, wildlife and the opportunity for outdoor enjoyment in Wales are as follows: Awards for All, BIG Lottery Fund and the Heritage Lottery Fund. Each of these distributors has a range of grant programmes which are described below

Arts Council Wales ■ SD ■ WE

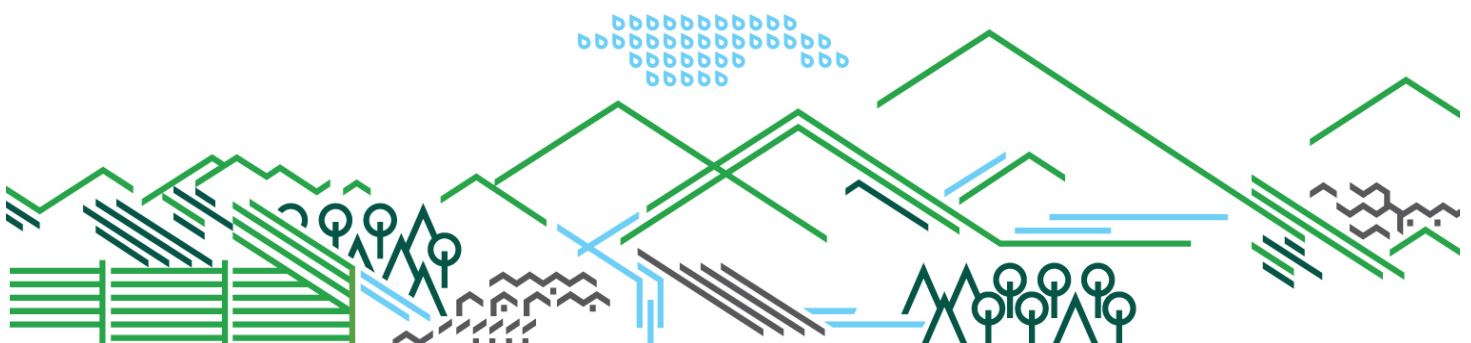
ACW has Small Grants from £250 – £5,000 available. This level of grant is to support organisations planning and running small scale projects, pilot projects or projects that have significant levels of funding from other sources. All applications must be for work that reflects ACW's funding priorities. First time applicants will be expected to apply at this level to demonstrate their ability to manage public funds effectively. An organisation may only have one of these grants per year, measured from the date the project starts. For further details please visit:

<http://digbig.com/5bgdtx>

BIG Lottery Fund ■ WE ■ SD

The BIG Lottery Fund is distributed to community groups and to projects that improve health, education and the environment. In Wales there are a range of programmes, the most relevant of which are described below. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bkray>

- **Awards for All (Wales)** - is a simple small grants scheme making awards of between £500 and £5,000. The Awards for All Programme aims to help improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. Awards for All Wales aims to fund projects that; support community activity, extend access and participation, increase skill and creativity and improve quality of life - by supporting local projects that improve people's opportunities, health, welfare, environment or local facilities, especially those most disadvantaged in society. Applications can be made at any time and they aim to reply within 6 weeks. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcgsh>
- **BIG – People and Places Programme** - This programme will fund capital and revenue projects that encourage co-ordinated action by people who want to make their communities better places to live. It supports local and regional projects throughout Wales that focus on; revitalising communities, improving community relationships, or enhancing local environments, community services and buildings. The main aim



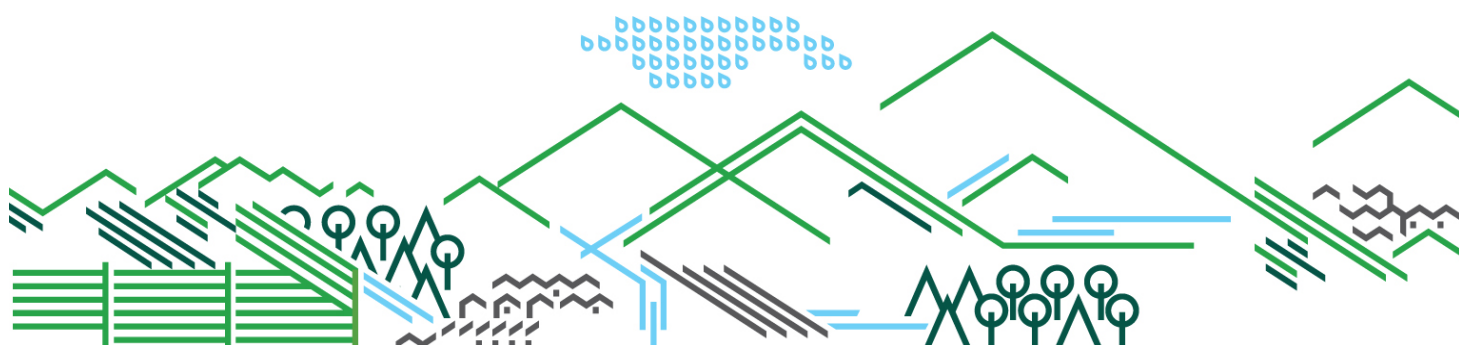
of the programme is to bring people together to create real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need. The emphasis is on projects that are community led – helping people to develop the skills and confidence to become more involved in their community. The programme has re-opened and grants between £5,000 and £1M are available. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bcgsm>

Heritage Lottery Fund ■ WE ■ SD ■ LS

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) sustains and transforms a wide range of heritage through innovative investment in projects with a lasting impact on people and places. HLF awards a range of grants from £3,000 upwards via the following programmes:

- **Start-up Grants** (From £3,000 - £10,000) aimed at helping in the early stages of planning group and / or project activities.
- **Sharing Heritage** (£3,000 to £10,000). This programme is for any type of project related to national, regional or local heritage in the UK and will disburse grants in the range.
- **Young Roots** (£10,000 to £50,000). This programme is for projects led by young people. It aims to involve 13-25 year-olds in finding out about their heritage, developing skills, building confidence and promoting community involvement.
- **Transition Fund** (£10,000 to £100,000). Transition funding is available to UK organisations that want to achieve significant strategic change in order to become more resilient and sustain improved management of heritage for the long term.
- **Our Heritage** (£10,000 to £100,000). This is their general small grants programme for all types of heritage projects. It is a flexible programme particularly designed for voluntary and community groups and first-time applicants.
- **Heritage Grants** (Grants above £100,000). This is their main programme for grants over £50,000 for all kinds of heritage that relate to the national, regional and local heritage of the UK. It is open to all not-for-profit organisations.
- **Grants for Places of Worship (Wales)** (From £10,000 to £250,000) Funding for urgent, high-level repair work to listed places of worship. The scheme is managed separately in each of the four countries of the UK.
- **Townscape Heritage Initiative** (£500,000 to £2 million) Townscape Heritage Initiative makes grants that help communities to regenerate Conservation Areas displaying particular social and economic need.
- **Landscape Partnerships** (£250,000 to £3million) This programme supports schemes that are led by partnerships of local, regional and national interests, which aim to conserve areas of distinctive landscape character throughout the UK.
- **Parks for people** (£100,000 to £5million) Parks for People is for whole park projects that support the regeneration of existing designed urban or rural green spaces, the main purpose of which is for informal recreation and enjoyment.
- **Heritage Enterprise** (From £100,000 to £5million) This programme supports enterprising community organisations across the UK to rescue neglected historic buildings and sites and unlock their economic potential.

Each programme has different criteria, application processes and deadlines. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bkrba>



Useful links and downloadable documents

European Funding

The European Regional Development (ERDF) Operational Programmes for the West Wales & the Valleys and the East Wales regions were approved on 18th November 2014 and The European Social Fund (ESF) Operational Programmes for the West Wales & the Valleys and the East Wales regions were approved on 4th December 2014. Potential sponsors are encouraged to discuss their project proposals as soon as possible with WEFO: enquiries-wefo@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Wales Council for Voluntary Action

The Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) operates the Third Sector Funding Portal, a 'one-stop shop' for funding advice and opportunities. The portal features GRANTnet, a free basic online funding search that can help identify suitable funding opportunities for your activity or project. For heritage organisations there is also a programme of specialist funding support called Catalyst Cymru. For further details please visit: <http://digbig.com/5bkrbb>

Sustainable Funding Project

The Sustainable Funding Project have published six guides for funding aimed at small to medium sized community or voluntary organisations and fundraisers working with them. The guides cover the following topics: sustainable funding; financial management; fundraising trading; procurement and contracting; and loan finance. They can be downloaded free of charge as PDF files from: <http://digbig.com/5bhnnw>

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